

# CALCULATING YOUR WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT AND DURATION

## Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Identify your **BASE PERIOD**. Your base period is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters prior to filing your claim for Unemployment Insurance.

- If you are not eligible for benefits using the standard base period, the alternate base period will be used to calculate your claim.

What is the amount of gross wages paid to you in each quarter of your base period? Enter the amounts in the boxes below.

[.....STANDARD BASE PERIOD.....]

|  |  |  |  |  |                                          |
|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------------|
|  |  |  |  |  | The quarter in which you file your claim |
|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------------|

Quarter 1      Quarter 2      Quarter 3      Quarter 4      Quarter 5

[.....ALTERNATE BASE PERIOD.....]

Add the amounts  
in the boxes marked  
Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4.

(or 2,3,4 & 5 for alternate base period)

Quarter 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

### To calculate your WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT:

- A. List the **total** amount from above (this amount is your total base period wages): \_\_\_\_\_
- B. From the boxes marked quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4, list the amount with the highest \$ amount: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Determine the percent (%) of wages in your highest quarter (Line B divided by line A times 100 equals percent);

(Line B) \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ (Line A) \_\_\_\_\_ X 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ %

- If the percentage calculated on line C is less than 90%, go directly to the Benefits Table on the back of this page to determine your weekly benefit amount based on the wages on line A.
- If the percentage calculated above is 90% or greater, compute the wages to be used in determining your weekly benefit amount by subtracting line B from line A, and multiplying this amount by 10 (line A minus line B times 10 equals). Using the amount calculated below, go to the Benefits Table on the back of this page to determine your weekly benefit amount.

(Line A) \_\_\_\_\_ - (Line B) \_\_\_\_\_ X 10 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Determine the DURATION of your benefits by calculating your EARNINGS RATIO

The earnings ratio is your total base period wages divided by the quarter in your base period that has the most wages (line A divided by line B equals Earnings Ratio).

(Line A) \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ (Line B) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

| DURATION TABLE                                         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Earnings Ration                                        | Duration |
| (The number of weeks you are able to collect benefits) |          |
| Less than 1.49                                         | 16       |
| 1.50 – 1.99                                            | 18       |
| 2.00 – 2.49                                            | 20       |
| 2.50 – 2.99                                            | 22       |
| 3.00 – 3.49                                            | 24       |
| 3.50 or more                                           | 26       |

