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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 3-20

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

**FROM:** JOHN PALLASCH /s/

**Assistant Secretary** 

**SUBJECT:** Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount:

January 1 – March 31, 2020

- **1.** Purpose. To transmit the subject computation for State Workforce Agency usage in computing minimum weekly DUA amounts for all major disasters declared from January 1 March 31, 2020, (second quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020).
- 2. <u>Action Requested</u>. State Workforce Agency Administrators should provide this information to appropriate staff and ensure that the correct Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA) is utilized in determining the weekly DUA amount.

### 3. Summary and Background.

- a. Summary If an individual's DUA weekly benefit amount is less than 50 percent of the state's average weekly payment of unemployment compensation (UC) or if the individual has insufficient wages from employment or insufficient or no net income from self-employment, the state shall determine the DUA weekly amount to equal 50 percent of the average weekly payment of UC in the state.
- b. Background The Department is required to publish information on each state's minimum DUA weekly benefit amount quarterly (see 20 CFR 625.6(b)).

## 4. Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount.

The attached listing sets forth the minimum DUA weekly benefit amount for each state applicable for major disasters declared during the second quarter of FY 2020, from January 1 to March 31, 2020, and the computation used to determine this amount.

**5. Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

RESCISSIONS None	EXPIRATION DATE Continuing
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## 6. References.

- 20 CFR 625.6
- Employment and Training (ET) Handbook 356, Chapter IV-3
- **7.** <u>Attachment.</u> Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount: January 1 March 31, 2020

#### Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount: January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

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STATES	AWBA*	50% AWBA CALCULATION	MINIMUM WBA
			(ROUNDED)
Alabama	\$225.92	\$112.96	\$113
Alaska	\$265.11	\$132.55	\$133
Arizona	\$232.17	\$116.08	\$117
Arkansas	\$262.99	\$131.50	\$132
California	\$333.34	\$166.67	\$167
Colorado	\$444.56	\$222.28	\$223
Connecticut	\$394.78	\$197.39	\$198
Delaware	\$265.51	\$132.76	\$133
District of Columbia	\$356.32	\$178.16	\$179
Florida	\$249.69	\$124.85	\$125
Georgia	\$297.17	\$148.58	\$149
Hawaii	\$525.26	\$262.63	\$263
Idaho	\$335.75	\$167.87	\$168
Illinois	\$394.37	\$197.18	\$198
Indiana	\$296.68	\$148.34	\$149
Iowa	\$405.92	\$202.96	\$203
Kansas	\$382.57	\$202.90 \$191.29	\$203 \$192
Kentucky	\$351.46	\$175.73	\$192 \$176
•	\$213.67	\$175.73 \$106.83	\$170 \$107
Louisiana Maine	\$213.67 \$342.99		\$107 \$172
		\$171.49 \$175.52	
Maryland	\$351.04	\$175.52	\$176 \$267
Massachusetts	\$533.21	\$266.60	\$267
Michigan	\$318.56	\$159.28	\$160
Minnesota	\$466.06	\$233.03	\$234
Mississippi	\$210.77	\$105.38	\$106
Missouri	\$265.15	\$132.58	\$133
Montana	\$366.70	\$183.35	\$184
Nebraska	\$344.85	\$172.42	\$173
Nevada	\$360.54	\$180.27	\$181
New Hampshire	\$334.10	\$167.05	\$168
New Jersey	\$458.49	\$229.25	\$230
New Mexico	\$337.59	\$168.80	\$169
New York	\$355.32	\$177.66	\$178
North Carolina	\$263.68	\$131.84	\$132
North Dakota	\$454.27	\$227.14	\$228
Ohio	\$376.34	\$188.17	\$189
Oklahoma	\$377.14	\$188.57	\$189
Oregon	\$408.96	\$204.48	\$205
Pennsylvania	\$389.80	\$194.90	\$195
Puerto Rico	\$131.49	\$65.75	\$66
Rhode Island	\$365.10	\$182.55	\$183
South Carolina	\$260.14	\$130.07	\$131
South Dakota	\$343.93	\$171.96	\$172
Tennessee	\$239.18	\$119.59	\$120
Texas	\$412.94	\$206.47	\$207
Utah	\$421.50	\$210.75	\$211
Vermont	\$378.48	\$189.24	\$190
Virgin Islands	\$373.52	\$186.76	\$187
Virginia	\$314.03	\$157.02	\$158
Washington	\$468.94	\$234.47	\$235
West Virginia	\$314.94	\$157.47	\$158
Wisconsin	\$324.34	\$162.17	\$163
Wyoming	\$385.93	\$192.97	\$193
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<sup>\*</sup>Based on Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA) for Total Unemployment 10/01/2018 through 9/30/2019

Data supplied by U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance