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**Deadline for filing for Tier 4 Federal
Unemployment Extension Benefits approaching**
*New information allows Californians receiving unemployment benefits
one more week to file for Tier 4 federal extensions*

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is reminding recipients of unemployment insurance benefits that we are fast approaching the end of Tier 4 federal unemployment extension benefits.

No new claims will be accepted for Tier 4 federal unemployment extension benefits with a beginning date of August 18, 2013, and after. People who begin receiving Tier 4 extension benefits on a claim filed with a beginning date of August 11th or before will continue to receive them until they exhaust their 10 weeks of Tier 4 benefits or until December 28, 2013, whichever comes first.

In July, the EDD announced that because of its improving job market, California is no longer eligible for new Tier 4 benefits. The federal government provides the Tier 4 benefits only to states where the unemployment rate averages 9 percent or higher for three months in a row. California's 8.5 percent June unemployment rate brought its three-month average below 9 percent.

On Thursday, August 8, the EDD was notified by the U.S. Department of Labor that the EDD can now allow people who finish their Tier 3 federal extension benefits before August 11 to qualify for the Tier 4 federal extension. Based on the U.S. Department of Labor's more lenient interpretation of the federal law, this provides an additional week before the Tier 4 extensions trigger off.

"Unemployment insurance benefits are an economic lifeline for hundreds of thousands of our fellow Californians," EDD Chief Deputy Director Sharon Hilliard said. "This new development will allow more unemployed individuals to qualify for the Tier 4 federal extension and continue to contribute to California's economic recovery. We've also posted updated information on our website and our Facebook and Twitter pages."

The EDD originally estimated that approximately 100,000 Californians collecting benefits as part of the Tier 3 federal extension will be the first to be impacted by the loss of Tier 4 eligibility. While some of these individuals will now qualify for the Tier 4 federal extensions, at this time the EDD cannot estimate how many more may qualify as these individuals are still in the midst of collecting Tier 3 benefits. **The EDD will automatically file Tier 4 federal extensions for those eligible individuals who finish their Tier 3 federal extension before August 11, 2013. These individuals will receive a notice of eligibility and their next continued claim form. There is no need for these individuals to contact the Department.**

Unless Congress and the President take further action, all federal extension benefits will end on December 28, 2013. (See chart below.)

We encourage our UI customers to monitor our [EDD website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) pages for updates on the federal extensions. Notices sent to customers and the EDD website also include information and references to other government resources (e.g., welfare assistance, etc.) to further assist long-term unemployed individuals.

UI Extended Benefit Duration & Claim Deadlines

The following is a breakdown of federal extension benefits available in California:

Federal Unemployment Benefit Extensions Potential Maximum Weeks Of Benefits Provided							
Claim/ Extension Filing Date	Feb. 19, 2012 – May 6, 2012	May 13, 2012 – May 20, 2012	May 27, 2012 – Aug. 26, 2012	Sep. 2, 2012 – Aug. 11, 2013	Aug. 18, 2013 – Dec. 22, 2013	Claim/ Extension Filing Deadline Date	Last Payable Week Ending Date
Regular Claim	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 26 weeks	Once someone becomes unemployed	Once someone collects all available benefits or the claim ends, whichever occurs first
Tier 1	Up to 20 weeks	Up to 20 weeks	Up to 20 weeks	Up to 14 weeks	Up to 14 weeks	Dec. 22, 2013	Dec. 28, 2013*
Tier 2	Up to 14 weeks	Up to 14 weeks	Up to 14 weeks	Up to 14 weeks	Up to 14 weeks	Dec. 22, 2013	Dec. 28, 2013*
Tier 3	Up to 13 weeks	Up to 13 weeks	Up to 13 weeks	Up to 9 weeks	Up to 9 weeks	Dec. 22, 2013	Dec. 28, 2013*
Tier 4	Up to 6 weeks	Up to 16 weeks	Up to 6 weeks	Up to 10 weeks	0 weeks	Aug. 11, 2013	Dec. 28, 2013*
Separate FED-ED	Up to 20 weeks	0 weeks	0 weeks	0 weeks	0 weeks	May 6, 2012	May 12, 2012
TOTAL	Up to 99 weeks	Up to 89 weeks	Up to 79 weeks	Up to 73 weeks	Up to 63 weeks		

**There are special claims that have a week ending date other than Saturday. In those cases, benefits may be payable for the week ending January 1, 2014.*