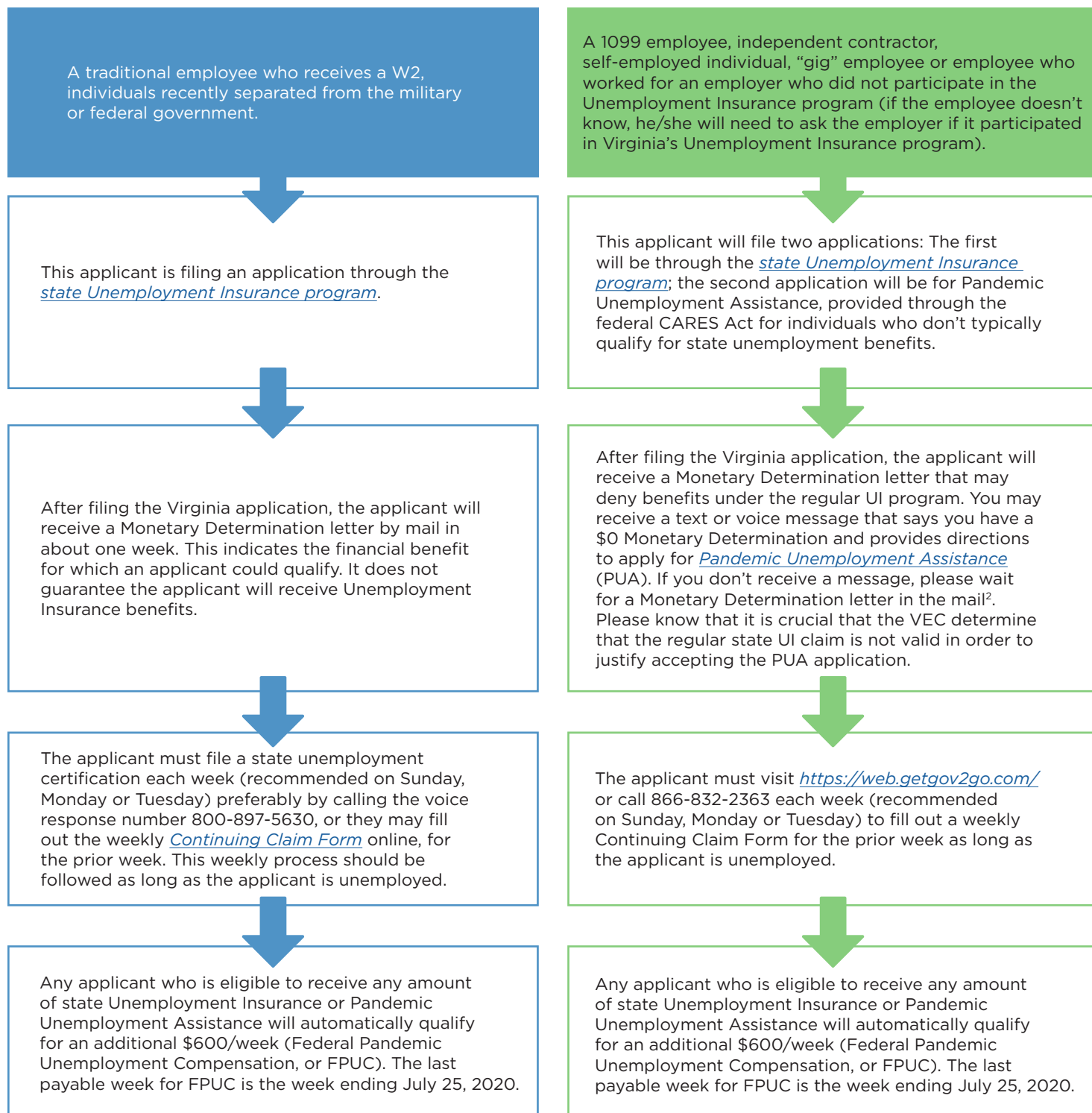


# Navigating the Unemployment Insurance Process During the COVID-19 Pandemic



The type of job an applicant held prior to their work status change will determine next steps in the application process. Currently, qualifying individuals seeking unemployment benefits would typically fall under one of two categories<sup>1</sup>:



1. A third category is for unemployed Virginians who have exhausted state Unemployment Insurance program benefits within the past 12 months. An additional 13 weeks of benefits is provided for qualifying individuals through the federal CARES Act. This program remains in development and is expected to deliver payments to qualified applicants starting in early July.

2. This applicant will be denied regular Virginia Unemployment Insurance. The denial will enable the applicant to apply for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance under the CARES Act.