

## Effect of Earnings on Unemployment Benefits

**Earnings** in a week reduce unemployment benefits using the following two principles:

- For every \$1.00 in earnings in a week, unemployment benefits will be reduced by 50 cents, and
- The combination of earnings and unemployment benefits a claimant receives in a week cannot be greater than 1½ times the claimant's weekly unemployment benefit rate

**EXAMPLE:** Claimant's weekly benefit rate is \$120.00 and the claimant earns \$140.00 that week:

STEPS	INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS STEP	CALCULATION
<b>A</b>	Enter your weekly unemployment benefit amount.	\$120
<b>B</b>	Enter the amount of your gross earnings (before taxes) in the calendar week (Sunday through Saturday week). Round down to the nearest whole dollar.	\$140
<b>C</b>	Divide "B" by "2".	\$70
<b>D</b>	Subtract "C" from "A". Round down to the nearest whole dollar. If the result is zero or less than zero, enter "0" as your answer.	\$50
<b>E</b>	Add together "B" and "D".	\$190
<b>F</b>	Multiply "A" by 1.5 (that is, 1½).	\$180
<b>G</b>	Subtract "F" from "E". Round down your answer to the nearest whole dollar. If the result is zero or less than zero, enter "0" as your answer.	\$10
<b>H</b>	Subtract "G" from "D". Round down your answer to the nearest whole dollar. The answer you get will be the amount of your unemployment benefit payment for the week.	\$40