

# Applying for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity



**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? To be eligible for DUA, individuals must:

1. Be an unemployed worker or an unemployed self-employed individual;
2. Be able and available to work, unless injured as a direct result of the disaster;
3. Not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits from any state;
4. Not have refused an offer of employment for a suitable position; and
5. Be unemployed because of one of the following:
  - a. The individual has had a week of unemployment following the date the disaster began and unemployment is a direct result of the disaster<sup>1</sup>; or
  - b. The individual is not able to reach the place of employment or perform services as a self-employed individual as a direct result of the disaster; or
  - c. The individual was to begin work or self-employment and does not have a job or is unable to reach the job as a direct result of the disaster; or
  - d. The individual cannot perform work or perform services as a self-employed individual because of an injury caused as a direct result of the disaster; or
  - e. The individual became the breadwinner or major supporter of a household because the head of the household has died as a direct result of the disaster.

## The following information is required when filing:

1. Social Security number (SSN) and Alien registration number and expiration date (if a non-U.S. citizen); and
  - a. Name and address of most recent employer(s) or separating employer due to disaster; or
  - b. Name and address of employer(s), where work was scheduled to begin but could not, due to the disaster and the date work was to begin with this employer(s); or
  - c. If self-employed, you must have proof of self-employment that was directly affected by the disaster, including but not limited to:
    - i. State or federal tax returns
    - ii. Financial Statements
    - iii. 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 **Tuesday, October 31, 2017**.

## How to apply:

Visit <http://www.floridajobs.org/> for information on DUA and instructions on how to apply for DUA online.

- Call 1-800-204-2418 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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.*

<sup>1</sup> An individual's unemployment is a direct result of the major disaster if the unemployment resulted from: (1) The physical damage or destruction of the place of employment; (2) The physical inaccessibility of the place of employment in the disaster area due to its closure by or at the request of the federal, state or local government, in immediate response to the disaster; or (3) The individual lost a majority of income or revenue because the employer or self-employed business was damaged, destroyed, or closed by the federal government as a direct result of the disaster.