

reported. Items 1 through 3 are already being used for Self Employment data reporting in those few States which have that program. Therefore, items 6, 7 and 8 will be used for UCFE-Expected Employee claimant data reporting.

Fill in the report date item using the Saturday week ending date of the week in which the activity occurred. Report in item 6 the total number of initial claims, both new and additional, filed by UCFE-EEP claimants during the report week. Report in item 7 the total number of weeks compensated for UCFE-EEP claimants during the report week. Report in item 8 the total amount of benefits paid for the weeks reported in item 7. Please note in comments that the data is for UCFE-EEP claimants. No edits are available on the Quick Response Report.

This report will be due the Friday following the week in which the activity took place. Reporting will continue as long as there is activity. These reporting requirements have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. States are not required to report until that approval is received. When the approval is received, States will be notified and provided the OMB approval number and expiration date.

12. Action Required.

a. *Department of Labor.* The Department of Labor has instructed affected Federal agencies, directly and through the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), to furnish SESAs with the list of each agency's excepted employees, including the employee's home address, Social Security Number, annual Federal salary rate, effective date of designation, and base period qualifying wage and employment information. Also, Federal agencies are being instructed to furnish an on-going list of employee changes to and from excepted employee status if applicable. Once the State agency has been provided with all of the information pertaining to an excepted employee, the Federal agency will furnish only the pertinent information for changes.

In addition, Federal agencies are being advised to establish a liaison person(s) to work with each SESA in administering the UCFE program for excepted workers. This may be the same person already assigned UCFE program liaison responsibilities.

To the extent possible, the Department of Labor National Office and Regional Offices will work with the affected Federal agencies to provide information to the SESAs that will expedite and administratively ease the establishment of UCFE-EEP by the SESAs.

b. *State Agencies.* SESA Administrators shall:

(1) Provide the above guidance in this UIPL to appropriate staff.

(2) Ensure that appropriate staff perform all actions necessary to provide for the proper payment of UCFE-EEP to excepted employees for a program that could begin as early as January 27, 1996. This will include—

(A) When contacted by the Federal agency liaison, coordinating with such individual(s) actions necessary to receive the information, described in section a. above and any other actions determined necessary by the State

agency, that will enable UCFE-EEP claims to be processed. The claims filing procedures that excepted employees are to follow should also be explained to the Federal agency;

(B) Establishing UCFE-EEP claims for excepted employees in a prompt manner, minimizing any in-person reporting by such employees. For example, the State could send appropriate claims forms to individuals identified by the Federal agency as excepted employees in order for such individuals to file claims;

(C) Promptly determining monetary eligibility for UCFE-EEP claims based on base period qualifying employment and earnings or the annual salary figure supplied by the Federal agency and/or the earnings and leave statement furnished by the applicant through the use of the ES-935 affidavit process in the absence of base period wages reported by the Federal agency;

(D) Making prompt payment of UCFE-EEP benefits to excepted employees including payment for what would otherwise be a waiting period;

(E) Developing any other procedures with Federal agencies that will ease administration of this special program;

(F) Adhering to the fiscal guidelines set forth in this document and furnishing required reports in a timely manner.

13. *Inquiries.* Questions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

Directive: Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 7-96, Change 1

To: All State Employment Security Agencies

From: Mary Ann Wyrsh, Director,

Unemployment Insurance Service
Subject: Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Excepted Employee Program (UCFE-EEP)

1. *Purpose.* To inform States of Office of Management and Budget approval of the reporting on the UCFE-EEP and to correct the reference to Public Law (P.L.) 104-92 in UIPL 7-96.

2. *Reference.* UIPL 7-96.

3. *OMB Approval.* Reporting requirements set forth in the referenced UIPL are approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OMB number is 1205-0364 with an expiration date of April 30, 1996. States are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

4. *Burden Estimate.* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-4519, Washington, D.C. 20210 (Paperwork Reduction Project 1205-0364).

5. *Correction to UIPL 7-96.* All referenced to P.L. 102-94 in UIPL 7-96 should be changed to read P.L. 104-92.

6. *Action Required.* States are now required to report UCFE-Excepted Employee data,

when appropriate as outlined in the referenced UIPL.

7. *Questions.* Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

Rescissions

None.

Expiration date:

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Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be

impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the Federal Register are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

Volume I:

Massachusetts
MA960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
New Jersey
NJ960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume II:

Virginia
VA960003 (Mar. 15, 1996)
VA960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)
VA960039 (Mar. 15, 1996)
VA960046 (Mar. 15, 1996)
VA960055 (Mar. 15, 1996)
VA960069 (Mar. 15, 1996)

VA960084 (Mar. 15, 1996)
VA960085 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume III:

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KY960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
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KY960027 (Mar. 15, 1996)
KY960029 (Mar. 15, 1996)
KY960030 (Mar. 15, 1996)
KY960038 (Mar. 15, 1996)
KY960047 (Mar. 15, 1996)
KY960049 (Mar. 15, 1996)
KY960054 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume IV:

Illinois
IL960026 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume V:

Kansas
KS960005 (Mar. 15, 1996)
New Mexico
NM960001 (Mar. 15, 1996)
NM960002 (Mar. 15, 1996)

Volume VI:

Colorado
CO960025 (Mar. 15, 1996)
Wyoming
WY960023 (Mar. 15, 1996)

General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at (703) 487-4630.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 15th day of March 1996.

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Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 96-17; Exemption Application No. D-09930, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; General Motors Hourly-Rate Employees Pension Plan; General Motors Retirement Program for Salaried Employees; Saturn Individual Retirement Plan for Represented Team Members; Saturn Personal Choices Retirement Plan for Non-Represented Team Members; Employees' Retirement Plan for GMAC Mortgage Corporation; National Car Rental System, Inc. Salaried Employees Pension Plan; and National Car Rental System, Inc. Hourly Paid Employees Pension Plan (Collectively, the Plans), et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the Federal Register of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition, the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.