

Data Element: Weekly Benefit Allowance

Definition

Module 3, Step 7 – Maximum Weekly Benefits

Record Layout: Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount

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Claimants Establishing Benefit Years Entitled to Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount: Claimants whose regular weekly benefit amount (WBA) for a period of total unemployment is the maximum provided under the State law. This should be reported on the basis of the regular WBA rather than the actual amount of a particular weekly payment since, in some cases, the regular WBA may be reduced because of part-total or partial unemployment.

In States which pay increased benefits because of dependents, this item should be reported on the basis of the augmented amount. For States which pay benefits according to a schedule of WBAs based on wages earned, and which supplement these with dependents' allowances, the number of such claimants entitled to the maximum augmented WBA will be identical to the number entitled to the maximum basic WBA. For States which pay benefits according to a schedule of WBAs based on the number and type of dependents, as well as on the amount of wages earned (e.g., Ohio), the number of such claimants will be the sum of those entitled to the maximum in each class, as determined by the number and type of dependents. (ETA 401, Sec I, Ch 2)

Reporting Maximum WBA and Maximum Duration: When the State law is changed during the reported period with respect to the maximum weekly benefit amounts or duration, the data reported shall represent the total at the maximum under the old law and under the new law. Also, if the law provides for more than one maximum, each applicable to a specified set of circumstances under which the claimant files, the data reported shall represent the total of individuals at all designated maximums. For example, the maximum in a State may vary according to the number and type of claimant's dependents, the claimant's previous history of employment and receipt of benefits, the industry in which the claimant earned his wage credits, and the type of claim (i.e., interstate or intrastate). (ETA 401, Sec I, Ch 2)

Module 3

Step 7. Maximum Weekly Benefit

Rules for this step/substep apply to Populations 2 and 3

Select "Pass" on the sample validation screen for the element if all of the following conditions are met. Otherwise, select "Fail".

FOR MAXIMUM WBA:

Rule 1: This rule validates that based on the most recent monetary determination at the time the 218 report was generated (in the month following the end of the quarter being validated) that the weekly benefit amount for the new claim matches the weekly benefit amount on the worksheet and is currently the maximum for the State (excluding dependent allowances).

FOR LESS THAN MAXIMUM WBA:

Rule 2: This rule validates that based on the most recent monetary determination at the time the 218 report was generated (in the month following the end of the quarter being validated) that the WBA for the new claim is less than the maximum for the State (excluding dependent allowances).