

## Legal Help for Disaster Victims

# How to Get Unemployment Aid

### Can I get unemployment aid?

Maybe. There are 2 kinds of unemployment aid.

### **Regular Unemployment**

#### Do I qualify for regular unemployment?

You may qualify for **regular** unemployment if:

- you don't have a job, and
- you are able to work.

You may not qualify if:

- you quit your job without a good reason,
- you were fired for repeated bad behavior after being warned,
- you were fired because you failed a drug test or did something dishonest, or
- you turned down a job without a good reason.

If you are disqualified, you will no longer get unemployment and may not qualify in the future.

#### How do I apply for regular unemployment?

Go to your local Employment Services Office. Tell them you want to apply for unemployment. You will have to register for work and wait one week.

### **Disaster Unemployment**

#### Do I qualify for disaster unemployment?

You may qualify for **disaster** unemployment if, because of the disaster:

- you lost a job,
- you were injured and cannot work now,
- the job you were about to start no longer exists,
- you can't get to your workplace, or
- you are now the main earner in your family because the previous main earner died.

### How do I apply for disaster unemployment?

- Call

TDD:

- Or visit:

If you were self-employed before the disaster, you will need a copy of your 2010 income tax records.

**Deadline!** Turn in your application by

#### When will I get my first check?

It may take up to \_\_\_\_\_ weeks after you apply.

#### For how long can I get unemployment?

You can usually get regular unemployment aid for up to \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. You can get disaster unemployment for up to \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

#### Where can I learn more?

To learn more about disaster unemployment:

- Visit [www.nelp.org](http://www.nelp.org)

To learn more about regular unemployment:

- Call

TDD:

- Or visit:

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