



## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Employment and Training Administration**

#### **Notice of a Change in Status of the Extended Benefit (EB) Program for Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This notice announces a change in benefit payment status under the EB program for Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding each States' EB status:

The 13-week insured unemployment rates (IUR) for Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, for the week ending May 16, 2020, rose above 5.0 percent and exceeded 120 percent of the corresponding average rates in the two prior years. Therefore, beginning the week of May 31, 2020, eligible unemployed workers will be able to collect up to an additional 13 weeks of UI benefits.

The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EB program can be found at:

[http://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](http://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).

#### **Information for Claimants**

The duration of benefits payable in the EB program and the terms and conditions on which they are payable are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13 (c) (1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, Attn: Kevin Stapleton, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC. 20210, telephone number: (202)-693-3009 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: Stapleton.Kevin@dol.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC.

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