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Federal Disaster Assistance to Help Unemployed Residents in Two Additional Illinois Counties Might be Eligible

CHICAGO – Individuals and business owners out of work as a direct result of severe rain storms and flooding between April 16 and May 5 might be eligible for federal disaster unemployment assistance, the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) said today. **Putnam and Warren counties have been added.**

The disaster unemployment assistance is part of a series of programs available after President Barack Obama agreed to Gov. Pat Quinn's request of a federal disaster declaration in the wake of rain, flooding and straight-line winds. U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Mark Kirk (R-IL,) and Illinois' entire congressional delegation supported Governor Quinn's request for federal assistance.

Putnam and Warren counties have been added to the three previous lists. **The eight counties added to the earlier lists** are Brown, Calhoun, Clark, Douglas, Henry, Pike, Whiteside and Winnebago. **Fourteen counties added to the initial list** are Bureau, Crawford, Henderson, Knox, Livingston, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, Peoria, Rock Island, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford. **The 11 counties initially declared disaster areas** are Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Fulton, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry and Will counties. Individuals whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a result of the rain and flooding might be eligible for financial assistance. The federal disaster declaration enables people in the area to access temporary housing, grants or loans to help with flood-related losses. Businesses might qualify for low-interest loans.

Applications are available at IDES offices. Office locations are below. Office locations also are available by calling IDES at (800) 244-5631 and at www.ides.illinois.gov/myoffice Internet access is available at Illinois libraries and WorkNet centers. **Deadline to apply for the 11 counties in the initial declaration was June 19. Deadline to apply for the 14 counties in the second announcement was June 23. Deadline to apply for the eight counties in the third announcement is July 11. Deadline to apply for the two counties in the fourth announcement is Aug. 2.**

To apply, individuals will need their Social Security number; the name and address of their employer; and proof that flooding interrupted the opportunity to work. A copy of the most recent federal income tax forms or check stub might also be required. Self-employed individuals also should provide Schedules SE and Schedule C or Schedule F from their tax returns. The Federal Emergency Management Agency designated this disaster FEMA-DR-4116. Individuals generally can receive benefits as long as their unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster. Eligibility for benefits will be determined on a week-to-week basis. Maximum eligibility is 29 weeks.

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Applications for first DUA announcement were due by Wednesday June 19. Details above.
Applications for second DUA announcement were due by Sunday June 23. Details above.
Applications for third DUA announcement must be filed by Thursday July 11. Details above.
Applications for the fourth DUA announcement must be filed by Friday, Aug. 2. Details above.

To be eligible for DUA benefits under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-DR-4116, individuals:
Must be an unemployed or self-unemployed whose unemployment was caused as a direct result of the major disaster declared by the President;
Must be a U.S. national or a qualified alien; and
Must not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits from any state; and
Must have worked or were self-employed in, or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment in, one of the counties listed above; and
Must establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income.

Also eligible to apply for DUA are individuals who

Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of a disaster; or
Cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury caused as a direct result of the disaster; or
Became the breadwinner or major support of a household because the head of the household has died as a direct result of the disaster; or
Cannot work or perform self-employment due to a closure of a facility by the federal government.

Individuals will need their Social Security Number and the name and address of their last employer or prospective employer to file for DUA. Applicants are required to provide proof (at the time of filing or within 21 days of filing their DUA claim) that they were employed or self-employed at the time the disaster occurred or were scheduled to begin (or resume) a job or self-employment when the disaster occurred. A copy of the most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs may also be required (self-employed individuals should also provide Schedules SE and Schedule C or Schedule F.)

Applications filed after the deadline, will be considered untimely unless the individual provides good cause. Individuals generally can receive up to 29 weeks of DUA benefits as long as his/her unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster. Eligibility for DUA benefits will be determined on a week-to-week basis.

Individuals who might be eligible for assistance must file a claim at their nearest Illinois Department of Employment Security office. Residents of the above counties are served by the following IDES offices, which are open from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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IDES Office Locations and at www.ides.illinois.gov/myoffice

2444 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
715 E. 47th St., Chicago
1700 W. 18th St., Chicago
1515 E. 71st St., Chicago
4931 W. Diversey, Chicago
837 W. 119th St., Chicago
5608 W. 75th Place, Burbank.
1010 Dixie Highway, Chicago Heights
16845 S. Halsted, Harvey
35 S. 19th Avenue, Maywood.
723 W. Algonquin, Arlington Heights
207 E. Hamilton Road, Bloomington

321 Quadrangle Drive, Bolingbrook
23111 Hoffman Drive, Effingham
30 DuPage Court, Elgin
800 Lancer Lane, Grayslake,
250 N. Chicago St., Joliet
837 S. Westmore-Meyers, Lombard
2 Smoke Tree Plaza, North Aurora
1550 First Avenue, South Towne, Ottawa
406 Elm Street, Peoria
107 N. Third St., Quincy
500 42nd St., Suite 1, Rock Island
500 Russel Court, Woodstock

Ten Federal/State Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) have been opened thus far. They are operated jointly by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They will operate from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Cook County

Forest View Fire Department
7010 W. 46th St.
Forest View, Ill. 60402

1486 Miner St.
Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

North Park Village
5801 N. Pulaski
Chicago

DuPage County

Lisle Police Department
5040 Lincoln Avenue
Lisle, Ill. 60532

Fulton County

Fulton County Health Dept.
700 E Oak St.
Canton, Ill. 61520

Grundy County

Morris Fire Department
2301 Ashton Road
Morris, Ill. 60450

LaSalle County

Marseilles Fire Department
205 Lincoln Street
Marseilles, Ill. 61341

Peoria County

Peoria County Emergency
Management Agency
Chillicothe Fire Department
217 W. Chestnut
Chillicothe

Rock Island County

Rock Island County
Emergency Management
Agency
6120 78th Ave.
Milan

Woodford County

Woodford County Emergency
Management
301 S. Main St.
Roanoke

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