

The State of Wisconsin is now accepting
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) online applications

from individuals laid off as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

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The CARES Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), through Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is now available.

If you were laid off now or for a portion of time as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be able to collect PUA. To register go to <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/>

The screenshot shows the DWD website's 'Apply for Benefits Online' page. The browser address bar shows 'dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/'. The page features a navigation menu with categories: UNEMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE INJURY, EQUAL RIGHTS, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING, and DISABILITY EN. The main content area is titled 'Apply for Benefits Online' and includes a sub-header 'For a New Claim or to Reopen an Existing Claim'. A prominent note states: 'NOTE: We are now accepting Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) online applications from individuals unable to work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic who do NOT qualify for Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), e.g. self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history.' Below this, there is a section for 'Apply for Regular UI:' with instructions on eligibility and a list of documents to have ready. A button labeled 'Apply for Regular UI Benefits Here' is visible, along with the URL 'Log onto my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov'.

You will need to apply thru the Wisconsin Unemployment Insurance Benefit Services. You will need to create an account and log in. There are Terms and Conditions you will have to accept. From that point forward I am unsure of the process. The system is heavy used and therefore phone calls are discouraged.