

Amended by R.1986 d.452, effective November 17, 1986 (operative January 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1787(b), 18 N.J.R. 2330(c).

Contributions raised from \$10,700 to \$11,300.

Amended by R.1987 d.469, effective November 16, 1987 (operative January 1, 1988).

See: 19 N.J.R. 1623(a), N.J.R. 2196(b).

Contributions raised from \$11,300 to \$12,000.

Amended by R.1988 d.535, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2187(a), 20 N.J.R. 2786(a).

Contributions raised from \$12,000 to \$12,800.

Amended by R.1989 d.565, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2700(a), 21 N.J.R. 3535(a).

Taxable wage base raised to \$13,900 during the 1990 calendar year.

Amended by R.1990 d.597, effective December 3, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2885(a), 22 N.J.R. 3627(a).

Taxable wage base raised to \$14,400 for the 1991 calendar year.

Amended by R.1991 d.573, effective November 18, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2611(a), 23 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Taxable wage base raised to \$15,300 for the 1992 calendar year.

Amended by R.1992 d.454, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3014(a), 24 N.J.R. 4269(a).

Revised text.

Amended by R.1993 d.589, effective November 15, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3922(a), 25 N.J.R. 5351(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.552, effective November 7, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3592(b), 26 N.J.R. 4410(a).

Recodified from 12:15-1.4 by R.1995 d.389, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1946(a), 27 N.J.R. 2693(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.628, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3760(a), 27 N.J.R. 4898(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.513, effective November 4, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4044(a), 28 N.J.R. 4789(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.464, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3768(a), 29 N.J.R. 4689(b).

Changed the benefit rate and substituted "1998" for "1997".

Amended by R.1998 d.546, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3150(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(a).

Raised the taxable wage base from \$19,300 to \$20,200 and changed the calendar year from 1998 to 1999.

Amended by R.1999 d.438, effective December 20, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3035(a), 31 N.J.R. 4284(a).

Increased the taxable wage base, and substituted a reference to 2000 for a reference to 1999.

Amended by R.2000 d.488, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3379(a), 32 N.J.R. 4258(c).

Increased dollar amount and changed the calendar year from 2000 to 2001.

12:15-1.4 Contribution rate of governmental entities and instrumentalities

(a) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:21-7.3(e), the contribution rate for all governmental entities and instrumentalities electing to pay contributions under the Unemployment Compensation Law is hereby promulgated as being four-tenths of one percent (0.4 percent) for the entire calendar year.

(b) This contribution rate shall be effective on taxable wages paid in the calendar year 2001.

R.1978 d.305, effective January 1, 1979.

See: 10 N.J.R. 445(b).

Amended by R.1979 d.327, effective January 1, 1980.

See: 11 N.J.R. 450(a).

Amended by R.1980 d.354, effective January 1, 1981.

See: 12 N.J.R. 543(a).

Amended by R.1981 d.418, effective November 2, 1981 (to be operative January 1, 1982).

See: 13 N.J.R. 603(a), 13 N.J.R. 777(c).

(b): "1982" was "1981".

Amended by R.1982 d.381, effective November 1, 1982 (operative January 1, 1983).

See: 14 N.J.R. 970(b), 14 N.J.R. 1219(b).

Contribution rate changed from two percent (2%) to one and one-half percent (1.5%).

Amended by R.1983 d.612, effective January 3, 1984.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1829(a), 16 N.J.R. 50(a).

1984 rate maintained at same rate of 1983.

Amended by R.1984 d.518, effective November 5, 1984 (operative January 1, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 2344(b), 16 N.J.R. 3050(a).

Year changed to "1985" from "1984".

Amended by R.1985 d.543, effective November 4, 1985 (operative January 1, 1986).

See: 17 N.J.R. 2079(c), 17 N.J.R. 2667(b).

"1½ percent" changed to "1 ⅓ percent".

Amended by R.1986 d.456, effective November 17, 1986 (operative January 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1788(c), 18 N.J.R. 2331(a).

Year changed from 1986 to 1987.

Amended by R.1987 d.473, effective November 16, 1987 (operative January 1, 1988).

See: 19 N.J.R. 1624(b), 19 N.J.R. 2196(c).

1 ⅓ percent changed to 1 ⅔ percent.

Amended by R.1988 d.535, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2187(a), 20 N.J.R. 2786(a).

1 ⅔ percent changed to 1 ⅞ percent.

Amended by R.1989 d.565, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2700(a), 21 N.J.R. 3535(a).

