PA Unemployment Compensation Questionnaire

Has the 1 week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits been waived?
Yes, it has been waived for the length of Governor’s Wolf emergency declaration.

How long will unemployment benefits be paid out through the state?
The length of benefits depends upon each claimant. FPUC is not payable for any week of
unemployment ending after July 31, 2020, i.e., the last payable Calendar Week Ending (CWE) is

Do I need to apply separately for the $600 federal payment for unemployment compensation
laid out from the stimulus bill?
No. Benefits will be paid with your regular bi-weekly payment.

Is the new 600 weekly federal benefit subjects to state or federal income taxes?
Yes, FPUC is taxable and therefore will be subject to 10% Federal Withholding Tax, if you
elected to have taxes withheld from your regular UC or PUA benefits.

Will the $600 federal payment be paid retroactively to those that have been collecting
unemployment compensation since the passage of the bill? When will that Date of retroactivity
start from?
FPUC is payable for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date on which the state
enters into an agreement with the Department. The first week for which FPUC is payable in
Pennsylvania is the week ending April 4, 2020. The money will be retroactive to CWE ending
The last payable CWE is July 25, 2020.

In the event of overpayment to an applicant due to either user or system error, Will this affect the
federal payment of $600
According to DOL, if an individual is deemed ineligible for regular compensation in a week and
the denial creates an overpayment for the entire weekly benefit amount, the FPUC payment for
the week will also be denied. States may waive repayments of FPUC if the payment was
without fault on the part of the individual and such repayment would be contrary to equity and
good conscience.