

Requests for Disaster Unemployment Benefits from Claimants in Areas Affected by Hurricanes/Tropical Storms

Staff should advise callers from the states of Texas, Florida or Puerto Rico inquiring about Disaster Unemployment Benefits they must file for the benefits in their home state and refer them to the URL addresses listed below:

Texas: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>

Information for Job Seekers



Looking for Work?

Job Matching & Employment Support Services


If you have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey and are seeking employment, please register for employment at www.WorkInTexas.com and select Job Seeker Registration.

The Texas Workforce Commission, 28 Workforce Development Boards and their service contractors work together to provide workforce solutions for Texans. Locate your nearest Workforce Solutions office by searching by ZIP code or type of services on the [Directory of Workforce Solutions Offices & Services](#).

Am I Eligible for Unemployment Insurance?

If you have lost your job because of Hurricane Harvey, you may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance and can apply online at ui.texasworkforce.org.

TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance from individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by Hurricane Harvey. For more information on disaster declarations and deadlines, view press releases below.

If you have not been paid wages from an employer, you may [file a wage claim](#) .

Additional Resources:

- [DUA Flyer - English](#) 
- [DUA Flyer - Spanish](#) 
- [DUA Flyer - Vietnamese](#) 
- [Disaster Region Map](#) 
- [Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#)

Florida

<http://www.floridajobs.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DEO logo, social media links for Facebook and Twitter, a search bar, and language options for Spanish and Kreyòl. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, News, Calendar, FAQs, Help Center, Office Directory, and Public Records Request. The main content area features a large banner for "Hurricane Irma Recovery Assistance" with a map of Florida. The banner text states: "Florida workers and businesses affected by Hurricane Irma can receive assistance below." Below this text are three buttons: "APPLY FOR BUSINESS LOANS", "APPLY FOR DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT", and "ADDITIONAL RESOURCES". Below the banner is a link to "If you have questions about Disaster Unemployment Assistance, [click here](#) to view our FAQs." Below this are three columns: "DEO PRESS" with a list of press releases dated September 20, 19, and 16; "DEO TWEETS" with a link to follow @FLDEO on Twitter; and "DEO NEWS" with a "Subscribe Here" button and a brief description of the newsletter content.

Puerto Rico: <http://www.trabajo.pr.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources (Departamento del Trabajo y Recursos Humanos). The header includes the department's logo and name in Spanish, along with social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Inicio, Nosotros, Trabajadores, Patronos, Estadísticas, Contacto, and Prensa. The main content area is titled "Ultima Hora" and features a "Noticias" section. The news item is titled "Aviso Público / Public Notice – Asistencia de Desempleo por Desastre / Disaster Unemployment Assistance". Below the title is the logo of the Government of Puerto Rico and the Department of Labor and Human Resources. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Para VER EL AVISO PÚBLICO presione aquí..." and "To SEE THE PUBLIC NOTICE click here...".

**ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITIES:
VIEQUES, CULEBRA, CANÓVANAS and LOIZA**

Any person who worked or resides in these four municipalities, and is unemployed as a result of this disaster, may file a claim for benefits: **in Vieques**, at the recently established “*Centro de Servicios Integrados*” [Center for Integrated Services]; **in Culebra**, file your claim at the PR Department of Labor’s Bureau of Employment Security Office in Fajardo; **and in Canóvanas and Loiza**, at the Bureau of Employment Security Office in Carolina; or call the Department of Labor’s San Juan Call Center at 787-945-7900, Monday through Friday, from 7:30am to 4:30pm. You must apply for benefits by October 16, 2017. Bring documents that may verify or confirm the revenues or wages you could have received if the disaster had not occurred. If you run your own business, you may bring a copy of your Income Tax Return for 2016.