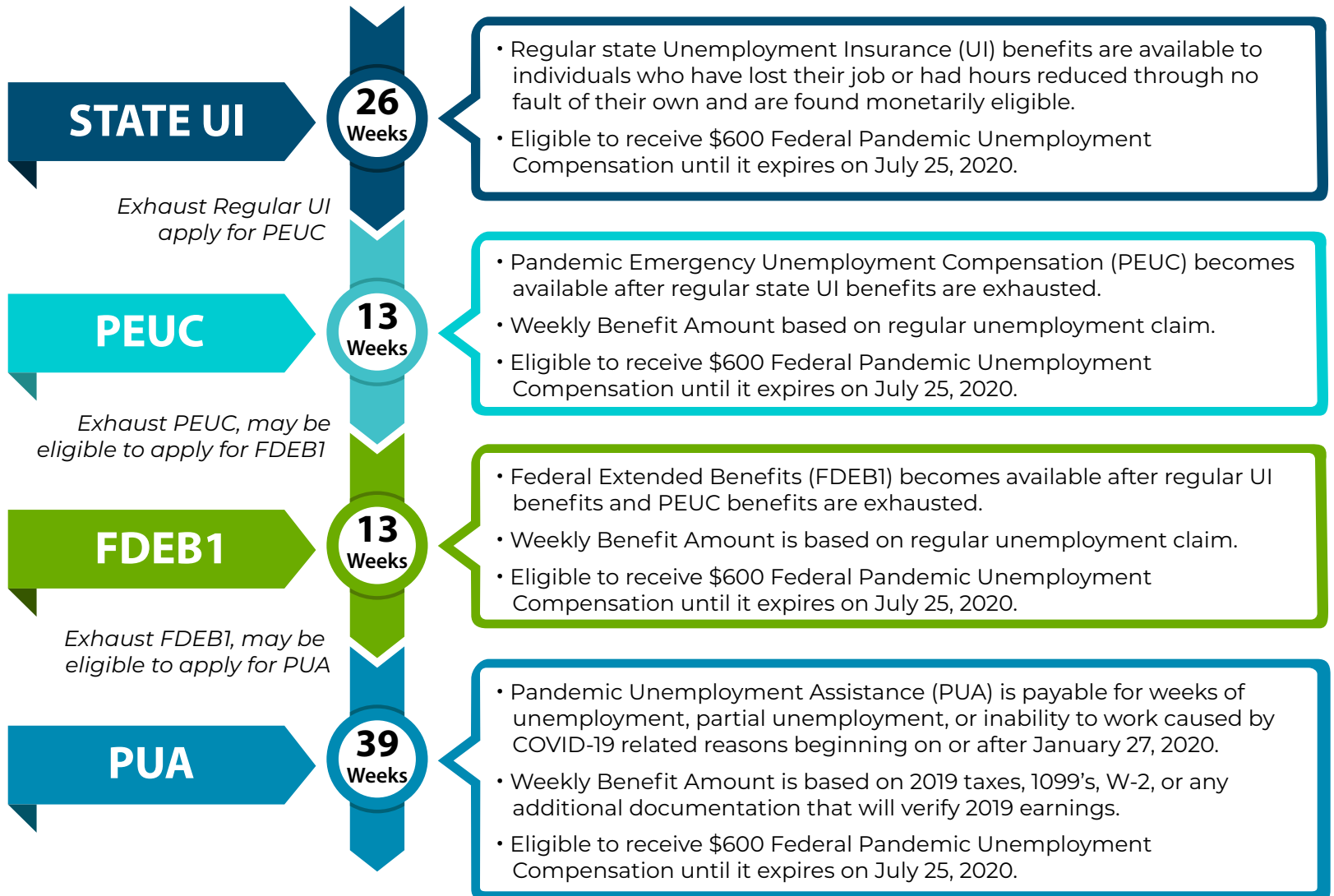


UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) PROGRAM PROGRESSION UNDER THE CARES ACT



Self-employed, gig economy workers, independent contractors, and those with insufficient work history

Once verified that they are not eligible for Regular UI, are eligible to apply for PUA



IMPORTANT NOTE: None of the benefits described above, nor unemployment benefits of any kind, are available to employees who quit without good cause, refuse to return to work, or refuse to receive full-time pay. Refusing to return to work could result in a disqualification for benefit eligibility. Attempts to collect unemployment benefits after quitting a job without good cause is considered to be fraud. Employers are able to report refusal of suitable work by logging into their employer account at www.jobs.state.nm.us and clicking on the "Refusal of Suitable Work" link to submit the names, Social Security numbers, and dates of employees or individuals who have refused a suitable job offer from their business.