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Claimant

Guide for Reemployment Assistance Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

I.   OVERVIEW:

Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) is a federally funded program that provides an additional $100 per week to eligible claimants who are receiving benefits from an eligible Reemployment Assistance program and earned at least $5,000 in net earnings from self-employment for the tax year prior to their initial claim.

MEUC benefits are in addition to the $300 supplemental Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits and expires on September 6, 2021. The last payable week for MEUC is the week ending September 4, 2021.

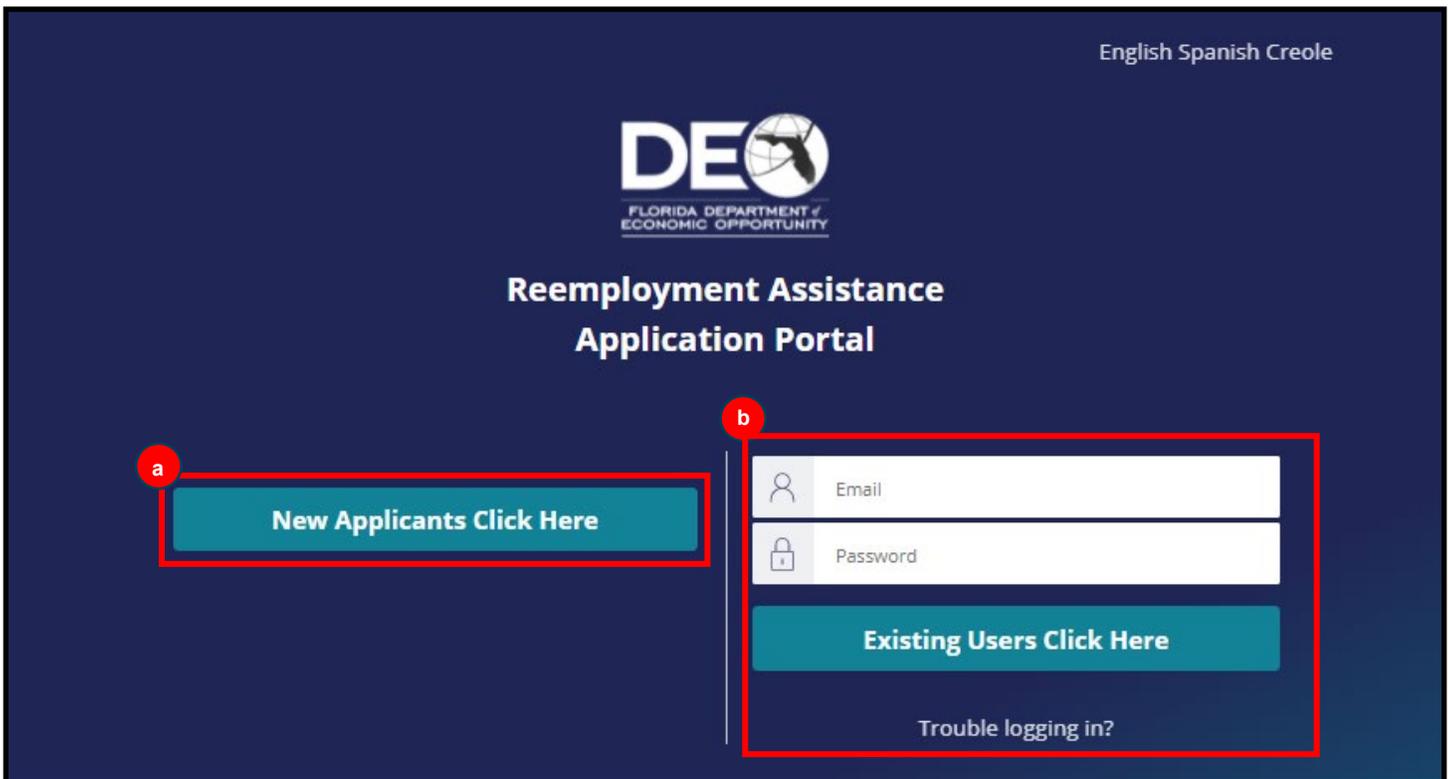## II.   Eligibility requirements for MEUC:

- Have employed wages that are eligible for Reemployment Assistance benefits and self-employment earnings.
- Earned at least $5,000 of self-employment income in the most recent taxable year prior to your application for state Reemployment Assistance benefits.
- Are receiving benefits from an eligible Reemployment Assistance benefit program which includes one of the following programs:
  - State Reemployment Assistance
  - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
  - Extended Benefits (EB)
  - Short Time Compensation
  - Trade Readjustment Allowances
  - Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- Able to submit documentation validating your self-employment income:
  - If the initial state Reemployment Assistance claim was filed in 2020, use tax year 2019.
  - If the initial state Reemployment Assistance claim was filed in 2021, use tax year 2020.

