



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training



Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Are You Laid Off?

If you have been laid off due to flood-related issues, you can apply for regular unemployment insurance benefits online at www.dlt.ri.gov. When prompted, please indicate that your unemployment is due to flooding.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can visit your local library or your local netWORKri center during operating hours to use the computers free of charge. See the back of this page for hours and locations.

Your employer may have registered for a waiting-period waiver with the Department of Labor and Training. If the employer is deemed eligible, the customary one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits will be waived.

Ineligible for regular unemployment insurance and unable to work due to flood-related circumstances?

Self-employed and out of work due to flooding?

Unable to travel to work due to flood-related road conditions or flood-related transportation issues?

You can apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). **Disaster Unemployment Assistance is a separate program from regular unemployment insurance, and offers benefits to workers not normally covered by regular unemployment insurance.** DUA claims cannot be made by telephone or online. They must be filed with staff-assistance at special claims-filing sessions. See the back of this page for special claims-filing hours and locations.

Need Assistance for Your Business?

If your business had to lay off workers as a direct result of the recent flooding, you can apply for Unemployment Insurance Tax Relief, so that your Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate will not be adversely impacted. To file a waiver, download a waiver form at www.dlt.ri.gov/ui/pdfs/WaiverInquiry.pdf or call (401) 462-8999 for more information.

Both the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and the Small Business Administration may be able to offer special loans to flood-impacted businesses. The Department of Labor and Training Business Service Unit can help coordinate these services for you, and can be reached at (888) 616-JOBS (5627).

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netWORKri centers are open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

netWORKri Centers

Pawtucket netWORKri
175 Main Street
(401) 721-1800

Providence netWORKri
One Reservoir Avenue
401) 462-8900

West Warwick netWORKri
1330 Main Street
(401) 828-8382

WoonsocketnetWORKri
219 Pond Street
(401) 235-1201

Special Claims-Filing Sessions for DUA

Providence netWORKri, One Reservoir Avenue

- Tuesday-Thursday, April 27-29, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday-Thursday, May 4-6, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

West Warwick netWORKri, 1330 Main Street

- Tuesday-Thursday, April 27-29, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday-Thursday, May 4-6, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Westerly Disaster Recovery Center, South County Community Action,
34 Pond Street

- Monday-Friday, April 26-30, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, May 3-6, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Those attending Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claims-filing sessions must provide the following information:

- Social Security number
- Driver's license or a Rhode Island I.D.
- Mailing address and zip code
- Income tax for 2009 with profit and loss statement (if available)
- Business license, if applicable
- Telephone number where the worker can be reached for additional information, if needed
- Alien registration card, if applicable
- Names and addresses of any other employers (in addition to self-employment) during the past 18 months

For more information on the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program, call (401) 462-1894.