



**Update for  
Unemployment Insurance:  
A Handbook for Claimants  
(Form UA 1900)  
and  
Unemployment Agency Introduces  
MARVIN (Form UA 1921)**

Since our booklets, *Unemployment Insurance: A Handbook for Claimants* (Form UA 1900), and *Unemployment Agency Introduces MARVIN* (Form UA 1921) were last printed, there have been changes that may affect you. **Read both sides of this update carefully.**

**An alternate method of qualifying for benefits** is available for claimants with at least 14, but fewer than 20, credit weeks with one or more liable employers. This method is called the Alternate Earnings Qualifier (AEQ). The AEQ is dependent upon the State Average Weekly Wage (SAWW) and is calculated by multiplying the current SAWW by 20. For new claims that become effective in 2000, the AEQ is \$13,564.60 (\$678.23 X 20). The AEQ is explained and/or referred to on pages 2, 15, 16, 18, and 19 of the 1900 booklet.

**The minimum weekly benefit rate (WBR)** for claims filed on or after 1-2-2000 is \$88. The minimum WBR is discussed on pages 2 and 19 of the 1900 booklet.

If you choose to withhold taxes, the deduction for the **state income tax** is 4.3% for claims filed from 1-1-2000 to 3-31-2000, 4.2% for claims filed from 4-1-2000 to 12-31-2001, 4.1% for claims filed in 2002, 4.0% for claims filed in 2003, and 3.9% for claims filed in 2004 and afterwards. This is discussed on pages 42 and 43 of the 1900 booklet.

If you are eligible for registration and seeking work (RSW) waiver or a job-attached waiver (JAW), but are not back to work by the end of the waiver period, you must register for work with a Michigan Works! Agency service center. This is discussed on page 14 of the 1900 booklet.

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## Filing Claims And Certifying On Time

To be filed on time and effective with the first week of unemployment, a **new or additional claim** must be received by the Agency no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day from the end of the week containing your last day of work.

You would file a **reopened claim** if you stop certifying for any reason other than having worked again. A reopened claim is effective the beginning of the week in which it is **received** by the Agency.

If you are **certifying** to being eligible for weeks of unemployment benefits (filing a **continued claim**) by mail, the certification form must be received by the Agency no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day following the end of the last week you are claiming. If certifying by calling Michigan's Automated Response Voice Interactive Network (**MARVIN**), you must call MARVIN no later than the Friday of the week following the last week you are claiming.

If you **certify** late and do not have good cause, your certification will be effective as of the week received. You will not be paid for any week before that. If you have good cause, you may be paid for the earlier week(s). Also, if it is found that you do not have good cause for filing late, your **new, additional, or reopened claim** will be effective beginning the week in which it is filed.

If the Friday of a week is a legal holiday or non-workday for the Agency, **then and only then** your claim will be considered timely if it is received by the Agency on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or non-work day for the Agency (generally, the following Monday). MARVIN, however, is available on holidays and non-work days.

New, additional, and reopened claims, and certifying, are discussed on pages 1, 4 to 7, and 11 of your 1900 booklet. Certifying/reporting is mentioned on pages 1-3, 6, 13, and 14 of your 1921 booklet. This insert should be kept with your 1900 and 1921 booklets.