Claimants must provide a copy of their income tax return for the most recent taxable year ending prior to when the claimant filed their initial Reemployment Assistance claim. If the tax return is not available (e.g., because the claimant has not yet filed their income tax return), acceptable documentation of self-employment income includes paycheck subs, bank receipts, business records, ledgers, contracts, invoices, and billing statements that substantiate self-employment income of at least $5,000 of earned income during the applicable tax year.
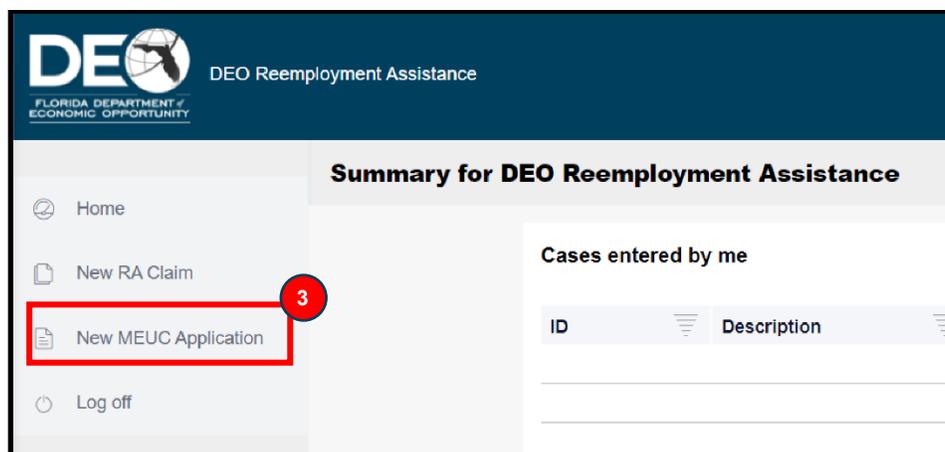
Please Note: This program does not apply to claimants receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

III.   Steps to Complete the MEUC Application

1. Visit mobile.connect.myflorida.com

2. Log-in:

   a. Create a new account, or

   b. Using your existing account credentials

3. Once you have successfully logged in to your account, select **"New MEUC Application."**

4. Please read the overview and eligibility requirements in order to continue the MEUC application. Scroll down to continue.

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1. MEUC Application Pre-Screen   ✓ 2. Eligibility Questions   ✓ 3. Personal Information   4. Upload Proof of Wages and Self Employment

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Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation Application

Below is an overview of the program requirements for the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation program. After reading through this overview, you will be asked to complete a quick application pre-screen to help you determine if you are potentially eligible for this program.

Overview: The Continued Assistance Act created the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program, which provides an additional $100 per week to eligible claimants who are receiving benefits from an eligible Reemployment Assistance program and earned at least $5,000 in net earnings from self-employment. The first payable week for MEUC is the week ending January 2, 2021 and the last payable week is the week ending September 4, 2021.

Claimants must be eligible to receive at least $1 of the underlying Reemployment Assistance benefit program for the week requested to receive the MEUC additional $100 per week. Claimants receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) are not eligible for MEUC.

To be eligible for MEUC, claimants must provide the necessary documentation to prove they have at least $5,000 in net earnings in self-employment in the tax year prior to when the claimant filed their initial Reemployment Assistance claim. If a claimant filed an initial claim for regular Reemployment Assistance during calendar year 2020, then the claimant must provide documentation that shows net self-employment earnings for the 2019 tax year. If a claimant filed an initial claim for regular Reemployment Assistance during calendar year 2021, then the claimant must provide documentation that shows net self-employment earnings for the 2020 tax year.

Net earnings from self-employment means the gross income derived by an individual from any trade or business carried on by such individual, less the deductions allowed by 26 U.S.C. §1402 which are attributable to such trade or business, plus the individual's distributive share (whether or not distributed) of income or loss described in section 702(a)(8) from any trade or business carried on by a partnership of which the individual is a member.

