Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

*For the most up-to-date information on DUA, visit laworks.net

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 of 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.