Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available to Certain Workers in Allen and Iberia Parishes

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BATON ROUGE, La. – Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is now available to certain workers in Allen and Iberia parishes who lost income as a direct result of Hurricane Delta. The purpose of DUA is to help workers whose primary incomes are lost or interrupted by a federally declared disaster.

DUA may be available if the disaster affected your employment — even if you're self-employed, a farmer or a farm worker — and you fall under one of the following categories:

- Your workplace was damaged or destroyed by the disaster.
- Transportation to work was unavailable as a direct result of the disaster.
- You could not get to your job because you had to travel through the disaster area.
- The disaster prevented you from starting a new job.
- Your business suffered because you relied on the disaster area for most of its income
- You cannot work due to an injury caused as a direct result of the major disaster
- You became the breadwinner or major household support because the head of your household died as a direct result of the disaster.
- You became unemployed as a direct result of the disaster.

Allen and Iberia parishes were designated for disaster assistance for Hurricane Delta on Dec. 23. Applicants in these two parishes must apply for disaster unemployment assistance by Jan.27. The deadlines for DUA applications in other parishes have already expired.

Affected workers must first apply for regular unemployment insurance prior to starting a DUA application.

Applicants can apply by visiting www.laworks.net, the Helping Individuals Reach Employment portal.

Claimants may also file by telephone by calling the Benefits Analysis Team at 866-783-5567 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For the latest information on Hurricane Delta, visit fema.gov/disaster/4570. Follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6.