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Deadline to Apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance is Oct. 10

DUA benefits available in Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties due to effects of Tropical Storm Fred

RALEIGH — Following a federal disaster declaration due to the effects of Tropical Storm Fred, three North Carolina counties were approved for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA): Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties.

Workers in these counties who became unemployed as a direct result of Tropical Storm Fred may be eligible for unemployment benefits under the DUA program. Business owners affected by the storm may also qualify for benefits.

The 30-day period to apply for DUA ends Oct. 10, 2021. People in Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties who became unemployed as a direct result of Tropical Storm Fred may apply at des.nc.gov.

Applying for DUA

- First, all claimants are required to apply for state unemployment insurance benefits at <https://des.nc.gov>. If you are found ineligible for, or you have exhausted, state unemployment insurance benefits, you may file for DUA.
- To apply, you will need your Social Security number, copies of your 2020 federal income tax forms and check stubs, or documentation to support you were working or self-employed when the storm occurred.
- To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the day the DUA application is filed.
- Apply for state unemployment insurance benefits and DUA by creating an online account at des.nc.gov. For additional assistance, contact the Division of Employment Security DUA hotline at 866-795-8877.

Find FAQs and more information on the [DES website](https://des.nc.gov).