

The following statement shows the current weekly rates of contribution and benefit that became effective Sept. 27, 1959, and those in effect from Oct. 2, 1955 until that date. The weekly contribution is based on actual earnings in the week irrespective of the number of days in which the earnings are obtained; the employer pays a like amount. The benefit rates are calculated on the average weekly contributions for the last 30 weeks in the 104 weeks preceding claim. A claimant must have, to qualify for regular benefit, at least 30 weekly contributions in the last 104 weeks prior to claim; eight weekly contributions since the start of the last preceding regular benefit period or in the last year prior to claim, whichever is the shorter period; and 24 weekly contributions since the start of the last preceding benefit period, or in the year prior to the claim, whichever is the longer period.

WEEKLY RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Range of Weekly Earnings	Weekly Contribution	Range of Average Weekly Contributions	Weekly Rates of Benefit		Earnings not Deducted	
			Person Without Dependant	Person With Dependant	Person Without Dependant	Person With Dependant
EFFECTIVE OCT. 2, 1955						
	cts.	cts.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Under \$9.....	8 ¹	Under 20.....	6	8	2	2
\$ 9 and under \$15.....	16	20 and under 27.....	9	12	3	3
15 " " 21.....	24	27 " " 33.....	11	15	4	4
21 " " 27.....	30	33 " " 39.....	13	18	5	5
27 " " 33.....	36	39 " " 45.....	15	21	6	6
33 " " 39.....	42	45 " " 50.....	17	24	7	7
39 " " 45.....	48	50 " " 54.....	19	26	9	9
45 " " 51.....	52	54 " " 58.....	21	28	11	11
51 " " 57.....	56	58 to 60.....	23	30	13	13
57 or over.....	60					
EFFECTIVE SEPT. 27, 1959						
	cts.	cts.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Under \$9.....	10 ¹	Under 25.....	6	8	3	4
\$ 9 and under \$15.....	20	25 and under 34.....	9	12	5	6
15 " " 21.....	30	34 " " 42.....	11	15	6	8
21 " " 27.....	38	42 " " 50.....	13	18	7	9
27 " " 33.....	46	50 " " 57.....	15	21	8	11
33 " " 39.....	54	57 " " 63.....	17	24	9	12
39 " " 45.....	60	63 " " 69.....	19	26	10	13
45 " " 51.....	66	69 " " 75.....	21	28	11	14
51 " " 57.....	72	75 " " 82.....	23	30	12	15
57 " " 63.....	78	82 " " 90.....	25	33	13	17
63 " " 69.....	86	90 or over.....	27	36	14	18
69 or over.....	94					

¹ A half stamp, except for fishermen.

The duration of regular benefit is related to the contribution history—one week's benefit for every two weeks' contributions in the past 104 weeks with a maximum of 52 weeks (36 weeks prior to Sept. 27, 1959). Disqualifications for benefit include: loss of work owing to a labour dispute in which the contributor is participating or directly interested; unwillingness to accept suitable employment; being an inmate of any prison or any institution supported out of public funds; refusal to attend a course of instruction or training if directed to do so; residence outside Canada unless otherwise prescribed. Disqualification of a claimant for a period not exceeding six weeks may be imposed if an employee is discharged by reason of his own misconduct or leaves the employment voluntarily without just cause or refuses suitable employment.

Seasonal benefit is payable in the period Dec. 1 to mid-May to certain claimants whose benefits have been exhausted or who have insufficient contributions to qualify for regular benefit. Prior to 1958 the period was Jan. 1 to mid-April. A temporary extension of six weeks to the seasonal benefit period was made in 1958.