Unemployment insurance in Canada: duration and amount of benefits according to regional unemployment rate Julia lives in the economic region of Calgary in the province of Alberta. Marc lives in the economic region of Ottawa in the province of Ontario. What is the regional unemployment rate? 13,1% 6,1% What are the qualifying conditions? To receive unemployment benefits in Canada... Ш **420**h ... **665**h (or two and a half months). The minimum time worked requirement of Julia. ... 665h (or four months). The minimum time worked requirement of Marc. What is the benefit duration? In the past year, **Julia and Marc have worked 18 weeks full-time** (or 720 hours). In her region, Julia will receive benefits for **30 weeks.** Marc will, in his region, receive benefits for **16 weeks.** What is the benefit amount? For both Julia and Marc, the qualifying period is the last 52 weeks. However, the number of weeks used to calculate benefits depends on the unemployment rate of their place of residence. 52 weeks, the qualifying period of Julia and Marc. 21 BEST WEEKS of earnings will be used to calculate the weekly benefit amount of Marc. These will include: 14 BEST WEEKS of earnings will be used to calculate the weekly benefit amount of Julia. 3 WEEKS NOT WORKED  $\oplus$ 18 WEEKS worked by Marc in the 18 WEEKS worked by Julia **in the** past year. past year. Earnings used to calculate benefits: \$10 400 over the best 14 weeks. Earnings used to calculate benefits: \$13 375 over the best 21 weeks. The benefit The benefit amount equals 55% of reference earnings. amount equals 55% of reference earnings. That is **\$743** \$409 **\$637** \$350 per week  $\downarrow$  $\downarrow$