Once eligibility is determined, claimants will not need to take additional action to receive the MEUC payment, but the claimants will need to continue to request weekly benefits to receive the MEUC payment.

Please be aware that Reemployment Assistance fraud is a third-degree felony. Fraud is committed when making a false statement that may alter or increase benefits, withholding information that may alter or increase benefits, or failing to report work and/or earnings to obtain or increase benefits. State and Federal law provides penalties for false statement to obtain benefits.

Please complete the application pre-screen question if you:

- have employment wages that are eligible for Reemployment Assistance benefits and self-employment earnings.
- earned at least $5,000 of self-employment income in the most recent taxable year prior to your application for regular state Reemployment Assistance.
- are receiving benefits from an eligible Reemployment Assistance benefit program, which includes the following programs:
  - State Reemployment Assistance,
  - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC),
  - Extended Benefits (EB),
  - Short Time Compensation,
  - Trade Readjustment Allowances, and
  - Disaster Unemployment Assistance.
- are able to submit documentation validating your self-employment income
  - If the initial state Reemployment Assistance claim was filed in 2020, use tax year 2019
  - If the initial state Reemployment Assistance claim was filed in 2021, use tax year 2020

Note: Claimants must provide a copy of the income tax return for the most recent taxable year ending prior to when the claimant filed their initial Reemployment Assistance claim. If the tax return is not available (e.g., because the claimant has not yet filed the income tax return), acceptable documentation of self-employment income includes pay check stubs, bank receipts, business records, ledgers, contracts, invoices, and billing statements that substantiate self-employment income of at least $5,000 of earned income during the applicable tax year.

Note: This program does not apply to claimants receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

Claimants who need assistance filing a Reemployment Assistance Claim online because of legal reasons, computer illiteracy, language barriers, or disabilities may call: 1-833-FL-APPLY (1-833-352-7759).

5. You will then be prompted to answer a few pre-screening eligibility questions and acknowledge the certification statement in order to proceed with the application. Questions include:

   a. Did you earn at least $5,000 in net self-employment income during the most recent tax year ending prior to your initial claim for regular Reemployment Assistance benefits?

   b. Did you previously file and were determined eligible for state Reemployment Assistance benefits?

   c. Do you acknowledge the certification statement?

MEUC Application Pre-Screen

(a) Did you earn at least $5,000 in net self-employment income during the most recent completed taxable year before you applied for Reemployment Assistance? *
- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

(b) Have you filed for state Reemployment Assistance, and you were eligible to receive benefits? *
- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

(c) I acknowledge by submitting this response, I certify and attest that all information provided is true and accurate. I also acknowledge that the law provides penalties for making false or misleading statements in connection to this information I am providing relating to my Reemployment Assistance benefits. *
- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Cancel

6. If you selected "**Yes**" to all the Pre-Screen questions, you will see a green button appear on the screen to verify your identity with ID.me. Select the "**Verify with ID.*me***" option and proceed to the next step.

The Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation program requires users to establish an ID.me account and validate your identity.

(6) Verify with **ID**.me

Cancel

7. Complete the ID.*me* verification process. If you have not set up an account with ID.me, you will be prompted to do so. For additional assistance setting up your ID.*me* account, click here. Once you have verified your identity, you will be returned to the MEUC application screen and you will see a message notifying you that you have been successfully verified. Then select "**Next**" to proceed with the application.

You have been successfully verified. Click Next to continue the MEUC process.

Cancel

(7) Next

8. After you select next, you will be prompted to begin your application. Answer the following questions and select "**Next**."

9. Please complete the form below and select "**Next**." Please note your personal information should reflect what is in your CONNECT account.

10. Next, you will be asked to provide your proof of self-employment wages. When you are ready to begin uploading your supporting documentation, select "**Upload**."

Examples of these documents include: W2s, tax documents, or pay stubs.

