

Applying for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity



What is Disaster Unemployment Assistance?

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) provides assistance to individuals whose employment has been either lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster, as declared by the President of the United States.

Who can apply:

Individuals are eligible for DUA who:

- Worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment;
- Are not able to work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster;
- Can establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their principal source of income;
- Do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits from any state;
- Cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster; or
- Became the breadwinner or major supporter of a household because of the death of the head of household.

The following information is required when filing:

- Social Security number (SSN) or Alien registration number and expiration date (if a non-U.S. citizen).
- Name and address of most recent employer(s) or separating employer due to the disaster; or
- Name, address of employer(s) and date where work was scheduled to begin but could not, due to the disaster; or
- If self-employed, you must have proof of self-employment that was directly affected by the disaster, including, but not limited to:
 1. State or federal tax returns
 2. Financial statements
 3. Bank records of accounts or 1099 Forms

When to apply:

Apply now. Individuals have 30 days after the announcement date of the major disaster to apply for benefits. The deadline for Florida residents to apply is **Monday, October 16, 2017**.

How to apply:

Visit www.floridajobs.org for information on DUA and instructions on how to apply for DUA online.

- Call 1-800-204-2418 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Call the Florida Disaster Unemployment Assistance Line at 1-800-385-3920.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.