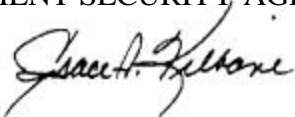


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DIRECTIVE : UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 17-02
TO : ALL STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCIES
FROM : GRACE A. KILBANE 
 Administrator
 Office of Workforce Security
SUBJECT : Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002

1. Purpose. To advise State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) of the Provisions of Title II of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 (the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002), to provide instructions for implementing the legislation, and to provide fiscal and reporting instructions.

2. References. The Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, Public Law 107-147, signed by the President on March 9, 2002; Section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended; Section 233 of the Trade Act of 1974; 20 CFR Part 615.

3. Summary. The Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program provides up to 13 weeks of 100 percent federally financed benefits in all states and up to an additional 13 weeks in states that are in an Extended Benefit (EB) period or would be in an EB period using a 4% insured unemployment rate trigger.

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TEUC is payable to individuals who (1) filed an initial (new or additional) claim that was effective during or after the week of March 15, 2001; and (2) have exhausted regular benefits or have no benefit rights due to expiration of a benefit year ending during or after the week of March 15, 2001; and (3) have no rights to regular or extended benefits under any state or federal law; and (4) is not receiving benefits under the Canadian law. However, the Governor of a state may elect to pay TEUC in lieu of Extended Benefits.

In order to qualify for TEUC, individuals must have had 20 weeks of work, or the equivalent in wages, in their base periods. Continuing eligibility is determined under the requirements of the state law.

TEUC is administered through voluntary agreements between states and the Department of Labor. TEUC is payable in a state the week following the week in which an agreement is signed. The first week for which benefits may be paid is the week beginning March 10, 2002. The last week for which benefits are payable is the week ending December 28, 2002.

4. Policy. This document furnishes information about the TEUC program and provides the Department's interpretation of the TEUC Act. It also sets forth operating instructions of the Department of Labor to guide states in implementing the TEUC program.

The instructions in the document are issued to the states and cooperating state agencies as guidance provided by the Department of Labor in its role as the principal in the TEUC program. As agents of the United States, the states and cooperating state agencies may not vary from the operating instructions in the document without the prior approval of the Department.

5. Action Required. Administrators are requested to provide this information and instructions to the appropriate staff.

6. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to your Regional Office.

7. Attachment. Implementing and Operating Instructions for the TEUC Program

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