Important: If you are not ready to upload documents at this time, click "Save Application for Later" and close the window. Do not click "Finish" until you have all your documents uploaded and you are ready to submit your application.
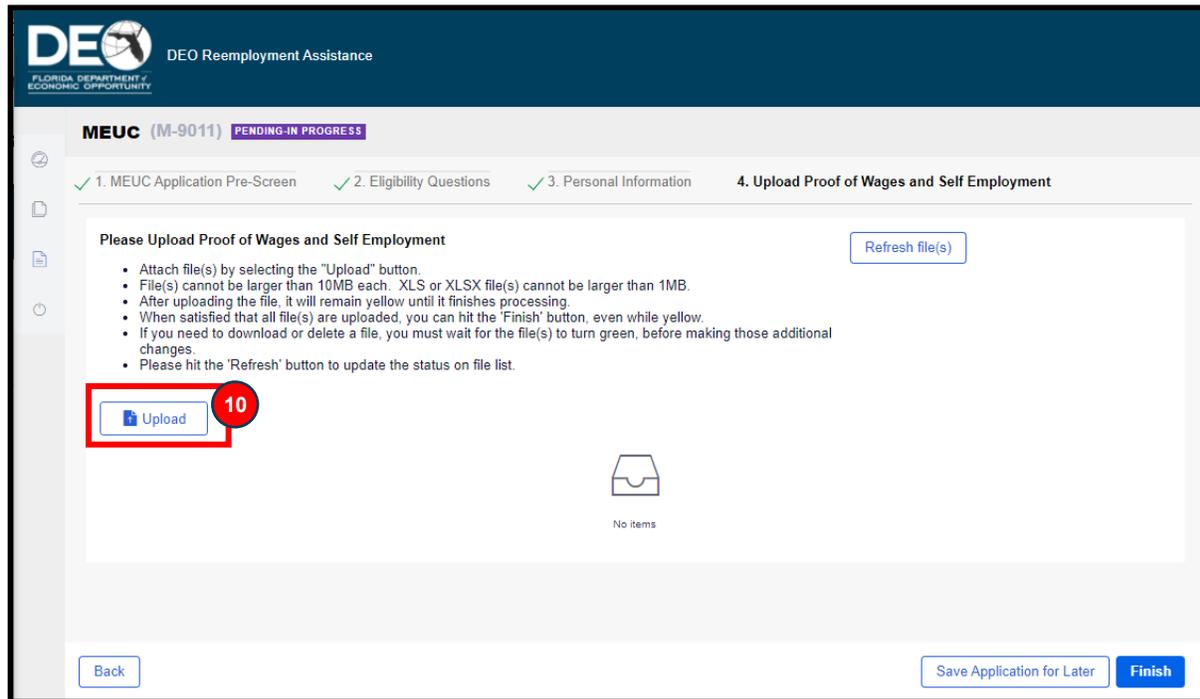

11. Drag and drop the proof of wages file(s) from your computer into the box provided OR click **"Select file(s)"** to browse and locate the file(s) you need to upload.

Note: If you have multiple files to upload and choose to attach them using the option to **"Select file(s)",** you will need to browse and select the files one at a time before selecting **"Attach."** You will have the option to upload more than one file if needed.

