

Texas Workforce Press Release

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Hurricane Alex Disaster Aid Now Available for Lubbock County

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today announced that Lubbock County has been added to Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1931-DR. TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) from individuals whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to Hurricane Alex beginning June 30, 2010. Applications for DUA must be submitted by Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

DUA is available to individuals who:

- have applied for and used all regular unemployment benefits from any state, or do not qualify for unemployment benefits,
- worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment in the disaster area,
- can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster,
- establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income,
- cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster, or
- became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household.

Individuals affected by Hurricane Alex should apply for regular unemployment benefits by logging on to <http://ui.texasworkforce.org> or by calling a TWC Tele-Center Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Standard Time at (800) 939-6631. Individuals should specify that their applications are related to Hurricane Alex.

Applications filed after October 20, 2010, will be considered untimely, unless the individual provides good cause for applying after the deadline.

Individuals will need their Social Security number, a copy of their most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs, or documentation as proof that they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred.

Applicants must mail in or fax all required documentation within 21 days from the date of the DUA application. Send mailed documentation to: Texas Workforce Commission, UI Support Services Department, Attn: DUA, 101 E. 15th St., Room 354, Austin, TX, 78778-0001, or fax it to (512) 936-3250.

Job seekers may visit Texas workforce centers for access to job-search resources, job postings and training programs, as well as assistance with exploring career options, résumé and application preparation, career development, and more. Customers also may connect with potential employers through TWC's online job-search engine, www.WorkInTexas.com.

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