

To receive benefits you must meet each of the following.

### **Eligibility (Non-Monetary)**

- Unemployed through no fault of your own
- Being ready, willing and able to work each week
- Laid off or have been subject to greatly reduced working hours
- Quit for “good cause” such as unsafe working conditions, not receiving payment for your work, to care for a terminally ill spouse or minor child etc

In addition, you must also meet weekly eligibility requirements before you can receive benefits.

### **Eligibility (Monetary)**

Your monetary determination will illustrate the **Amount and Duration of Benefits** you are eligible for based on your base period (first four of the last five completed calendar quarters prior to the effective date of your claim) wages. Your Weekly Benefit Amount is determined by the two quarters with the highest earnings during the base period. Total wages reported during the base period determine your maximum benefit amount.

To qualify for benefits monetarily an individual,

- Must have earned at least a total of **\$2,700** in two quarters in the base period.
- Must have earned at least **\$18,900.01** in two quarters during the base period to qualify for the maximum weekly benefit amount.

Benefit duration varies from 12 to 26 weeks, also depending on wages earned in the base period. Once your claim is established and reflects all earnings during your base period, the amount you qualify for remains the same for one year (benefit year) and is available to you until your maximum benefit amount or your benefit year is exhausted, whichever comes first.