12. Once you have uploaded all documents you would like to provide, select "**Attach.**"
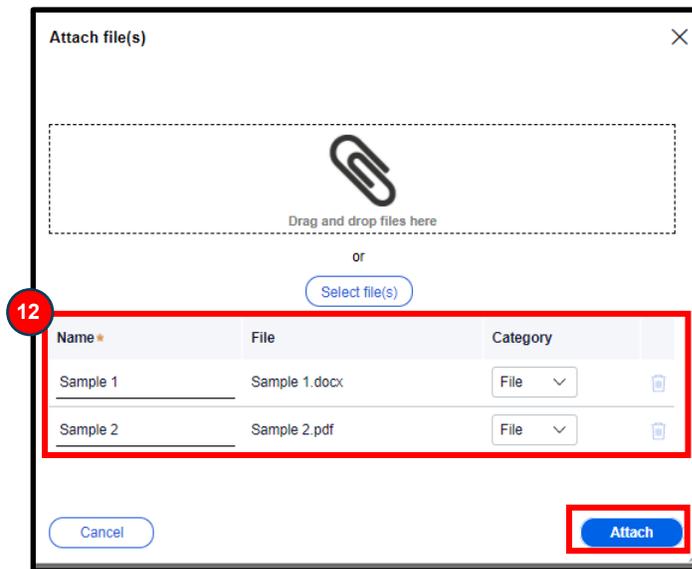
13. If you have additional documents to upload, select **"Upload"** and return to step 10. Repeat the steps until you have all your documents uploaded.
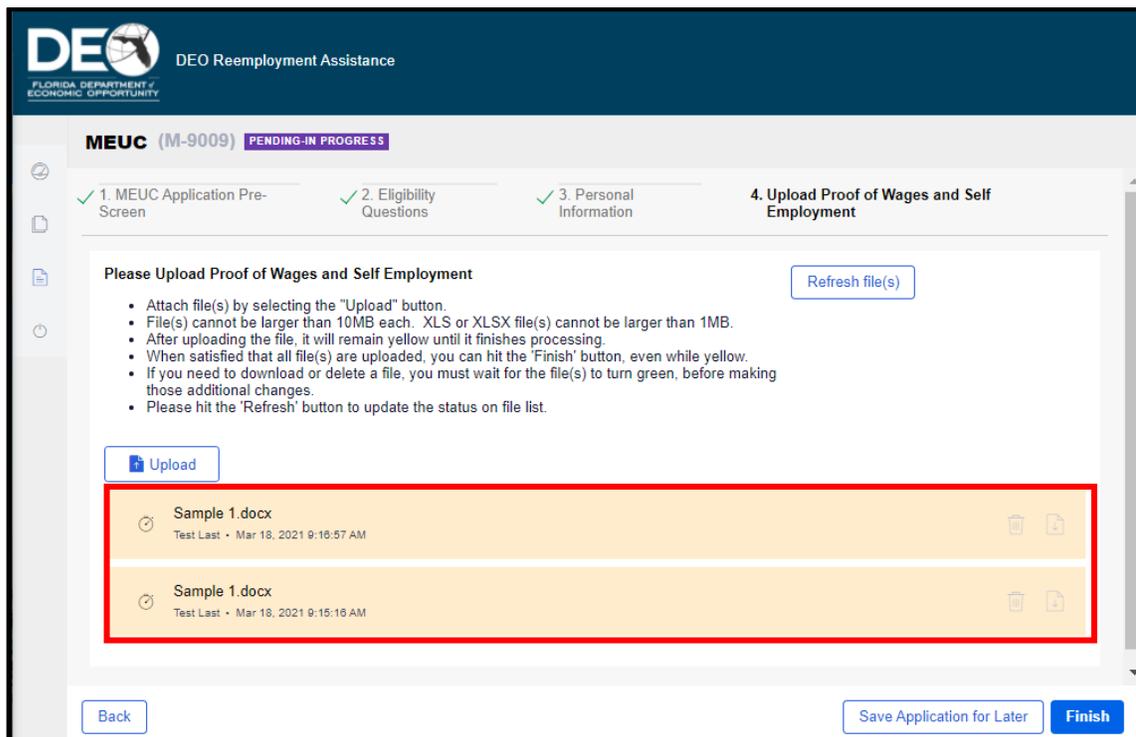

Important: You should not complete the application by clicking "Finish" unless you have uploaded all of the documents that you want to include. If you have additional documents but are not ready to upload them at the time you are completing the application, click "Save Application for Later" and close the window. When you have all your documents ready to upload, you can return to the application and finish at that time.

Note: If you need to delete an uploaded file:

a. The file status will need to update to green before you can delete your file. Click the "**Refresh file(s)**" button to refresh the screen and update the status.
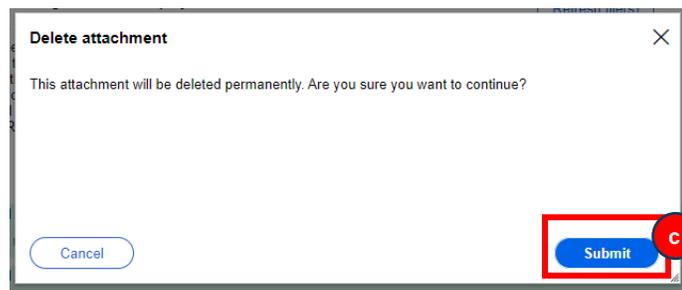
Note: It may take several minutes for the file to update to a green status.
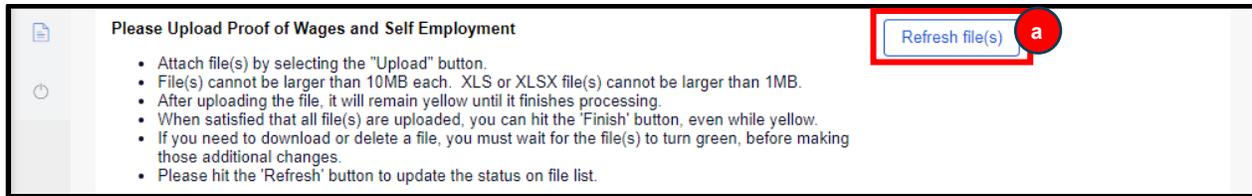
b. Once the file is colored green, click the trashcan icon to the right of the file name to delete the file.

c. Click **"Submit"** to permanently delete the file from your application.

