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VEC Announces Emergency Unemployment Compensation Tier II

RICHMOND—On November 21, 2008, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008, was signed, which amended the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, Title IV-Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08), providing for up to an additional seven weeks of benefits to those eligible individuals who had already filed an EUC08 claim. This extension is referred to as a Tier I extension. In that bill a provision was included that provided for an additional extension (Tier II) that would be “triggered on” if a state experienced a seasonally adjusted Total Unemployment Rate of 6% for three months.

Effective May 3, 2009, Virginia will “trigger on” EUC08 Tier II. Those claimants who have exhausted their Tier I benefits will now be eligible for Tier II. The monetary calculation will be the lesser of fifty percent of the original Unemployment Insurance Monetary Benefit Amount (WBA) or 13 times the WBA. Applications are being mailed to those potential claimants who have already exhausted Tier I. All claimants will receive some type of notification concerning any additional entitlement.

The following information is important for EUC08 Tier II claimants:

- If you have moved you should change your address by telephone (you must be able to provide your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and Social Security Number) or you can send your request in writing to: VEC, P.O. Box 2249, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2249.
- Claimants must continue making job contacts each week and keep a record of those job contacts.
- Claimants should continue filing their weekly claim, only if they are in current claim status (28 days have not passed since they last filed a weekly claim).

Claimants will not be eligible for any weeks claimed between the exhaustion of Tier I benefits and the Tier II effective date of May 3, 2009.

The VEC will be working diligently to notify claimants and to prepare for providing these benefit payments.

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