

subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁰

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2018-64 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2018-64. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2018-64, and should be submitted on or before November 14, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

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Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15750 and #15751; South Carolina Disaster Number SC-00056]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of South Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of South Carolina (FEMA-4394-DR), dated 10/16/2018.

Incident: Hurricane Florence.

Incident Period: 09/08/2018 through 10/08/2018.

DATES: Issued on 10/16/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/17/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/16/2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

10/16/2018, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Berkeley, Calhoun, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lancaster, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg.

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 2.500 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 157508 and for economic injury is 157510.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15744 and #15745; Georgia Disaster Number GA-00108]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Georgia

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Georgia (FEMA-4400-DR), dated 10/14/2018.

Incident: Hurricane Michael.

Incident Period: 10/09/2018 and continuing.

DATES: Issued on 10/16/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/13/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/15/2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and

Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of GEORGIA, dated 10/14/2018, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Crisp, Grady, Lee, Mitchell, Terrell, Thomas, Worth.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Georgia: Brooks, Colquitt, Dooly, Randolph, Sumter, Tift, Turner, Webster, Wilcox.

Florida: Jefferson, Leon.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2018-0049]

Cost-of-Living Increase and Other Determinations for 2019

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under title II of the Social Security Act (Act), there will be a 2.8 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits effective December 2018. In addition, the national average wage index for 2017 is \$50,321.89. The cost-of-living increase and national average wage index affect other program parameters as described below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan C. Kunkel, Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3000. Information relating to this announcement is available on our internet site at www.socialsecurity.gov/oact/cola/index.html. For information on eligibility or claiming benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or visit our internet site at <https://www.socialsecurity.gov> online.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because of the 2.8 percent cost-of-living increase,

the following items will increase for 2019:

(1) The maximum Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly payment amounts for 2019 under title XVI of the Act will be \$771 for an eligible individual, \$1,157 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$386 for an essential person;

(2) The special benefit amount under title VIII of the Act for certain World War II veterans will be \$578.25 for 2019;

(3) The student earned income exclusion under title XVI of the Act will be \$1,870 per month in 2019, but not more than \$7,550 for all of 2019;

(4) The dollar fee limit for services performed as a representative payee will be \$43 per month (\$82 per month in the case of a beneficiary who is disabled and has an alcoholism or drug addiction condition that leaves him or her incapable of managing benefits) in 2019; and

(5) The dollar limit on the administrative-cost fee assessment charged to an appointed representative such as an attorney, agent, or other person who represents claimants will be \$95 beginning in December 2018.

The national average wage index for 2017 is \$50,321.89. This index affects the following amounts:

(1) The Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) contribution and benefit base will be \$132,900 for remuneration paid in 2019 and self-employment income earned in taxable years beginning in 2019;

(2) The monthly exempt amounts under the OASDI retirement earnings test for taxable years ending in calendar year 2019 will be \$1,470 for beneficiaries who will attain their Normal Retirement Age (NRA) (defined in the *Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts* section below) after 2019 and \$3,910 for those who attain NRA in 2019;

(3) The dollar amounts ("bend points") used in the primary insurance amount (PIA) formula for workers who become eligible for benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2019 will be \$926 and \$5,583;

(4) The bend points used in the formula for computing maximum family benefits for workers who become eligible for retirement benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2019 will be \$1,184, \$1,708, and \$2,228;

(5) The taxable earnings a person must have to be credited with a quarter of coverage in 2019 will be \$1,360;

(6) The "old-law" contribution and benefit base under title II of the Act will be \$98,700 for 2019;

(7) The monthly amount deemed to constitute substantial gainful activity (SGA) for statutorily blind persons in 2019 will be \$2,040. The corresponding amount for non-blind disabled persons will be \$1,220;

(8) The earnings threshold establishing a month as a part of a trial work period will be \$880 for 2019; and

(9) Coverage thresholds for 2019 will be \$2,100 for domestic workers and \$1,800 for election officials and election workers.

According to section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Act, we must publish the benefit increase percentage and the revised table of "special minimum" benefits within 45 days after the close of the third calendar quarter of 2018. We must also publish the following by November 1: The national average wage index for 2017 (215(a)(1)(D)), the OASDI fund ratio for 2018 (section 215(i)(2)(C)(ii)), the OASDI contribution and benefit base for 2019 (section 230(a)), the earnings required to be credited with a quarter of coverage in 2019 (section 213(d)(2)), the monthly exempt amounts under the Social Security retirement earnings test for 2019 (section 203(f)(8)(A)), the formula for computing a PIA for workers who first become eligible for benefits or die in 2019 (section 215(a)(1)(D)), and the formula for computing the maximum benefits payable to the family of a worker who first becomes eligible for old-age benefits or dies in 2019 (section 203(a)(2)(C)).

Cost-of-Living Increases

General

The cost-of-living increase is 2.8 percent for monthly benefits under title II and for monthly payments under title XVI of the Act. Under title II, OASDI monthly benefits will increase by 2.8 percent for individuals eligible for December 2018 benefits, payable in January 2019. We base this increase on the authority contained in section 215(i) of the Act.

Pursuant to section 1617 of the Act, Federal SSI benefit rates will also increase by 2.8 percent effective for payments made for January 2019 but paid on December 31, 2018.

Computation

Computation of the cost-of-living increase is based on an increase in a Consumer Price Index produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the time the Act was amended to provide cost-of-living increases, only one Consumer Price Index existed, namely the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. Although the Bureau of Labor Statistics has since