



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

**News Release**

**LINDA LINGLE**  
GOVERNOR

---

DARWIN L.D. CHING, DIRECTOR  
COLLEEN Y. LaCLAIR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
Phone: (808) 586-8844  
Fax: (808) 586-9099

---

**MR 2009 07**

For Immediate Release: March 20, 2009

**FEMA APPROVES GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

**Honolulu** - The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that as a result of Governor Linda Lingle's request to President George W. Bush late last year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today approved Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) for the City and County of Honolulu. The DUA would help individuals whose employment was negatively impacted by damages relating to severe storms and flooding during the period of December 10 – 16, 2008.

In addition to those individuals who lost their jobs directly due to the severe storms and flooding, others covered under DUA include:

- 1) Individuals who were unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they had to travel through an affected area and were prevented from doing so by the disaster.
- 2) Individuals who were to commence employment of self-employment but were prevented by the disaster.
- 3) Individuals who became the breadwinner or major support for a household because of the death of the head of household due to the disaster.
- 4) Individuals who cannot work or perform services in self-employment because of an injury caused as a direct result of the disaster.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations urges all individuals who believe they qualify for DUA to apply as soon as possible. The deadline for filing DUA is 30 days after the date of this announcement (March 20, 2009); therefore, **DUA applications must be filed no later than April 20, 2009.**

Applications can be handled via telephone by calling the Hawai'i Tele-Claim system at 808-643-5555, or, visiting the nearest Unemployment Claims Office. Applicants should be prepared to provide copies of or bring the following to the Unemployment Claims Office:

- a picture ID and/or any document showing their social security number
- federal income tax return for the calendar year 2007
- if income tax return is not available, W2s, Form 1099, pay stubs, and profit/loss statements may be used as evidence of calendar year 2007 income.

**#####**

For more information, go to: [www.hawaii.gov/labor](http://www.hawaii.gov/labor)

-or-

contact:

Ryan Markham

Phone: (808) 586-8845

Fax: (808) 586-9099

Email: [ryan.k.markham@hawaii.gov](mailto:ryan.k.markham@hawaii.gov)