## Benefits Table

| Your base period wages are: |               |                                    | If your base period wages are: |               |                                    | If your base period wages are: |               |                                    |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| At least                    | But less than | Your weekly benefit amount will be | At least                       | But less than | Your weekly benefit amount will be | At least                       | But less than | Your weekly benefit amount will be |
| 2,500                       | 2,750         | \$56                               | 16,750                         | 17,000        | \$170                              | 31,000                         | 31,250        | \$284                              |
| 2,750                       | 3,000         | \$58                               | 17,000                         | 17,250        | \$172                              | 31,250                         | 31,500        | \$286                              |
| 3,000                       | 3,250         | \$60                               | 17,250                         | 17,500        | \$174                              | 31,500                         | 31,750        | \$288                              |
| 3,250                       | 3,500         | \$62                               | 17,500                         | 17,750        | \$176                              | 31,750                         | 32,000        | \$290                              |
| 3,500                       | 3,750         | \$64                               | 17,750                         | 18,000        | \$178                              | 32,000                         | 32,250        | \$292                              |
| 3,750                       | 4,000         | \$66                               | 18,000                         | 18,250        | \$180                              | 32,250                         | 32,500        | \$294                              |
| 4,000                       | 4,250         | \$68                               | 18,250                         | 18,500        | \$182                              | 32,500                         | 32,750        | \$296                              |
| 4,250                       | 4,500         | \$70                               | 18,500                         | 18,750        | \$184                              | 32,750                         | 33,000        | \$298                              |
| 4,500                       | 4,750         | \$72                               | 18,750                         | 19,000        | \$186                              | 33,000                         | 33,250        | \$300                              |
| 4,750                       | 5,000         | \$74                               | 19,000                         | 19,250        | \$188                              | 33,250                         | 33,500        | \$302                              |
| 5,000                       | 5,250         | \$76                               | 19,250                         | 19,500        | \$190                              | 33,500                         | 33,750        | \$304                              |
| 5,250                       | 5,500         | \$78                               | 19,500                         | 19,750        | \$192                              | 33,750                         | 34,000        | \$306                              |
| 5,500                       | 5,750         | \$80                               | 19,750                         | 20,000        | \$194                              | 34,000                         | 34,250        | \$308                              |
| 5,750                       | 6,000         | \$82                               | 20,000                         | 20,250        | \$196                              | 34,250                         | 34,500        | \$310                              |
| 6,000                       | 6,250         | \$84                               | 20,250                         | 20,500        | \$198                              | 34,500                         | 34,750        | \$312                              |
| 6,250                       | 6,500         | \$86                               | 20,500                         | 20,750        | \$200                              | 34,750                         | 35,000        | \$314                              |
| 6,500                       | 6,750         | \$88                               | 20,750                         | 21,000        | \$202                              | 35,000                         | 35,250        | \$316                              |
| 6,750                       | 7,000         | \$90                               | 21,000                         | 21,250        | \$204                              | 35,250                         | 35,500        | \$318                              |
| 7,000                       | 7,250         | \$92                               | 21,250                         | 21,500        | \$206                              | 35,500                         | 35,750        | \$320                              |
| 7,250                       | 7,500         | \$94                               | 21,500                         | 21,750        | \$208                              | 35,750                         | 36,000        | \$322                              |
| 7,500                       | 7,750         | \$96                               | 21,750                         | 22,000        | \$210                              | 36,000                         | 36,250        | \$324                              |
| 7,750                       | 8,000         | \$98                               | 22,000                         | 22,250        | \$212                              | 36,250                         | 36,500        | \$326                              |
| 8,000                       | 8,250         | \$100                              | 22,250                         | 22,500        | \$214                              | 36,500                         | 36,750        | \$328                              |
| 8,250                       | 8,500         | \$102                              | 22,500                         | 22,750        | \$216                              | 36,750                         | 37,000        | \$330                              |
| 8,500                       | 8,750         | \$104                              | 22,750                         | 23,000        | \$218                              | 37,000                         | 37,250        | \$332                              |
| 8,750                       | 9,000         | \$106                              | 23,000                         | 23,250        | \$220                              | 37,250                         | 37,500        | \$334                              |
| 9,000                       | 9,250         | \$108                              | 23,250                         | 23,500        | \$222                              | 37,500                         | 37,750        | \$336                              |
| 9,250                       | 9,500         | \$110                              | 23,500                         | 23,750        | \$224                              | 37,750                         | 38,000        | \$338                              |
| 9,500                       | 9,750         | \$112                              | 23,750                         | 24,000        | \$226                              | 38,000                         | 38,250        | \$340                              |
| 9,750                       | 10,000        | \$114                              | 24,000                         | 24,250        | \$228                              | 38,250                         | 38,500        | \$342                              |
| 10,000                      | 10,250        | \$116                              | 24,250                         | 24,500        | \$230                              | 38,500                         | 38,750        | \$344                              |
| 10,250                      | 10,500        | \$118                              | 24,500                         | 24,750        | \$232                              | 38,750                         | 39,000        | \$346                              |
| 10,500                      | 10,750        | \$120                              | 24,750                         | 25,000        | \$234                              | 39,000                         | 39,250        | \$348                              |
| 10,750                      | 11,000        | \$122                              | 25,000                         | 25,250        | \$236                              | 39,250                         | 39,500        | \$350                              |
| 11,000                      | 11,250        | \$124                              | 25,250                         | 25,500        | \$238                              | 39,500                         | 39,750        | \$352                              |
| 11,250                      | 11,500        | \$126                              | 25,500                         | 25,750        | \$240                              | 39,750                         | 40,000        | \$354                              |
| 11,500                      | 11,750        | \$128                              | 25,750                         | 26,000        | \$242                              | 40,000                         | 40,250        | \$356                              |
| 11,750                      | 12,000        | \$130                              | 26,000                         | 26,250        | \$244                              | 40,250                         | 40,500        | \$358                              |
| 12,000                      | 12,250        | \$132                              | 26,250                         | 26,500        | \$246                              | 40,500                         | 40,750        | \$360                              |
| 12,250                      | 12,500        | \$134                              | 26,500                         | 26,750        | \$248                              | 40,750                         | 41,000        | \$362                              |
| 12,500                      | 12,750        | \$136                              | 26,750                         | 27,000        | \$250                              | 41,000                         | 41,250        | \$364                              |
| 12,750                      | 13,000        | \$138                              | 27,000                         | 27,250        | \$252                              | 41,250                         | 41,500        | \$366                              |
| 13,000                      | 13,250        | \$140                              | 27,250                         | 27,500        | \$254                              | 41,500                         | 41,750        | \$368                              |
| 13,250                      | 13,500        | \$142                              | 27,500                         | 27,750        | \$256                              | 41,750                         | 42,000        | \$370                              |
| 13,500                      | 13,750        | \$144                              | 27,750                         | 28,000        | \$258                              | 42,000                         |               | \$370                              |
| 13,750                      | 14,000        | \$146                              | 28,000                         | 28,250        | \$260                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 14,000                      | 14,250        | \$148                              | 28,250                         | 28,500        | \$262                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 14,250                      | 14,500        | \$150                              | 28,500                         | 28,750        | \$264                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 14,500                      | 14,750        | \$152                              | 28,750                         | 29,000        | \$266                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 14,750                      | 15,000        | \$154                              | 29,000                         | 29,250        | \$268                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 15,000                      | 15,250        | \$156                              | 29,250                         | 29,500        | \$270                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 15,250                      | 15,500        | \$158                              | 29,500                         | 29,750        | \$272                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 15,500                      | 15,750        | \$160                              | 29,750                         | 30,000        | \$274                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 15,750                      | 16,000        | \$162                              | 30,000                         | 30,250        | \$276                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 16,000                      | 16,250        | \$164                              | 30,250                         | 30,500        | \$278                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 16,250                      | 16,500        | \$166                              | 30,500                         | 30,750        | \$280                              |                                |               |                                    |
| 16,500                      | 16,750        | \$168                              | 30,750                         | 31,000        | \$282                              |                                |               |                                    |

## DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE

A dependents allowance of \$24 per dependent may be paid for up to 3 dependents. The allowance is paid in addition to your weekly benefit amount. For Unemployment Insurance purposes, a dependent is defined as your: unmarried child, stepchild, legally adopted child or legal ward appointed by the court.

For more information on dependents allowance, contact a UI call center representative or read your Unemployment Insurance handbook.