

If you lost work or income due to Hurricane Sandy, you may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance. The deadline to apply is February 4, 2013.

To apply, call the Department of Labor's Telephone Claims Center (TCC) at 1-888-209-8124

What is Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)?

DUA is a Federal program that provides payments to people who have lost work or income due a federally declared disaster. DUA is available to many individuals who may not be eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits, including those who are self-employed. If you lost income or your job and live or work in the Bronx, Kings, New York, Richmond, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland and Westchester counties, you may qualify for DUA. Those eligible can receive between \$152 and \$405 per week for up to 27 weeks while they remain unemployed as a result of the disaster.

How do I apply?

Applications should be made as soon as possible, but no later than February 4, 2013. To apply, call the Department of Labor's Telephone Claims Center (TCC) at 1-888-209-8124, apply online at http://www.labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm, or apply in person at a local DOL One-Stop Career Center or a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. You should apply as soon as possible to see if you qualify and protect your right to these benefits. Speak to a TCC representative about backdating your claim to the date when you first became unemployed.

Where can I find more information?

More information on eligibility and application procedures for DUA benefits can be found at the NYS Department of Labor website through the following links:

Department of Labor DUA Fact Sheet: http://www.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/ui/P814.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions About Disaster Unemployment Assistance: http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/claimantinfo/SpecialProvisions.shtm#DUA1

Information for the Self-Employed and Farmers: http://www.labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/ui/P814FSE.pdf

Other Hurricane Sandy Department of Labor Services: http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/2012-sandy-services.shtm

OTHER SERVICES: For a comprehensive list of resources available to people harmed by Hurricane Sandy visit: http://www.lawhelp.org/ny/