Contribution rate lowered to 0.8 percent; benefit year changed to 1990.

Amended by R.1990 d.597, effective December 3, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2885(a), 22 N.J.R. 3627(a).

Contribution rate changed to 0.6 percent for 1991 calendar year.

Amended by R.1991 d.573, effective November 18, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2611(a), 23 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Contribution rate changed to 0.4 percent for 1992 calendar year.

Amended by R.1992 d.454, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3014(a), 24 N.J.R. 4269(a).

Revised (b).

Amended by R.1993 d.589, effective November 15, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3922(a), 25 N.J.R. 5351(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.552, effective November 7, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3592(b), 26 N.J.R. 4410(a).

Recodified from 12:15-1.5 by R.1995 d.389, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1946(a), 27 N.J.R. 2693(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.628, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3760(a), 27 N.J.R. 4898(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.513, effective November 4, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4044(a), 28 N.J.R. 4789(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.464, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3768(a), 29 N.J.R. 4689(b).

Substituted "1998" for "1997".

Amended by R.1998 d.546, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3150(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(a).

In (b), changed the calendar year from 1998 to 1999.

Amended by R.1999 d.438, effective December 20, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3035(a), 31 N.J.R. 4284(a).

In (b), substituted a reference to 2000 for a reference to 1999.

Amended by R.2000 d.488, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3379(a), 32 N.J.R. 4258(c).

In (b), changed the calendar year from 2000 to 2001.

12:15-1.5 Base week

(a) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:21-19(c)(1) and (t)(2)(A) and 43:21-27(h)(3), the base week amount is hereby promulgated as being \$158.00 per week for calendar year 2001.

(b) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:21-19(t)(2)(B), in those instances in which the individual

has not established 20 base weeks as defined in N.J.S.A. 43:21-19(t)(2)(A), the base week amount is hereby promulgated as being \$103.00 per week for calendar year 2001.

R.1984 d.521, effective November 5, 1984 (operative January 1, 1985).
See: 16 N.J.R. 2345(a), 16 N.J.R. 3050(b).

Amended by R.1985 d.525, effective October 21, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2007(b), 17 N.J.R. 2561(a).

Base week amount raised from \$51.00 to \$72.00.

Amended by R.1985 d.544, effective November 4, 1985 (operative January 1, 1986).

See: 17 N.J.R. 2080(a), 17 N.J.R. 2667(c).

Base week amount raised from "\$72.00" to "\$76.00".

Amended by R.1986 d.453, effective November 17, 1986 (operative January 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1787(c), 18 N.J.R. 2331(b).

Weekly rate raised and disability commencing date changed from October 1, 1986.

Amended by R.1987 d.470, effective November 16, 1987 (operative January 1, 1988).

See: 19 N.J.R. 1623(b), 19 N.J.R. 2196(d).

Base week raised from \$81.00 to \$86.00

Amended by R.1988 d.535, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2187(a), 20 N.J.R. 2786(a).

Base week raised from \$86.00 to \$92.00.

Amended by R.1989 d.565, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2700(a), 21 N.J.R. 3535(a).

Base week amount raised to \$99.00 for 1990.

Amended by R.1990 d.597, effective December 3, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2885(a), 22 N.J.R. 3627(a).

Base week amount raised to \$103.00 for 1991.

Amended by R.1991 d.573, effective November 18, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2611(a), 23 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Base week amount raised to \$110.00 for 1992.

Amended by R.1992 d.454, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3014(a), 24 N.J.R. 4269(a).

Revised text.

Amended by R.1993 d.589, effective November 15, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3922(a), 25 N.J.R. 5351(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.552, effective November 7, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3592(b), 26 N.J.R. 4410(a).

Recodified from 12:15-1.6 and amended by R.1995 d.389, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1946(a), 27 N.J.R. 2693(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.628, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3760(a), 27 N.J.R. 4898(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.513, effective November 4, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4044(a), 28 N.J.R. 4789(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.464, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3768(a), 29 N.J.R. 4698(b).

In (a), changed the benefit rate; and in (a) and (b), substituted "1998" for "1997".

Amended by R.1998 d.546, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3150(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(a).

In (a), raised the base week amount from \$138.00 to \$144.00 and changed the calendar year from 1998 to 1999; and in (b), changed the calendar year from 1998 to 1999.

Amended by R.1999 d.438, effective December 20, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3035(a), 31 N.J.R. 4284(a).

Increased base week amounts, and substituted references to 2000 for references to 1999 throughout.

