

The following statement shows the current weekly rates of contribution and benefit that became effective Sept. 27, 1959. 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, EFFECTIVE SEPT. 27, 1959

NOTE.—Weekly rates in effect from Oct. 2, 1955 to Sept. 26, 1959 are given in the 1962 Year Book, p. 738.

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
	cts.	cts.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Under \$9.....	10 <sup>1</sup>	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					

<sup>1</sup> 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. 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.

Table 20 distributes by province persons establishing regular benefit periods, regular benefit periods terminated, average weeks paid and average dollar benefit paid on these terminations. A claimant establishes a *regular benefit period* when he submits his claim in the prescribed manner and proves he has fulfilled the minimum contribution requirements. The duration of benefit authorized, the weekly rate authorized and total entitlement are then calculated and the claimant's benefit may be drawn upon during successive intervals of unemployment. His benefit period terminates either when he has exhausted the amount authorized or when 12 months have elapsed since he established, whichever comes first.