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DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE — OCTOBER 12, 2020

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). [DUA](#) is now available to eligible individuals in Clinton County impacted by the August derecho. DUA expands eligibility for unemployment benefits and provides assistance to the self-employed, including business owners and farmers. Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) is now accepting applications for DUA from Clinton County individuals whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to severe storms beginning August 10, 2020.

Other counties that were [previously approved](#) for DUA for the August derecho are Benton, Boone, Cedar, Jasper, Linn, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, and Tama.

Individuals from Clinton County must file a DUA application by November 6, 2020.

Unemployment Assistance. The Iowa Department of Workforce Development (IWD) is accepting [applications](#) for DUA from individuals in the designated counties listed above whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to severe storms beginning August 10, 2020. DUA expands eligibility for unemployment benefits and aids the self-employed, including business owners and farmers. DUA provides temporary income to eligible individuals who become unemployed as a result of a major disaster. It is funded by the federal government, not by State unemployment taxes paid by employers.

Individuals from Linn County must file DUA applications by September 24, 2020. Individuals from Benton, Boone, Cedar, Jasper, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, and Tama counties must file for DUA by October 2, 2020. Applications received after the deadlines will be considered untimely, unless the individual provides good cause for filing after the deadline. Individuals can receive up to 27 weeks of DUA benefits if their unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster. Eligibility for DUA benefits is determined on a week-to-week basis.

Additional Information. Additional information on DUA is available [here](#).

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