

## (d) Duration of Benefits.

Any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (1) twenty-six times his weekly benefit amount plus allowance for dependents, and (2) ~~one-fourth~~ ~~one-third~~ of the wages paid to him during his base period for insured work; provided that such total amount of benefits, if not a multiple of \$1.00, shall be computed to the nearest multiple of \$1.00, except that if such amount ends in .50 it shall be carried to the next higher multiple of \$1.00.

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(e) (1) During his base period he has been paid wages for insured work equal to not less than ~~thirty (30)~~ ~~twenty-six (26)~~ times his weekly benefit amount; and (2) during that calendar quarter of his base period in which his total wages were highest, he has been paid for insured work at least One Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars (\$156.00).

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*(c) (4) (iii) The contribution rates assigned under the foregoing provisions of sub-sections 7 (c) (4) (i) and (ii) shall be subject to the following adjustments upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein below:*

*(1) For any calendar quarter, when, as of the beginning of the first day of the preceding calendar quarter, the total amount available for benefits in the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Fund is a sum which exceeds 10% of the total payrolls paid by all employers during the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters, which payrolls were subject to contributions and reported to the Board, all contribution rates shall be reduced by 0.3 except that those contribution rates which are already set at 0.3 shall be reduced only by 0.1 and those contribution rates which are already set at 0.2 shall not be further reduced. Provided, any employer whose benefit ratio as calculated under the provisions of Sub-section 7 (c) (4) (i) and (ii) exceeds 3% shall not be entitled to any reduction in contribution rate hereunder.*

*(2) For any calendar quarter, when as of the beginning of the first day of the preceding calendar quarter, the total amount available for benefits in the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Fund is a sum which equals or exceeds 7.5% but does not exceed 10% of the total payrolls paid by*