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Disaster Unemployment Assistance Deadline is July 23 for Some Workers Impacted by Yukon, Kuskokwim Floods

JUNEAU, Alaska—For some workers affected by flooding in Alaska, the deadline to apply for disaster unemployment assistance is July 23.

DUA is available to residents and workers in the Alaska Gateway, Kuspuk, Yukon-Koyukuk and the Yukon Flats Regional Educational Assistance Areas, who lost work due to ice jams and flooding on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers earlier this spring.

“DUA is a federal program that provides financial assistance to workers, including self-employed workers, who became unemployed as a direct result of the flooding,” Chief of Unemployment Insurance Bill Kramer said.

The communities affected by the July 23 deadline include Eagle Village, Eagle, Circle, Stevens Village, Fort Yukon, Tanana, Aniak, Crooked Creek, Red Devil, Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag and Sleetmute.

Workers in communities that were added on July 9 to the federal disaster declaration – including Akiak, Akiachak, Tuluksak, Emmonak, Russian, Mission, Kotlik and Alakanuk, have until Aug. 8 to apply for DUA.

Disaster unemployment benefits are based on an individual's 2008 earnings. The benefit amount can range from \$102 to \$370 per week, plus \$24 each for up to three dependents. DUA benefits are not payable to individuals who qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

Individuals interested in applying for assistance may call 1-888-252-2557 until 3 p.m. on July 23.

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