Benefit Accuracy Measurement Program
A Program Designed to Improve the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Payment System

INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS

Why Are Employers Contacted?
Input from employers is essential in helping to protect the integrity and quality of the Unemployment Insurance program. Each week statewide samples of unemployment claims are randomly selected by our computer system for audit. Your assistance will help Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) staff determine if the person being audited was eligible for unemployment benefits and received the proper benefit payment. Employers connected with the unemployment claim are contacted and employment records are reviewed.

What Information Is Needed?
- The reason the person became unemployed or is working reduced hours.
- Past and present wages.
- Verification of the person’s work search contacts.
- Employers will be asked to supply information by fax, mail, e-mail, or telephone.

Does The Program Benefit Employers?
Yes. The BAM Program helps ensure that the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund remains at the highest possible level. As a result, employer unemployment taxes can remain at the lowest possible rate. The information obtained and the statistical analysis that is performed helps us learn more about the causes of improper payments of Unemployment Insurance benefits. The audits also assist us in making improvements to forms and processes which help everyone better complete and submit claim records. BAM audits have also helped in detecting fraud.

Who Contacts Employers?
An auditor working in the BAM Program contacts involved employers. Your prompt response to our request for accurate wage and employment information will provide valuable assistance and enhance the success of the BAM Program.

If You Have a Question or Can Offer More Information, Please Contact:
Office of Employer Ombudsman (OEO)
1-855-4UIAOEO (855-484-2636)
Outside Michigan: 1-313-456-2300
TTY: 1-866-366-0004