

Federal Stimulus Package Information

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) became effective February 22, 2009. Here are the basic facts about how this law affects Unemployment Insurance.

Each unemployment payment includes an additional \$25.00. Everyone who meets Unemployment Insurance (UI) eligibility requirements will receive the payment. You do not need to call or take additional action to receive the \$25.00.

- This affects payments for any eligible weeks after February 22, 2009.
- All UI claims, including Trade and Disaster, are covered.
- The \$25 will not increase your Maximum Benefit Amount or add additional weeks of benefits to your claim.
- Child Support will not be deducted from the \$25.
- State and Federal Tax Withholdings apply to the \$25.

ARRA waives federal income taxes on the first \$2,400.00 of UI benefits an individual receives during the 2009 tax year. Any benefits paid over that amount are taxable. TWC will mail you a 1099-G form showing the total amount of UI benefits TWC paid you during 2009. When completing your federal tax return, follow the tax preparation instructions from the IRS (www.irs.gov) or your tax professional.