
North Carolina Natural Disaster Unemployment News

As a result of the effects of Tropical Storm Fred from Aug 16, 2021 - Aug 18, 2021, the president has made a Major Disaster Declaration. DUA benefits are available in Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties. Additional counties may be added to the list of those eligible for DUA at a later date.

Filing Details:

- Deadline to file is Sunday, October 10, 2021
- Individuals whose employment has been affected should apply for DUA by applying for state unemployment insurance benefits at <https://des.nc.gov>

What is Disaster Unemployment Assistance?

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is a partnering program between the USDOL and FEMA to provide funds to state UI agencies for the payment of UI benefits under certain circumstances. It provides disaster unemployment assistance to individuals who have lost employment as the result of a major disaster and are NOT otherwise eligible for regular UI benefits.

Individuals are eligible if they lived, worked, or were scheduled to work in the affected areas and:

- No longer have the job that provided their primary source of income.
- Are unable to reach their place of unemployment.
- Cannot work because of an injury caused by the storm.
- Were unable to begin employment or self-employment due to the storm.
- Have become the major supplier of household income due to a storm-related death of the previous major supplier of household income.

DUA benefits are only payable during the Disaster Assistance Period (DAP). DUA is available in these counties for weeks of unemployment beginning Aug. 22, 2021, and may last for up to 29 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, copies of your 2020 federal income tax forms and check stubs, or documentation to support you were working or selfemployed when the storm occurred. Applicants are required to provide proof at the time of filing or within 21 days of filing their DUA claim.

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