

SUMMARY: Announcement regarding states triggering “on” to the Second-Tier of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08).

Public Law 110–449 created a Second-Tier of benefits for qualified unemployed workers claiming benefits in high unemployment states. The Department of Labor produces a trigger notice indicating which states qualify for the Second-Tier of EUC08 benefits and provides the beginning and ending dates of the Second-Tier period for each qualifying state. The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the Second-Tier of the EUC08 program can be found at: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp. A new trigger notice is posted at this location each week that the program is in effect.

Beginning February 15, 2009, the following states are in a high unemployment period, resulting in their triggering “on” to the Second-Tier of the EUC08 program: Montana and Vermont.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC program, and the terms and conditions under which they are payable, are governed by Public Laws 110–252 and 110–449, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. The State Workforce Agency in states beginning a high unemployment period, will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who is potentially eligible for Second-Tier EUC08 benefits.

Persons who believe they may be entitled to additional benefits under the EUC08 program or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program should contact their State Workforce Agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S–4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693–3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 26th day of February 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Nevada and Wisconsin

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Nevada and Wisconsin.

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

- The 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for Nevada and Wisconsin for the week ending February 07, 2009, rose above 5.0 percent and exceeded 120 percent of the corresponding average rate in the two prior years. Therefore, beginning the week of February 22, 2009, eligible unemployed workers will be able to collect up to an additional 13 weeks of UI benefits.

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 Workforce 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 their State Workforce Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Pennsylvania.

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

- Pennsylvania’s 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending January 31, 2009, rose to 5.04 percent and exceeds 120 percent of the corresponding average rate in the two prior years. Therefore, beginning the week of February 15, 2009, eligible unemployed workers will be able to collect up to an additional 13 weeks of UI benefits.

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 Workforce 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)).

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