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News Release

Register Now for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

SIOUX FALLS, SD – Workers who lost their jobs, and self-employed individuals and farmworkers who have been unable to work due to the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred Sept. 9-26, 2019 may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance. Funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in coordination with the U.S. Department of Labor, the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program is administered by the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

Claims must be filed by **Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019**, to be considered timely. Any claims filed after this date will be considered untimely unless the individual provides good cause for filing after this date.

The first possible week of compensation for DUA purposes is the week ending Sept. 21, 2019. The last possible week of compensation is the week ending May 23, 2020.

DUA is available for individuals in Brookings, Charles Mix, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody and Yankton counties and the Flandreau and the Yankton Indian Reservations who:

- Do not qualify for regular state reemployment assistance/unemployment benefits in any state;
- Worked, were self-employed, or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment, but were unable to do so because of the disaster;
- Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster;
- Cannot reach their place of employment or self-employment location because they must travel through the disaster area and are prevented from doing so as a direct result of the disaster;
- Have been prevented from work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster;
- Establish work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income; or
- Have become the breadwinner or major supporter of a household because of the death of the head of the household.

Individuals whose employment has been affected should apply for DUA by calling the Claims Call Center at 605-626-3179, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. CST. Please specify your claim is related to Disaster Unemployment Assistance and the storms.

Applicants will need

- their Social Security number;
- copies of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs; and
- documentation of employment, self-employment or prospective work when the disaster occurred.

To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the date the application is filed.

For further information, go to the Department of Labor and Regulation's DUA webpage at <https://dlr.sd.gov/ui/individuals/dua.aspx>. For a Fact Sheet on FEMA's Disaster Unemployment Assistance program, go on the agency's website to <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/24418>.

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The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.SBA.gov/disaster.