14. Once you have uploaded **all** the files that you would like to submit with the application, select "**Finish**." This will submit your MEUC application. Remember, you can submit your application even when your files are still in the Yellow status if you don't need to delete any files.
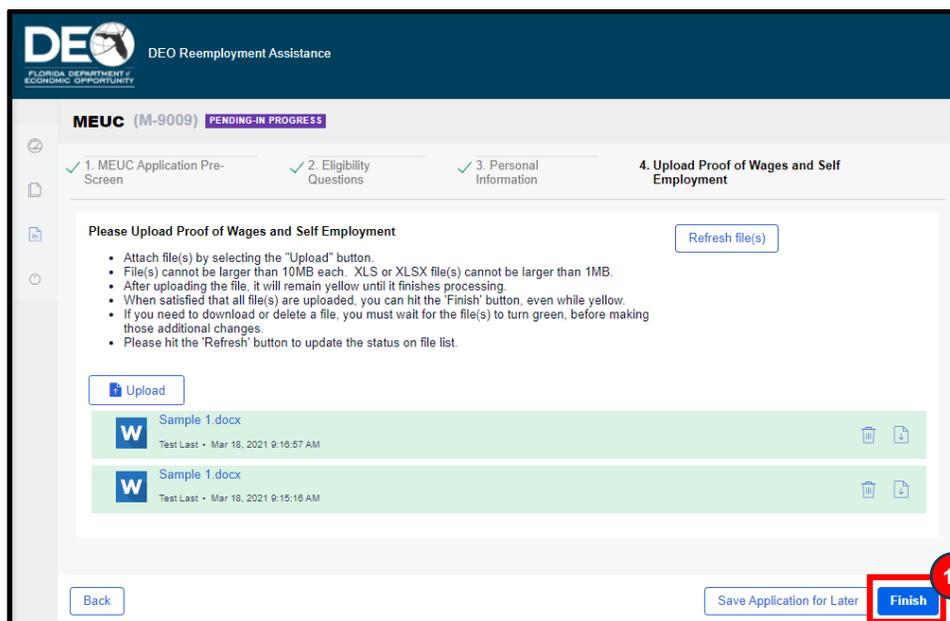
15. You will then see a message confirming that your application has been submitted.
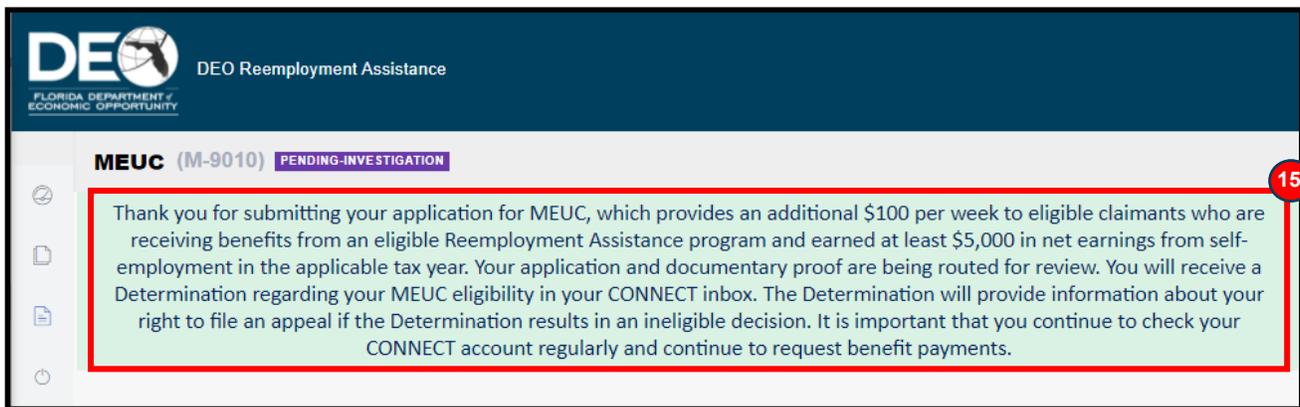

16. You can log-in and view your MEUC application by visiting mobile.connect.myflorida.com. You may see a status type:

    a. **"Pending-In Progress"** means your application has been started but you still need to complete and submit it.

