

Unemployment Service Available for Puerto Rico Hurricane Fiona Survivors

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San Juan, Puerto Rico — Employees or self-employed individuals in Puerto Rico who became unemployed as a direct consequence of Hurricane Fiona, may be eligible to receive Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). Survivors from all 78 municipalities are eligible to apply for disaster assistance.

Survivors have until **November 30, 2022**, 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 be eligible for DUA, the individual must be determined ineligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits under any state or federal law. Claimants must first apply for state unemployment benefits by visiting <http://desempleo.trabajo.pr.gov/reclamantes> and state “Hurricane Fiona” as the reason for separation. All required documentation must be submitted to DTRH within 21 days from the date the application is filed.

DUA is available to survivors who lost their jobs as a result of the disaster. 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 Hurricane Fiona.



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