

# QUICK FACTS

## New York Unemployment Benefits

as of March 24, 2020

### Eligibility

You must have worked and been paid wages for work in at least two calendar quarters in your base period,

AND for claims filed in 2019, you must have been paid at least \$2,400 in wages in one of the calendar quarters (this amount increases to \$2,600 for claims filed in 2020) in your base period,

AND the total wages paid to you in your base period must be one and one-half times your high quarter wages.

### Earnings

We use no more than \$11,088 of your high quarter earnings to determine if you qualify. You must have earned at least half that amount (\$5,544) in the other base period quarters.

There are maximum and minimum benefit rates. Effective the first Monday of October 2019 the maximum benefit rate increases from \$450 to \$504. The minimum benefit rate of \$100 will increase to \$104 as of January 1, 2020.

The weekly benefit rate equals 1/26 of a claimant's highest quarter earnings in all covered employment during the base period used to establish the claim,

unless the claimant's highest quarter earnings are \$3,575 or less.

Then, the weekly benefit rate will be 1/25 of these earnings, with a minimum benefit rate of \$100, which will increase to \$104 on January 1, 2020.

The base period is the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters prior to when a claim is filed. The maximum weekly benefit rate is \$504 as of October 7, 2019.

If you work less than four days in a week and earn \$504 or less, you may receive partial benefits.

### Filing Your UI Claim

- Enter the date of the last day you physically reported to work, regardless of whether this was your part-time or full-time work.
- Enter information about your last or most recent employer, where you most recently reported to work, regardless of whether this was your part-time or full-time employer.

If it was your part-time employer, and you will continue to work part-time, enter "lack of work" as the reason for separation.

### General Minimum Wage Rate Schedule

Location	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19	12/31/20	2021*
NYC - Large Employers (of 11 or more)	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$15.00			
NYC - Small Employers (10 or less)	\$10.50	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00		
Long Island & Westchester	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$15.00
Remainder of New York State	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80	\$12.50	*

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