

State and Federal Assistance Programs and Public Health Emergency Resources

Call 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org for referrals and information to local help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling, and more. This free and confidential service is available to anyone in the United States.

Benefits.gov is an online resource to help you find federal benefits you may be eligible for in the United States.

Check out United Way's Community Resource Guide for additional local resources available to you:
<https://www.keysunitedway.org/communityresourceguide>

Disaster Distress Helpline

1-800-985-5990

TEXT: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

DisasterDistress.samhsa.gov

FEMA Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

What Is It?

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program is available to states, local, tribal, and territorial governments to provide unemployment benefits and reemployment services to individuals who have become unemployed as a result of a Presidential disaster declaration approved for Individual Assistance (IA) and who are not eligible for regular State Unemployment Insurance (UI)."

For freelancers who do not qualify for their state's unemployment insurance may apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) by using the form:

APPLYING

In the event of a disaster, the affected state will publish announcements about the availability of Disaster Unemployment Assistance. To file a claim, individuals who are unemployed as a direct result of the disaster should contact their State Unemployment Insurance agency. Individuals who have moved or have been evacuated to another state should also contact the state agency.

Applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) must be filed by an individual within 30 days of the announcement of the availability of DUA in the state. Individuals must follow the instructions in the announcement and file for DUA based on the filing methods used by the state (i.e. in person, mail, telephone, or internet).

Florida Unemployment Insurance Contact Information:

File by Phone: 1-800-204-2418

Online: <https://covid19.floridajobs.org/>

File by Mail: <https://covid19.floridajobs.org/>

Duration of Assistance

DUA benefits are generally paid for up to 26 weeks beginning with the first week following the date the major disaster began, and ending with the 26th week following the date the major disaster is declared by the President, as long as the individual's unemployment continues to be a direct result of the disaster.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1528984254955-49515ab3f8eeca0627f777a8abe4347a/DisasterUnemploymentAssistance.pdf>

Or: <http://floridajobs.org/office-directory/division-of-workforce-services/reemployment-assistance-programs/disaster-unemployment-assistance>

Or: <https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp>

Or contact the DOL for more on the DUA at: 1-866-487-2365 or your local state UI agency.

Or call: 1-877-872-5627 (TTY number: 1-877-889-5627)
