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## Texas Natural Disaster Unemployment News

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As a result of the severe storms and flooding on June 24 and 25, the president has issued a Major Disaster Declaration. The declaration was made on July 17, 2019 for Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties.

### Filing Details:

- Deadline to file for DUA Assistance has not been determined
- Applicants can file anytime on line [here](#)
- Or applicants can file via phone at 1-800-939-6631

### 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 may qualify for benefits if one of the following occurred in direct result of the disaster:*

- Lost Job, which was more than 50% of income
- Live in, work in, or travel through the disaster area
- Place of work was damaged or closed
- Scheduled to work but job no longer exists or cannot reach the new job
- Suffered injury or incapacitation
- Became the bread winner or major support of the household due to death of head of household

DUA benefits are only payable during the Disaster Assistance Period (DAP) and shall not exceed 25 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.

### Proof of Employment

Individuals applying for DUA will file as if they were applying for unemployment benefits. If eligible for DUA, individuals must provide proof of employment within 21 days of applying for benefits.

For more information regarding DUA Benefits in Texas, [click here](#), or call 1-800-939-6631