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### Maximum Duration of Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Under Act 412, passed during the 2024 regular legislative session, changes the maximum number of eligible weeks for individuals filing for Unemployment Insurance. The maximum eligible duration will be reduced from 26 weeks to a variable of 12-20 weeks. The duration of benefits will depend on the average of the three most recently published state seasonally adjusted unemployment rates preceding the month in which the claimant files their initial claim for benefits. The maximum duration of benefits available will be based on the average unemployment rate. These changes go into effect January 1, 2025, for new claims filed on or after January 5, 2025.

The chart below shows the maximum duration of benefits a claimant may be eligible to receive when filing an initial claim for any week in the months referenced. The duration of benefits a claimant qualifies for is determined by the month in which their claim is filed and it remains fixed for the entire benefit year. This means that even if the benefit duration increases or decreases after the claimant filed their claim, they will still be locked into the duration that was in place when they initially filed.

This document will be updated monthly and made available at [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net).

Month	Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates	Maximum Duration of Benefit Weeks
January 2025	4.1%	12
February 2025		
March 2025		
April 2025		
May 2025		
June 2025		
July 2025		
August 2025		
September 2025		
October 2025		
November 2025		
December 2025		

**Note: Unemployment claims filed before January 5, 2025 will not be impacted by this change. It will only affect new claims filed on or after January 5, 2025.**

Resources and Tools:

[https://www.laworks.net/UnemploymentInsurance/UI\\_UpdatesFor2025.asp](https://www.laworks.net/UnemploymentInsurance/UI_UpdatesFor2025.asp)