

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Notice of a Change in Status of an
Extended Benefit (EB) Period for
Alaska**

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Alaska.

Summary

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- February 21, 1999 Alaska triggered "on" EB. Alaska's 13-week insured unemployment rate rose above the 6.0 percent threshold necessary to be triggered "on" to EB for the week ending February 6, 1999.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State beginning an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 12, 1999.

Raymond Bramucci,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Notice of a Change in Status of an
Extended Benefit (EB) Period for
Puerto Rico**

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Puerto Rico.

Summary

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- January 30, 1999—Puerto Rico's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending January 9, 1999 fell below 6.0 percent and was less than 120 percent of the average for the corresponding period for the prior two years, causing Puerto Rico to trigger "off" EB effective January 30, 1999.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State ending an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing a claim for EB of the forthcoming end of the EB period and its effect on the individual's rights to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the programs, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 12, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This

program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement, with change, of the "Veterans Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS)."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before June 21, 1999.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Current Population Survey (CPS) has been the principal source of the