

## Increase of the Scale of Benefits

The Minister of Labour has gazetted an increase to the UIF benefits payable, which relates to unemployment benefits in terms of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 2001 (Act no 63 of 2001).

Accordingly the scale of benefits referred to in Government Notice No. 588 has been amended and as of **1 April 2017** the UIF earnings limit has been increased from R178 464 per annum to R212 539 per annum (or R14 872 per month to R17 712 per month).

This mentioned notice does not relate to the monthly contributions to be paid by employees and employers and there was no change to the monthly contributions payable by employees and employers.

Here is the link to the Government Gazette notice:

[http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40691\\_gon231.pdf](http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40691_gon231.pdf)