

Deadline to Apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance Approaches

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – Next Monday, June 6, 2022 is the deadline for employees or self-employed individuals who live in the municipalities of Cataño, Dorado, Toa Baja, Vega Alta, and Vega Baja, that became unemployed as a direct consequence of the severe storms, floods and landslides that occurred on February 4 – 6, 2022, to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

Survivors have to file a claim at the Department of Labor and Human Resources (DTRH, by its Spanish acronym). DUA claims filed after this deadline may be ineligible.

To access the DUA application and verify eligibility, visit www.trabajo.pr.gov, click on the Online Services link and complete the Initial Unemployment Application or contact the San Juan Call Center at (787) 945-7900, Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm. All required documentation must be submitted to DTRH within 21 days from the date the application is filed. This assistance will be retroactive to February 6 and may cover up to 26 weeks of benefits.

To be eligible for DUA available survivors must have been unemployed as a result of the disaster in the designated municipalities. Common eligibility requirements include: you were working for someone else or were self-employed in the disaster area when the disaster occurred; you lost your job, and your place of work was affected or you are unable to get to your place of work as a result of the damage caused; or you lived in the area of the disaster when the disaster occurred and were unable to get to your workplace as a result of the floods.

For more information about Puerto Rico's recovery from the February floods, visit fema.gov/disaster/4649. Follow us on social media at Facebook.com/FEMAPuertoRico, and at www.twitter.com/FEMAreion2.



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