

After the Storm ...

Filing for Disaster Unemployment Assistance Through the N.C. ESC

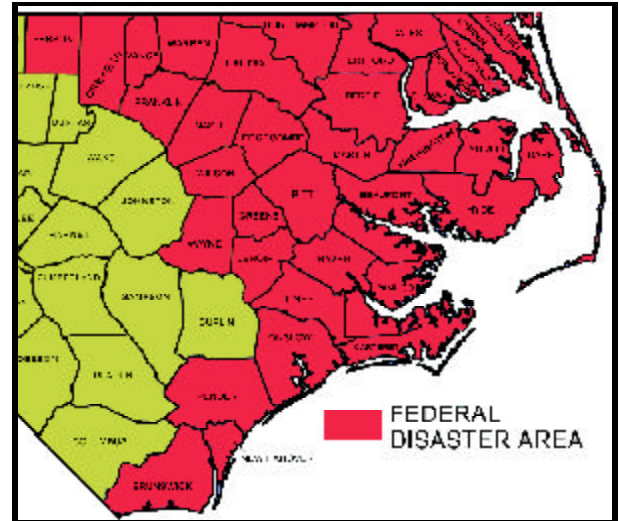


North Carolina workers in 36 counties who became temporarily or permanently unemployed as a result of Hurricane Isabel may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits through the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program. New claims must be filed by Oct. 23.

DUA benefits will be available to qualified citizens of Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne and Wilson counties.

The following persons may be eligible for DUA benefits:

- Individuals who are unemployed due to the disaster (Hurricane Isabel), and do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits
- Self-employed individuals, including farmers and fishermen (self-employed persons filing claims must provide a copy of their 2002 tax returns)
- Small business owners
- Individuals who have become the major supplier of household income due to the disaster-related death or injury of the previous major supplier of household income
- Individuals who were injured as a direct result of the disaster, and thus are unable to work
- Individuals who are unable to commute to a job due to travel through a disaster-affected area
- Individuals who have been prevented from beginning a new job due to the disaster



You may apply for DUA benefits through the following means:

- Download DUA information and claims application from the ESC's website — www.ncesc.com.
- Call the ESC's DUA Hotline (8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday) at **1-877-ESC-OKOK (1-877-372-6565)**. ESC call center staff will be available to process DUA claims and provide other information and assistance.
- Apply in person at your nearest ESC local office.

Employment Security Commission staff are available at each of our 92 local offices and on the DUA Hotline to provide any other assistance you may need following this disaster.

