

PLOYMENT EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF WEEKS' PAY RECEIVED; or

(2) *Vacation allowance (paid directly by the employer or indirectly from a fund); SUCH PAYMENTS WHEN PAID AT THE TIME OF, OR DURING, A LAYOFF OR SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO A NUMBER OF WEEKS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PAYMENT EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF WEEKS' PAY RECEIVED; or.*

(3) *Compensation for loss of wages under the Workmen's Compensation Law of this State or any other State or under a similar law of the United States, or under other insurance or fund established and paid for by the employer.*

Provided, that if such remuneration is less than his weekly benefit amount, an otherwise eligible individual shall not be deemed ineligible and shall be entitled to receive for such week benefits reduced by the amount of such payments. Any benefit payment reduced because of the provisions of this section shall constitute a full week's benefits for the purposes of computing duration during the benefit year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 3 (b) (1), 3 (c), 6 (a), (c), (d) and (f) of the said Article, title and sub-title, (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

3 (b) (1). *Weekly Benefit Amount.—An individual's "weekly benefit amount" [and "allowance for dependents"] shall be determined by applying the total of wages paid him for insured work in that calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest to column (A) in "schedule of benefits" set forth below. Upon determination as to the division of said schedule for which such individual's high quarter wages qualify, the weekly benefit amount shall be the amount shown on the same line in column (B) [, and the amount of allowance for dependents shall be the amount shown on the same line in column (D), (E), (F), or (G), depending on the number of dependents for which allowances are payable].*

Provided, if a claimant had not earned qualifying wages, as required in Section 4 (e) of this article, for the weekly benefit amount shown in the schedule of benefits on the basis of his earnings in the calendar quarter of the base period in which his earnings were highest, but did earn qualifying wages for a lower division on said schedule, he is to be considered eligible for benefits as shown in said lower division. Provided further, that in no event shall any claimant be permitted to drop down more than three divisions as shown on the said schedule of benefits.