Amended by R.2000 d.488, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3379(a), 32 N.J.R. 4258(c).

In (a), increased dollar amount; and in (a) and (b), changed the calendar year from 2000 to 2001.

Case Notes

Lack of sufficient base employment weeks precluded eligibility for additional unemployment compensation benefits during training. In the Matter of P.I.M., 96 N.J.A.R.2d (UCC) 10.

Employee working for two employers during a calendar week may have those weeks considered together to calculate his weekly benefit rate. In the Matter of F.M.P., 96 N.J.A.R.2d (UCC) 2.

12:15-1.6 Alternative earnings test

(a) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:21-4(e)(2)(B) and 43:21-41(d), in those instances in which the individual has not established 20 base weeks, the alternative earnings amount for establishing eligibility is hereby promulgated as being \$9,500 for unemployment compensation benefit years and periods of disability commencing on or after January 1, 2001.

(b) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:21-4(e)(2)(C), in those instances in which the individual has not established 20 base weeks and does not have alternative earnings as defined in N.J.S.A. 43:21-4(e)(2)(B), the alternative earnings amount is hereby promulgated as being \$5,200 for benefit years commencing on or after January 1, 2001.

R.1984 d.520, effective November 5, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2345(b), 16 N.J.R. 3050(c).

Amended by R.1985 d.542, effective November 4, 1985 (operative January 1, 1986).

See: 17 N.J.R. 2080(b), 17 N.J.R. 2668(a).

Alternative earnings amount raised from \$4,100 to \$4,600.

Amended by R.1986 d.454, effective November 17, 1986 (operative January 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1788(a), 18 N.J.R. 2331(c).

Alternative earnings raised from \$4,600 to \$4,900.

Amended by R.1987 d.471, effective November 16, 1987 (operative January 1, 1988).

See: 19 N.J.R. 1623(b), 19 N.J.R. 2196(e).

Alternative earnings raised from \$4,900 to \$5,200.

Amended by R.1988 d.535, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2187(a), 20 N.J.R. 2786(a).

Alternative earnings raised from \$5,200 to \$5,500.

Amended by R.1989 d.565, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2700(a), 21 N.J.R. 3535(a).

Alternative earnings amount raised to \$6,000 for 1990.

Amended by R.1990 d.597, effective December 3, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2885(a), 22 N.J.R. 3627(a).

Alternative earnings amount raised to \$6,200 for 1991.

Amended by R.1991 d.573, effective November 18, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2611(a), 23 N.J.R. 3519(a).

Alternative earnings amount raised to \$6,600 for 1992.

Amended by R.1992 d.454, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3014(a), 24 N.J.R. 4269(a).

Revised text.

Amended by R.1993 d.589, effective November 15, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3922(a), 25 N.J.R. 5351(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.552, effective November 7, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3592(b), 26 N.J.R. 4410(a).

Recodified from 12:15-1.7 and amended by R.1995 d.389, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1946(a), 27 N.J.R. 2693(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.628, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3760(a), 27 N.J.R. 4898(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.513, effective November 4, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4044(a), 28 N.J.R. 4789(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.464, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3768(a), 29 N.J.R. 4689(b).

In (a), changed the benefit rate; and in (a) and (b), substituted "1998" for "1997".

Amended by R.1998 d.546, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3150(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(a).

In (a), raised the alternative earnings amount from \$8,300 to \$8,700 and changed the calendar year from 1998 to 1999; and in (b), changed the calendar year from 1998 to 1999.

Amended by R.1999 d.438, effective December 20, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3035(a), 31 N.J.R. 4284(a).

Increased alternative earnings amounts, and substituted references to 2000 for references to 1999 throughout.

Amended by R.2000 d.488, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3379(a), 32 N.J.R. 4258(c).

In (a), increased dollar amount; and in (a) and (b), changed the calendar year from 2000 to 2001.

SUBCHAPTER 2. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

12:15-2.1 Disclosure of information; general prohibition

No disclosure of information obtained at any time from, and identifiable to, specific workers, employers or other persons in the course of administering the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation and Temporary Disability Benefits Laws shall be made directly or indirectly, except as authorized by the Commissioner or his or her representative in accordance with this subchapter.

12:15-2.2 Authorized disclosure of information

(a) Disclosure of any information in the course of administering the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation and Temporary Disability Benefits Laws may be authorized in the following cases for the following purposes:

1. To individual applicants and employers to the extent necessary for the efficient performance of recruitment, placement, employment counseling, and other employment service functions.

