

# Unemployment Assistance

Florida residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a direct result of Hurricane Helene can submit a Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) at [FloridaJobs.org](https://floridajobs.org).

Work search reporting, waiting week and Employ Florida registration requirements for Reemployment Assistance claims have been temporarily waived for residents in our area so they can quickly apply and receive Reemployment Assistance and Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits.

DUA is available to those who are ineligible to receive federal or state Reemployment Assistance benefits and the individual meets one of the following requirements:

- Is unemployed as a direct result of the major disaster;
- Was scheduled to start employment but was unable to as a direct result of the major disaster;
- Is unable to reach their job or self-employment location because the individual has to travel through an affected area and is prevented from doing so as a direct result of the major disaster;
- Has become the primary breadwinner because the head of the household died as a direct result of the major disaster; or
- Is unable to work because of an injury that was a direct result of the major disaster.

In-person assistance with applications is available through CareerSource Hillsborough Pinellas at Pinellas locations – visit [careersourcepinellas.com/career-services](https://careersourcepinellas.com/career-services) for addresses and hours. The deadline to submit a claim for DUA benefits is no later than December 2, 2024.

## **Resources to Businesses impacted by Hurricane Helene:**

One-Stop Business Resource Sites. From Oct. 1 – 9, FloridaCommerce is partnering with the Florida Small Business Development Center Network and CareerSource Florida to bring One-Stop Business Resource Sites to 17 counties impacted by Hurricane Helene. These sites provide support and resources to businesses and employees impacted by the storm. Support will be available at the Gulf to Bay Office, located at [2312 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater](https://www.floridajobs.org/locations/gulf-to-bay), from Oct. 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit <https://floridajobs.org/floridadisaster.biz> for more information.