
Missouri Natural Disaster Unemployment News

As a result of the severe storms tornadoes, and flooding on April 29 and continuing, the president has issued a Major Disaster Declaration. The declaration was made on July 9, 2019. Currently 26 counties are eligible to apply for disaster benefits including: Andrew, Atchison, Boone, Buchanan, Carroll, Chariton, Cole, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Miller, Osage, Pike, Platte, Pulaski, St. Charles Counties, Callaway, Jefferson, Lewis, McDonald, Newton and Saline.

Filing Details:

- Deadline to file for DUA Assistance is **August 9, 2019**
- Applicants can file anytime on line at uinteract.labor.mo.gov
- Or applicants can file via phone at 1-800-320-2519
- Or applicants can visit or call their local claims center

Claimants can find their local DOL Claims Center [here](#).

What is Disaster Unemployment Assistance?

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program provides temporary benefits to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster and who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

Who can Qualify for DUA Benefits? The Individual...

- Has had 1 week of unemployment following the date of the disaster
- Is unable to reach his or her place of employment
- Was scheduled to start work and their job no longer exists or they were unable to reach the job
- Became the household's primary financial support because the head of household died as a result of the disaster
- Cannot work due to injury caused as a direct result of the disaster

DUA benefits are only payable during the Disaster Assistance Period (DAP) and shall not exceed 36 weeks. The weekly benefit amount for which the person may be eligible is determined by the governing laws in the state in which the claim was filed. Any benefits claimed under the DUA program are 100% federally funded which means employers' UI accounts will not be charged. While employer non-charging is determined by each state unemployment agency.

What is Required to File?

DUA applicants will need their Social Security Number and the name and address of their last employer or prospective employer to file for DUA. Applicants are required to provide proof (at the time of filing or within 21 days of filing their DUA claim) that they were employed or self-employed at the time the disaster occurred or were scheduled to begin (or resume) a job or self-employment when the disaster occurred. The following documents would be considered proof of employment: income tax return, bank statements, last pay stubs, or work orders.

For more information on DUA Benefits in Missouri, call 1-800-320-2519 or [click here](#).