

December 11, 2017

TO: State Directors, Rural Development
ATTN: Business Programs Directors
SUBJECT: Intermediary Relending Program
Unemployment Rate

RD Instruction 4274-D, section 4274.344(c)(2)(iii), provides for priority points for Intermediary Relending Program applications based on unemployment rates. The overall national unemployment rate for September 2017 was 4.2 percent. This unemployment rate will be used to compute the unemployment rate points until updated by the National Office. This supersedes the figure announced in an unnumbered letter issued on October 17, 2016.

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December 31, 2018

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Community/Business Programs