Dear Worker Retraining students,

***The information contained in this email is extremely important and time sensitive. Please read the entire email. Thank you***

This message is being sent to you because at some point you collected unemployment benefits and were enrolled under Worker Retraining under such.

I have had several people reach out to me with questions about whether the $600 extra weekly payments under the CARES ACT would be disbursed to those in the Commissioner Approved Training (CAT) or Training Benefits (TB) programs. We have received extra guidance from Employment Security on this subject. See the information below and please read carefully:

Are you still under your regular 26 weeks UI claim until the week ending 7/25/20 (even if approved for CAT or TB)

- You do not need to do anything. You will be eligible for the extra $600 weekly beginning the week ending 4/4/20 and ending 7/25/20

If you are already receiving TB (Training Benefits) *(meaning, you have already exhausted your regular 26 weeks UI claim)* and your benefit year end is after 7/6/19

- You need to apply for PEUC<https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/benefit-extensions> through eServices<https://secure.esd.wa.gov/home/> or by calling ESD at 800.318.6022. If approved, the extension will interrupt your regular TB payments for 13-weeks (with your regular amount + $600 until 7/25/2020) and your regular TB will resume after that 13-week period.

If you will be exhausting your regular 26 weeks between the week ending 4/4/20 and ending 7/25/2020 and will start TB after 7/25/2020

- You need to apply for PEUC: https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/benefitextensions through eServices<https://secure.esd.wa.gov/home/>

- Or by calling ESD at 800.318.6022

  **Please note:** If approved, the extension will stop your TB payments from starting for 13-weeks (with your regular amount + $600 until 7/25/2020) and your regular TB will resume after that 13-week period.

Have you have exhausted your TB and your benefit year end is AFTER 7/6/19?
• You need to apply for PEUC: https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/benefit-extensions> through eServices<https://secure.esd.wa.gov/home/>
• Or by calling ESD at 800.318.6022

Please Note: If approved, you will receive an additional 13-weeks of unemployment payments (with your regular amount + $600 until 7/25/2020). After the 13-weeks, you will no longer receive TB.

If you have exhausted your TB/CAT and your benefit year end is BEFORE 7/6/19

• You may be eligible for PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance);
• You will need to apply for it through eServices<https://secure.esd.wa.gov/home/>
• Or by calling ESD at 800.318.6022

Additional remarks:

• You can look up information about your claim (such as how many weeks you have received) through eServices<https://secure.esd.wa.gov/home/>
• or by calling ESD at 800.318.6022
• This is extremely time sensitive - if you will need to apply for PEUC to receive the extra $600/weekly, you will only receive the extra amount from the day you apply forward.

If you have follow up questions regarding to this, please email ESD's Training Benefits unit directly at seacat@esd.wa.gov<mailto:seacat@esd.wa.gov

The college only knows the information contained here, and if you have more specific questions about your case, please contact ESD directly - thank you!

I know this is a lot of complex information, but please try your best to read everything carefully and see which one of these circumstances apply to you. We are sharing this information with the hope it will help students moving forward.

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