

§1196. Extended benefits for dislocated workers in approved training; annual report

1. Dislocated worker defined. As used in this section and section 1191, subsection 4, paragraph A, the term "dislocated worker" means an individual who is in training as approved by the deputy, under rules adopted by the commissioner, and:

A. An individual who:

(1) Has been terminated or laid off from employment as a result of a reduction of operations at the individual's place of employment or who has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment; [PL 2009, c. 271, §4 (AMD).]

B. An individual who has been terminated or who has received a notice of termination of employment, as a result of any permanent closure of a plant or facility; or [PL 1985, c. 591, §5 (NEW).]

C. An individual who is long-term unemployed and has limited opportunities for employment or reemployment in the same or a similar occupation in the area in which the individual resides, including any older individual who may have substantial barriers to employment because of the individual's age. [RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §106 (COR).]

For the purposes of this section, "deputy" has the same meaning as in section 1192-A, subsection 1, paragraph A.

[PL 2025, c. 235, §16 (AMD).]

1-A. Extended benefits for dislocated workers. A dislocated worker who has exhausted the worker's benefit year within 30 months of the worker's enrollment in training described in subsection 1 is entitled to the product of the worker's most recent weekly benefit amount multiplied by the number of weeks in which that person is in approved training, up to a maximum of 26 weeks, except that benefits may not be paid under this subsection to a person:

A. Until the person has exhausted benefits for which that person is eligible under any unemployment insurance benefit program funded in whole or in part by the State or the Federal Government; or [PL 2025, c. 235, §16 (NEW).]

B. Who is eligible for or who has exhausted, after March 20, 1986, trade adjustment allowances as provided by the United States Trade Act of 1974, 19 United States Code, Sections 2291 to 2294 and any amendments or additions thereto, or a similar successor provision of that Act, except that any individual who was eligible for and received less than 26 weeks of benefits under that Act may receive benefits for the number of weeks by which the individual's benefits under that Act are less than 26 weeks. [PL 2025, c. 235, §16 (NEW).]

[PL 2025, c. 235, §16 (NEW).]

2. Annual report. The commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters before March 1st of each year regarding the actions taken under subsection 1-A and section 1191, subsection 4, paragraph A. The report must include:

A. The number of persons who receive benefits under those provisions; [PL 1985, c. 591, §5 (NEW).]

B. The average length of time in training for persons who receive benefits under those provisions; [PL 1985, c. 591, §5 (NEW).]

C. The average weekly benefit and average total amount of benefits paid to persons under those provisions; [PL 1985, c. 591, §5 (NEW).]

D. The success rate in placing trainees who receive benefits under those provisions; [PL 2009, c. 271, §5 (AMD).]

E. The total cost of benefits paid under those provisions and the effect on the Unemployment Trust Fund; and [PL 2009, c. 271, §6 (AMD).]

F. The number of persons participating in training while receiving extended unemployment benefits under those provisions during the report year who have previously completed a training program while receiving extended unemployment benefits under those provisions, including the length of time between those enrollments. [PL 2009, c. 271, §7 (NEW).]
[PL 2025, c. 235, §16 (AMD).]

3. Repeal.

[PL 1995, c. 9, §3 (RP).]

4. Suspension of provisions due to the reserve multiple.

[PL 1995, c. 9, §4 (RP).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1985, c. 591, §5 (NEW). PL 1987, c. 570, §4 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 472, §§1,2 (AMD). PL 1993, c. 3, §1 (AMD). PL 1993, c. 3, §2 (AFF). PL 1993, c. 22, §§4,5 (AMD). PL 1995, c. 9, §§3,4 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 271, §§4-7 (AMD). RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. E, §106 (COR). PL 2025, c. 235, §16 (AMD).

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