Getting Unemployment Benefits in Illinois

Find out if you qualify based on your income, and how much money you might receive.

**STEP 1:**
Take the date you are filing your claim, and find the upcoming Sunday of that week.

**EXAMPLE:**
Filing date: June 3rd, 2020
Upcoming Sunday: June 7th, 2020
This is the start of your benefit year.

**STEP 2:**
Determine your base period

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**Start of benefit year: 6/7/20**
So base period is 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

**STEP 3:**
Break your base period into 3-month periods, or quarters.

| Quarter 1: 1/1/2019 - 3/31/2019 |
| Quarter 2: 4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019  |
| Quarter 3: 7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019  |
| Quarter 4: 10/1/2019 - 12/31/2019|

**STEP 4:**
Add up your wages for each quarter.

| Quarter 1: $7,680 |
| Quarter 2: $7,800 |
| Quarter 3: $7,850 |
| Quarter 4: $7,920 |

**STEP 5:**
Add up the three quarters with the lowest wages (must total more than $440 to qualify).

Ignore Quarter 4.

$7,680 + $7,800 + $7,850 = $23,330

**STEP 6:**
Add up the wages for all four quarters (must total more than $1,600 to qualify).

$7,680 + $7,800 + $7,850 + $7,920 = $31,250

If your totals for Step 5 and 6 are more than $440 and $1,600, respectively, see page 2 to determine your Weekly Benefit Amount.
Calculating your Weekly Benefit Amount

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**STEP 1:**
Add up your wages for each quarter.
- Quarter 1: $7,680
- Quarter 2: $7,800
- Quarter 3: $7,850
- Quarter 4: $7,920

**STEP 2:**
Find the two quarters with the highest wages and add them together.
- $7,850 (Quarter 3) + $7,920 (Quarter 4) = $15,770

**STEP 3:**
Multiply the amount in Step 2 by 0.47
- $15,770 x 0.47 = $7,411.90

**STEP 4:**
Divide the amount in Step 3 by 26.
- $7,411.90 / 26 = $285.07

**STEP 5:**
Your Weekly Benefit Amount
- Weekly Benefit Amount = $285.07
  - This amount may increase if you claim a dependent spouse or child.