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SUBJECT: Maximum Weekly Benefit and New Quarterly Qualifying Wage Amounts

In accordance with Vermont law (21 V.S.A. § 1338), effective with the week ending July 07, 2018, the maximum Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA) for unemployment benefits will increase from \$466.00 to \$498.00. The increased maximum benefit amount will be applicable to new claims with an effective date of July 01, 2018.

On July 09, 2018, existing claims already at the current maximum Weekly Benefit Amount will be adjusted for the higher maximum WBA to the extent the base period wages calculation allows, effective with the week ending July 07, 2018. The WBA field of the annual determination on the VABS 06 screen will be updated on July 09, 2018. When a claim for the week ending July 07, 2018 or subsequent is paid, the WBA, MBA (Maximum Benefit Amount), and benefit balance fields on the VABS 01 screen will be updated, as will the date and the MBA fields of the annual redetermination on the VABS 06 screen.

The minimum quarterly wage qualifier will increase from \$2,624.00 to \$2,734.00. New claims with an effective date of July 01, 2018 and subsequent will be determined using the \$2,734.00 minimum quarterly wage figure.

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