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GDOL guides financial institutions ahead of PUA employee module launch

Hagåtña, Guam – The Guam Department of Labor (GDOL) is notifying financial institutions of the influx of millions of dollars in federal money that will be disbursed to eligible recipients within the coming weeks. GDOL is preparing to launch its employee application module for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program, which will allow thousands of Guam residents to receive unemployment assistance funds.

“Our team has been working around the clock to refine the employee online application module. We are close to getting it up and running. In the meantime, we want to inform those that apply for PUA that checks in large amounts may be hard to cash,” said GDOL Director David Dell’Isola. “If you do not have a personal bank account, it will be best to reach out to a bank or financial institution and establish one so you can receive your payments through a direct deposit. This will be faster than waiting for a check to be processed.”

Based on guidance from GDOL, the Guam Bankers Association will be advising island residents that are seeking PUA benefits to consider direct deposit by opening a bank account now. They are also advising island residents to collect any necessary account information and access hireguam.com to sign up for direct deposit.

Other financial institutions can email rapidresponse@dol.guam.gov if they want to seek further guidance from GDOL on the release of PUA funding.

The GDOL employer module has already registered thousands of affected employees but GDOL is reminding employers to register their affected employees as soon as possible so they can be helped when the PUA system is fully operational. The department is requiring all employers and business owners who have displaced workers due to COVID-19 to register and email their business or contractor’s license to vosemployer@dol.guam.gov for verification purposes on the HireGuam website. To date, 1,038 employers registered on hireguam.com reporting 19,906 employees were affected.

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