2. To any properly identified claimant for benefits or payments under an unemployment compensation or trade readjustment allowance law of the Federal government, or of a state or territorial government, or of a foreign government with which reciprocal arrangements have been made, or to his or her duly authorized representative, information which directly concerns the claimant and is reasonably necessary for the proper presentation of his or her claim;

i. Requests for claim-related information received directly from a claimant or employers who are parties to a claim, in writing, in person or by telephone are to be honored once the identity of the claimant or employer has been verified and provided that the intended use of such information does not conflict with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:21-11(g).

ii. Telephone, informal, or written requests from an attorney or other individual who states that he or she is the claimant's representative are not to be honored unless the claimant provides the Department with a signed and dated authorization for the release of the specified information;

3. To claimants, employers, and the public, disclosure of the names, geographic location and standard industrial classification (SIC) or North American Industry Classification (NAIC) of employers except where the disclosure of physical location may jeopardize the health and/or safety of an employer, its workforce or its clients. Such release shall not include number of employees, employment rank, employment size class, wages, taxes, client information or any other data identifiable to individual employers, to more than one employer with the same trade name, or to employees;

4. To officers or employees of any agency of the Federal government or any state, territorial or local government (or officers or employees of a foreign government agency with which reciprocal arrangements have been made and which is lawfully charged with the administration of an unemployment compensation or trade readjustment allowance law) if such disclosures will not impede the operation of, and are not inconsistent with, the purposes of the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation and Temporary Disability Benefits Laws.

i. Requests by law enforcement agents for the release of Departmental information shall be made in writing, and the identity of the requester shall be verified prior to the release of information by the showing of a badge, warrant, written and signed request on agency letterhead, or some other similar indication of official purpose.

(1) Information which may be released includes the claimant's name, current address, current or most recent employer, and the next scheduled reporting date; and

(2) A request for surveillance or photography in connection with an investigation must be approved in writing by the Director of the Division of Unemployment Insurance or the Director of Temporary Disability Insurance as appropriate.

ii. Public officials shall establish that the information requested is to be used in furtherance of their public duties and shall certify in writing that the confidentiality of the disclosed information shall be maintained.

(1) Telephone inquiries from public officials may be answered verbally, provided that the identity of the caller can be verified; and

(2) Written requests by public officials on official letterhead shall be honored, provided that the information shall be used in furtherance of their public duty or provided that the claimant has requested that the information be released.

iii. Information may be disclosed to third parties under contract to public agencies if the disclosure of such information is for the sole purpose of assisting officials in the furtherance of their public duties. Both the third party and the public agency official must

certify in writing that the disclosed information will be used only for this purpose and that the confidentiality of the disclosed information will be maintained as mandated by State and/or Federal law.

5. To officers or administrators of public or private organizations such as colleges, universities, or foundations to perform research or engage in public service activities, which can be expected to benefit the residents of New Jersey by improving or promoting their health, safety, economic or social well-being, provided that the benefit of such research or public service activity to New Jersey residents is certified in writing by the administrator of the New Jersey municipal, county or State executive agency, or his or her designated representative, and provided that such disclosure shall not impede the operation of, and is not inconsistent with, the purposes of the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation and Temporary Disability Benefits Laws, and provided that the officer or administrator of the agency engaged in research or other public service activities certifies in writing that the confidentiality of the disclosed information shall be maintained and provided that the agency agrees to share the results of any research based on the disclosed information with the Department of Labor upon request.

(b) Individuals may be assessed reasonable administrative costs for the copying of records and any other costs for obtaining the information requested in accordance with the New Jersey Right-to-Know Law, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-2.

Amended by R.1998 d.547, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3152(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(b).

In (a), rewrote 3, 4iii and 5.

12:15-2.3 Benefit appeal related information

Any request for the release of information connected with the proper presentation of an unemployment or temporary disability insurance claim before the Appeal Tribunal or the Board of Review shall be considered in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:12-10.1.

New Rule, R.1998 d.547, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3152(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(b).

Former N.J.A.C. 12:15-2.3, Unauthorized disclosure of information, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 12:15-2.4.

12:15-2.4 Unauthorized disclosure of information

Nothing contained in this subchapter shall, or shall be construed to, contravene 20 C.F.R. 401.1 et seq., relating to the disclosure of official records and information.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 12:15-2.3 by R.1998 d.547, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3152(a), 30 N.J.R. 4052(b).