

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

DUA provides financial assistance and employment services to individuals who become unemployed as a direct result of a declared major natural disaster. The state of Tennessee administers the DUA program on behalf of the federal government. Claimants who do not qualify for state unemployment insurance may be eligible for DUA. This includes the self-employed and other workers whose source of income has been interrupted by the disaster. When possible, individuals applying for DUA should have their federal income tax return, Social Security number, and any paperwork that documents their wage and employment information before the disaster. The weekly DUA benefit in Tennessee ranges from \$128 to \$325. The state will pay benefits starting the first Sunday after a presidential disaster declaration is made, and those benefits can continue for up to 26 weeks.

Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants

If requested and approved by the Employment and Training Administration, this grant can provide disaster-relief employment and employment and training services to minimize the impact of large, unexpected emergencies and natural disasters causing significant job losses. Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts and provide humanitarian assistance in impacted areas. The funding may also be used to temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and meet the increased demand for employment and training services, thus enhancing their employability and earnings.

Mobile American Job Centers

Individuals impacted by a natural disaster will find a variety of resources available to them at one of Tennessee's mobile American Job Centers (MAJC). Each MAJC has computers, workstations, and a copier available to individuals who need to file for unemployment insurance benefits, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, or need help with their search for new employment. The computers on the MAJC have internet access. They are equipped with Microsoft Office and other software packages job seekers need to search for employment opportunities. Career specialists are available to help participants look for employment and assist with job seeker services.

Available Job Seeker Assistance at an American Job Center

- Soft skills training
- Paid Work Experience
- Supportive services
- Resume Assistance
- Job interview prep
- Job placement assistance (Job Referrals)
- Computer Skills Workshops
- On-the-Job Training
- Customized Training
- Occupational Skills Training
- Registered Apprenticeship
- Job readiness training provided in combination with other training described above

The virtual American Job Center is open 24/7 and allows job seekers to complete an assessment to determine what assistance programs they may be eligible to take part in.

Simply visit www.TNVirtualAJC.com anytime, anywhere.

Job Seekers can also explore job postings and various training options by visiting www.Jobs4TN.gov