



# *Disaster Unemployment Assistance DUA - Hurricane Florence*

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## **Disaster Unemployment Assistance — Hurricane Florence 2018**

The Division of Employment Security (DES) has announced that the following counties have been approved for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) due to the effects of Hurricane Florence.

Counties are listed by the dates they were approved. The filing dates (**30 days** from when they were announced) are also listed for each group. (*Note: If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the time limit is extended until the next business day*).

The United States Department of Labor has extended the filing deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) for 28 counties in North Carolina until October 31, 2018.

1. The Division announced on **September 17, 2018** that individuals in the following counties who are affected by the disaster, and are unable to continue working, must file an application for benefits within 30 days (**October 31, 2018**).

Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico and Pender.

2. The Division announced on **September 18, 2018** that individuals in the following counties who are affected by the disaster, and are unable to continue working, must file an application for benefits within 30 days (**October 31, 2018**).

Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Lenoir, Jones, Robeson, Sampson, and Wayne.

3. The Division announced on **September 25, 2018** that individuals in the following counties who are affected by the disaster, and are unable to continue working, must file an application for benefits within 30 days (**October 31, 2018**).

Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Pitt, Richmond, Scotland and Wilson.

4. The Division announced on **September 29, 2018** that individuals in the following county who are affected by the disaster, and are unable to continue working, must file an application for benefits within 30 days (**October 31, 2018**).

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This information may be accessed on the DES website, at <http://des.nc.gov>

5. The Division announced on **October 15, 2018** that individuals in the following county who are affected by the disaster, and are unable to continue working, must file an application for benefits within 30 days (**November 14, 2018**).

Anson, Union and Orange.

DUA is available for weeks of employment beginning with the week starting September 9, 2018, and may last for up to 27 weeks, as long as the claimant's unemployment continues due to Hurricane Florence.

### **Other Important DUA Information**

Workers or business owners meeting the following criteria may be eligible for benefits:

- Individuals who are unemployed due to the disaster, and do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits. .
- Self-employed individuals and small business owners who lost income due to the disaster.
- Individuals who were prevented from working due to an injury caused by the disaster.
- Individuals who have become the major supplier of household income due to the disaster-related death of the previous major supplier of household income.
- Individuals who are unable to reach their jobs or self-employment locations because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.
- Individuals who were to commence employment or self-employment but were prevented from doing so by the disaster.

DUA is funded entirely by the federal government. Individuals need to file first for regular unemployment insurance. If an individual is determined ineligible for regular unemployment insurance, or has exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits, a DUA claim can then be filed. Individuals will need their Social Security number, copies of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs, or documentation to support they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred.

Individuals may contact DES by calling 1-866-795-8877 from 8AM to 5PM to apply for DUA benefits. If you have additional questions, you may email DES at [des.dua@nccommerce.com](mailto:des.dua@nccommerce.com) or go to our website at ***des.nc.gov***.