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Eleven Iowa Counties Eligible to Apply for Disaster Unemployment Insurance Benefits

DES MOINES, IOWA - Iowans living or working in any of the 11 Iowa counties recently declared disaster areas may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under the federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance program. The federal government declared the counties of Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Ida, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Taylor and Union as weather-related disaster areas on May 25, 2007.

"If you live or work in one of those 11 counties and have lost your job due to the recent bad weather, you should apply for these federal benefits," said David Neil, Interim Director, Iowa Workforce Development.

Claims need to be filed by June 30, 2007, according to Neil. The benefits cover self-employed workers not usually entitled to unemployment insurance, including Iowa farmers. People applying for DUA need to provide proof of past earnings, such as business records or bank statements and their most recent income tax form, at the time they file their claim. Any Iowa Workforce Development Center can accept DUA claims, including the following offices located in the affected counties:

Atlantic	500 Popular Street	(712) 243-2351
Council Bluffs	300 W Broadway Ste 13	(712) 242-2100
Clarinda	121 S 15 th Street	(712) 527-5214
Creston	215 N Elm	(641) 782-2119
Harlan	1210 7 th Street Ste D	(712) 755-3777
Shenandoah	500 N Broad St	(712) 246-4470
Osceola	2520 W McLane	(641) 342-4955
Red Oak	1000 N Broadway	(712) 623-2569
Sioux City	2508 4 th St	(712) 233-9030
Storm Lake	824 Flindt Dr Ste 106	(712) 732-1576
Carroll	619 N Carroll St	(712) 792-2685

In addition to assistance filing a DUA claim, Iowa Workforce Development Centers offer reemployment services, including testing, counseling and placement. Job search and career information also is available through Iowa Workforce Development's Web site at www.iowaworkforce.org.

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