

# Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

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## What is DUA?

DUA provides temporary monetary assistance to businesses and residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a result of a disaster.

## How do I know if I qualify for DUA?

When you apply, we will first determine if you are eligible to receive regular unemployment insurance benefits. If not, you may qualify for DUA if you:

- Worked 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.

## How can I apply for DUA?

Residents can apply online through the LWC's HiRE (Helping Individuals Reach Employment) portal at <https://www.louisianaworks.net/hire/vosnet/Default.aspx> or by phone at 1-866-783-5567. **Due to a high call volume, applicants are encouraged to file online if possible.**

## When is the deadline?

It depends on your parish.

**September 15, 2016** is the deadline for residents and businesses in the following parishes: East Baton Rouge, Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Acadia, Ascension, East Feliciana, Iberia, Lafayette, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry and Vermilion.

**September 21, 2016** is the deadline for residents and businesses in the following parishes: Avoyelles, Evangeline, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Washington and West Feliciana.

## **How long can I draw assistance from DUA?**

DUA is available from weeks of unemployment beginning August 14, 2016 and up to February 18, 2017, as long as the individual's unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster.