

Additional parishes eligible for disaster unemployment assistance

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President Barack Obama has authorized individual assistance for the parishes of Avoyelles, Evangeline, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Washington and West Feliciana, making disaster unemployment assistance (DUA) available to workers and self-employed individuals who lost work or earnings as a result of flooding that began August 11, 2016 and continues. The Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) is accepting applications for DUA from workers and selfemployed individuals in these parishes until the deadline of September 21, 2016. The LWC is also accepting applications for DUA from workers and self-employed individuals who lost work or earnings as a result of flooding in the following parishes until the deadline of September 15, 2016: East Baton Rouge, Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Acadia, Ascension, East Feliciana, Iberia, Lafayette, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry and Vermilion. Individuals affected in these designated-disaster areas must file DUA applications by established deadlines. DUA is available to those who: ? Worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment; ? Can no longer 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 support of a household because of the death of the head of household.

Applications filed after the deadline will be considered untimely and DUA benefits may be denied unless the individual provides good cause. Applicants must submit their Social Security number, check stubs and documentation to support the claim that they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred. In some cases, additional documentation may be required. To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation