

## Calculating Unemployment Benefits

( Executive Office of Labor Workforce Development Calculation Method )

### Calculating Weekly Benefit Rate: ( Only yellow highlighted cells require user data entry )

**1** List wages in the last 4 quarters.

Qtr. 1:	\$6,000.00
Qtr. 2:	\$12,000.00
Qtr. 3:	
Qtr. 4:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>

**1a.** If you have **earnings in more than 2 quarters**, add your wages in the 2 quarters you were paid the highest and divide by 26 (*the number of weeks in 2 quarters*) to determine your average weekly wage.

Highest Quarter #1 of 2:	\$12,000.00	
Highest Quarter #2 of 2:	\$6,000.00	
Total of 2 Highest Quarters:	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	
<b>Average Weekly Wage (1a.only):</b>		\$692.31 <span style="color: red; font-size: small;">Only enter below if earnings are in more than 2 qtrs.</span>

**1b.** If you have **earnings in 1 or 2 quarters only**, the highest quarterly earnings are divided by 13 (weeks) to determine average weekly wage.

Highest Quarter:	\$12,000.00	
<b>Average Weekly Wage (1b.only):</b>		\$923.08 <span style="color: red; font-size: small;">Only enter below if earnings are in less than 2 qtrs.</span>

**2** Your average weekly wage is then divided in half to determine the "**Benefit Rate**".

Avg. Weekly Wage (from 1a or 1b above):	\$923.08	
<b>Weekly Benefit Rate:</b>		<b>\$461.54</b>

### Calculating Benefit Credit:

**3** The total amount of benefits one can receive in a benefit year is called the "Benefit Credit" and is the lesser of the following 2 amounts:

3a.	30 times Weekly Benefit Rate:	\$13,846.20	
3b.	36% of total earnings calculated:	\$6,480.00	
<b>Benefit Credit:</b>			<b>\$6,480.00</b>

### Calculating Duration of Benefits:

**4** The duration of benefits is calculated by dividing the **Benefit Credit** by the **Weekly Benefit Rate**.

<b>Duration of Benefits:</b>		<b>14.0</b>
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