    Complete and Submit your application: You can click on the item and then click "**Begin**" to reopen the application and complete all the fields. You can return to step 10 for assistance with uploading any additional documentation. Your application is not submitted until you click "Finish."
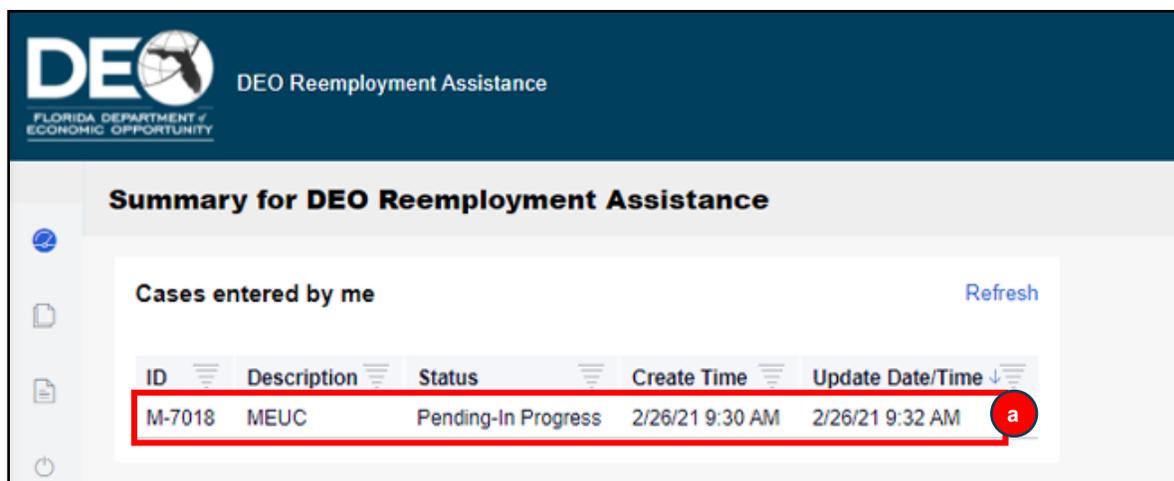
    b. **After submitting your application and returning to your Home screen, if nothing for MEUC shows under "Cases entered by me,"** this means your MEUC application has been filed and will be reviewed by a Reemployment Assistance representative.
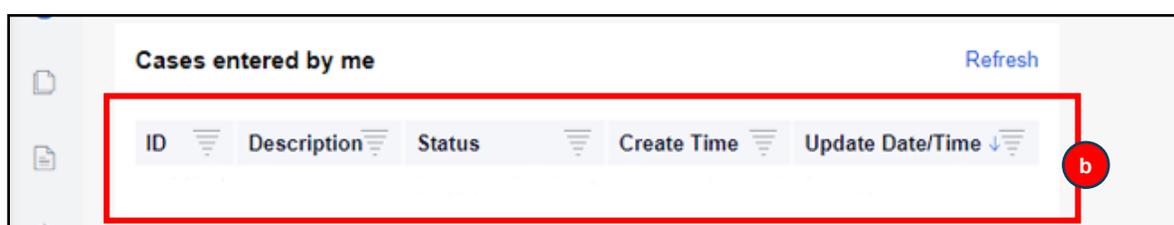
IV. Important Next Steps:

Continue to request benefit payments as they become available in CONNECT. Click here to read the Department's guide on how to request your benefit payment.

A determination of your MEUC eligibility will be issued to you based on the correspondence preferences you have selected in CONNECT, either through email or U.S. mail.

DEO launched a Reemployment Assistance Help Center, an online portal where claimants or employers can receive and provide additional information to the Department regarding Reemployment Assistance. Individuals can also notify the Department of suspected Reemployment Assistance fraud or identity theft.

For more information, visit FloridaJobs.org or call the Reemployment Assistance Customer Service Center at 1-833-FL-APPLY (1-833-352-7759).