

Florida Reemployment Assistance Quarter Change Fact Sheet



What is Reemployment Assistance Quarter Change?

When applying for Reemployment Assistance, claimants must meet monetary eligibility criteria. The base period is the period of time that is used when reviewing and determining monetary eligibility. This period is the period of employment you had before losing your job. The base period is 12 months, which consists of the first four of the last five quarters of the calendar year before you file a claim. The calendar year is divided into four quarters.

Overview:

Upon completing your Reemployment Assistance application, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will compute your monetary entitlement and a Wage Transcript and Determination will be made available to you in your CONNECT account and/or mailed to you. The Wage Transcript and Determination advises you on the following:

- How your total Benefit Amount is determined.
- Your Weekly Benefit Amount, which is the amount you may receive each week.
- Your Available Credits, which is the maximum amount you may receive per Benefit Year.
- Your Benefit Year End date, which is one year from the date you originally filed your application.

The base period for your claim is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters before your benefit claim begins. You must have earned a minimum of \$3,400 in the base period of your claim. Your total base period wages must be at least 1.5 times the wages in the quarter having the highest earnings. You must have wages in two or more calendar quarters in the base period.

Quarter Change and Federal Benefits:

Pursuant to Federal guidance, if you are currently receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), DEO must determine that you are ineligible for state Reemployment Assistance benefits on a quarterly basis. This routine task, often referred to as the Quarter Change, will determine if you could now be eligible for state Reemployment Assistance benefits.

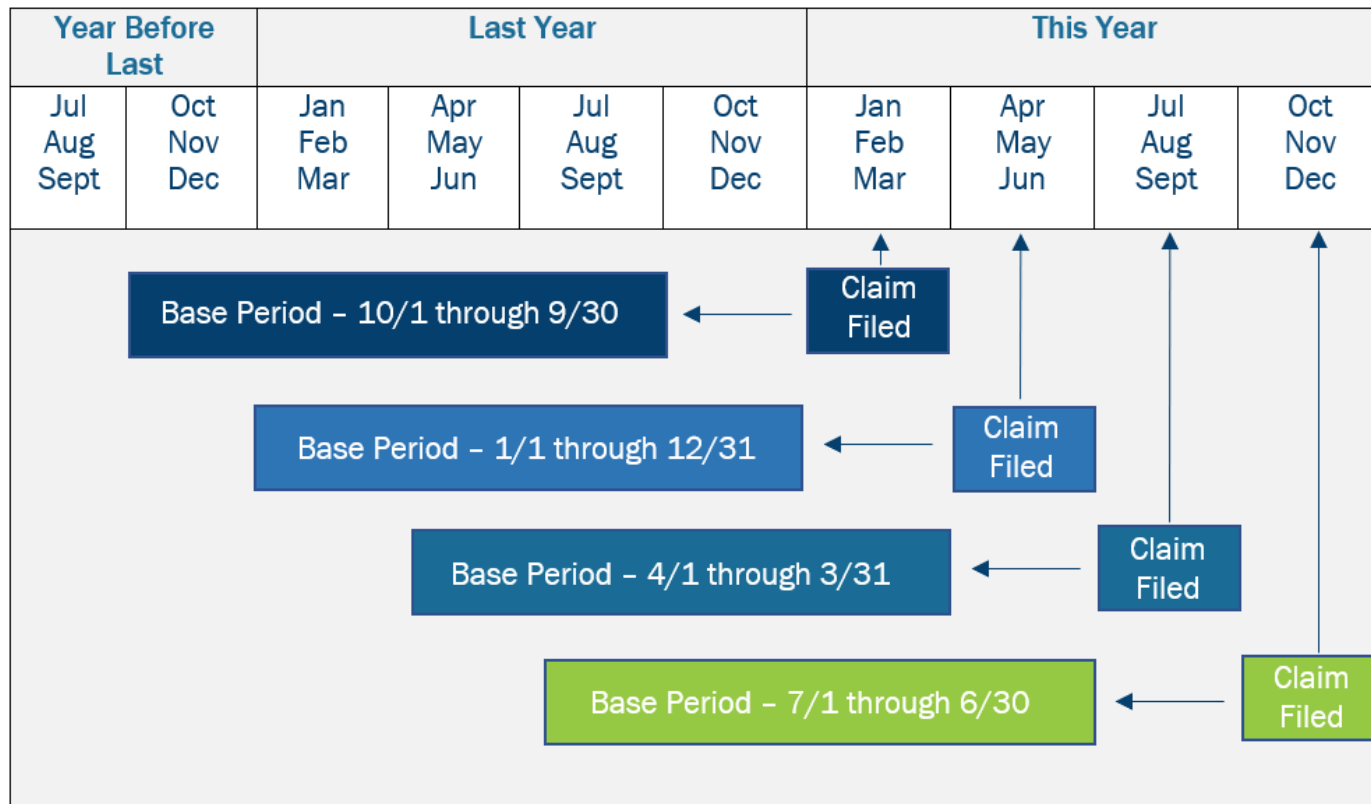
In this instance, the Quarter Change shifts the base period from October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 to January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. If you are currently receiving PUA or PEUC benefits, one of the following will occur:

- If DEO has determined that you have earned wages in the new calendar quarter (October 2020 – December 2020) that could qualify you for state Reemployment Assistance benefits, you will receive a link to submit an application for state Reemployment Assistance benefits in your CONNECT account.
- If DEO has determined that you have not earned wages in the new calendar (October 2020 – December 2020), that would make you eligible for state Reemployment Assistance benefits, you will be prompted to complete a questionnaire when you log-in to CONNECT to request your benefit payments.

Base Period and Quarter Change:

To establish a monetarily eligible Reemployment Assistance claim, you must have worked and earned wages during the first four quarters of the previous five completed quarters prior to filing your claim. This period of time is called the “base period.” The base period changes every three months at the beginning of each new quarter starting in January, April, July, and October.

Base period calculation:



A calendar year divided into 4 quarters:

| Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
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| January | April | July | October |
| February | May | August | November |
| March | June | September | December |