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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

**FROM: ROSEMARY LAHASKY /s/
Deputy Assistant Secretary**

**SUBJECT: Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount:
October 1 – December 31, 2018**

1. **Purpose.** To transmit the subject computation for State Workforce Agency usage in computing minimum weekly DUA amounts for all major disasters declared during the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.
2. **Action Requested.** State Workforce Agency Administrators are requested to provide this information to appropriate staff and ensure that the correct Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA) is utilized in determining the weekly DUA amount.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – If an individual’s DUA weekly benefit amount is less than 50 percent of the state’s average weekly payment of unemployment compensation (UC), or, if the individual has insufficient wages from employment or insufficient or no net income from self-employment, the state shall determine the DUA weekly amount to equal 50 percent of the average weekly payment of UC in the state.
 - b. Background –The Department is required to publish information on each state’s minimum DUA weekly benefit amount quarterly (see 20 CFR 625.6(b)).
4. **Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount.**
The attached listing sets forth the minimum DUA weekly benefit amount for each state applicable for major disasters declared during the first quarter of FY 2019, from October 1 to December 31, 2018, and the computation used to determine this amount.
5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

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6. **References.**

- 20 CFR 625.6
- Employment and Training (ET) Handbook 356 Chapter IV-3

7. **Attachment(s).** Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount: October 1 – December 31, 2018