



## Disaster Related Services

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) provides a variety of services to individuals and businesses impacted by disasters in California. These range from assistance for those who may have lost a job due to the disaster, to employers who are forced to shut down operations.

## Disasters in California and Status

The Governor has issued a State of Emergency proclamation for the disasters listed below. For these disasters, the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits is waived, and employers have a 60-day extension to file state payroll reports and deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest. For more information, see [Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) Benefit \(#UIB\)](#) section below.

The President has issued a Federal Emergency Disaster Declaration for the specific counties listed below. For these disasters, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits are available for those who are not eligible to receive regular state unemployment benefits. For more information, see the [Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) Benefit \(#UIB\)](#) section below.

### Local Assistance Centers

Local Assistance Centers (LAC) are open to assist those impacted by the California wildfires. LACs include representatives from EDD and other local, state and federal agencies, non-profit and voluntary organizations with disaster assistance programs and services, including unemployment benefits and payroll tax extensions for employers. For more information, visit [California Governor's Office of Emergency Services - LACs \(http://www.oesnews.com/local-assistance-centers-are-available-for-wildfire-victims-in-california-counties-in-orange-sonoma\)](http://www.oesnews.com/local-assistance-centers-are-available-for-wildfire-victims-in-california-counties-in-orange-sonoma).

County	Disaster	UI Filing Deadline	Additional Information
Butte <b>*NEW</b>	Cherokee Fire Honey Fire La Porte Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998)</a> for Butte County due to the effects of multiple fires.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Butte County.</p>

County	Disaster	UI Filing Deadline	Additional Information
Lake <b>*NEW</b>	Sulphur Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998)</a> for Lake County due to the effects of the Sulphur Fire.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Lake County.</p>
Mendocino <b>*NEW</b>	Potter Fire Redwood Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994)</a> for Napa County due to the effects of multiple fires.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Mendocino County.</p>
Napa <b>*NEW</b>	Tubbs Fire Patrick Fire Atlas Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994)</a> for Napa County due to the effects of multiple fires.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Napa County.</p>
Nevada <b>*NEW</b>	Lobo Fire McCourtney Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998)</a> for Nevada County due to the effects of multiple fires.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Nevada County.</p>
Orange <b>*NEW</b>	Canyon Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19998)</a> for Orange County due to the effects of the Canyon Fire.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Orange County.</p>
Solano <b>*NEW</b>	Atlas Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=20004">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=20004)</a> for Solano County due to the effects of the Atlas Fire.</p>

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Sonoma <b>*NEW</b>	Nuns Fire Pocket Fire Tubbs Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994)</a> for Sonoma County due to the effects of multiple fires.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Sonoma County.</p>
Yuba <b>*NEW</b>	Cascade Fire	April 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19994)</a> for Yuba County due to the effects of the Cascade Fire.</p> <p><b>Presidential Declaration:</b> President Donald J. Trump issued a federal disaster declaration for California that includes Yuba County.</p>
Butte	Ponderosa Fire	February 25, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19932">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19932)</a> for Butte County due to the effects of the Ponderosa Fire.</p>
Trinity	Helena Fire	February 25, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19928">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19928)</a> for Trinity County due to the effects of the Helena Fire.</p>
Mariposa	Detwiler Fire	January 17, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19881">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19881)</a> for Mariposa County due to the effects of the Detwiler Fire.</p>
Butte	Wall Fire	January 8, 2018	<p><b>Governor Proclamation:</b> Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19867">emergency proclamation (https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19867)</a> for Butte County due to the effects of the Wall Fire.</p>

## Related Services

Below are related services provided by the EDD.

## Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits

The UI program pays benefits to workers who have lost their job through no fault of their own and who meet the program's eligibility requirements. These benefits are meant to help replace up to half of the wages an individual loses due to their related unemployment. There are two variations of UI benefits available depending on the level of the disaster:

- **State Disaster Proclamation:** In cases of a Governor's disaster proclamation, the mandatory one-week waiting period before benefits can begin to be paid is waived. This will allow those affected by a disaster and meet all UI eligibility criteria to be paid UI benefits for the first week they are unemployed.
- **Federal Disaster Declaration:** In cases of a President's disaster declaration, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits can be made available to eligible individuals. The DUA benefits apply to workers and self-employed individuals who lost their jobs or had their work hours substantially reduced as a result of the disaster, but who do not qualify for regular state-provided UI benefits (some examples include the self-employed and workers who have exhausted a regular state UI claim). For more information, review the EDD Fact Sheet on Disaster Unemployment Assistance: [English \(/pdf\\_pub\\_ctr/de8714y.pdf\)](#) | [Spanish \(/pdf\\_pub\\_ctr/de8714ys.pdf\)](#)

To apply for UI benefits ([/Unemployment/Ways\\_to\\_File.htm](#)) use the online method of [eApply4UI \(https://eapply4ui.edd.ca.gov/\)](#) for faster and more convenient service. Or you can call one of these [UI Phone numbers \(/Unemployment/Telephone\\_Numbers.htm\)](#) to speak with a representative.

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## Disability Insurance (DI) Benefits

DI provides partial wage replacement benefits to eligible California workers who are unable to work due to a non-work-related illness, injury, or pregnancy. If you were injured by the disaster, you may be eligible for DI benefits.

To apply for DI benefits, submit a *Claim for Disability Insurance (DI) Benefits* (DE 2501) using [SDI Online \(../Disability/SDI\\_Online.htm\)](#) or [by mail \(../Disability/How\\_to\\_File\\_a\\_DI\\_Claim\\_by\\_Mail.htm\)](#). If you need a paper version of the DE 2501, you can order the form through the [Online Forms and Publications \(../Forms/\)](#) page or [contact DI by phone \(../Disability/Contact\\_SDI.htm#byphone\)](#).

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## Paid Family Leave (PFL) Benefits

PFL provides benefits to individuals who lose wages when they need to take time off work to care for a seriously ill child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner. If you need to care for a family member injured in the disaster, you may be eligible for PFL benefits.

To apply for PFL benefits, submit a *Claim for Paid Family Leave (PFL) Benefits* (DE 2501F) using [SDI Online \(../Disability/SDI\\_Online.htm\)](#) or [by mail \(../Disability/How\\_to\\_File\\_a\\_PFL\\_Claim\\_by\\_Mail.htm\)](#). If you need a paper version of the DE 2501F, you can order the form through the [Online Forms and Publications \(../Forms/\)](#) page or [contact PFL by phone \(../Disability/Contact\\_SDI.htm#byphone\)](#).

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## Employer Services

Employers directly affected by a disaster may request up to a 60-day extension of time from the EDD to file their state payroll reports and/or deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest.

- For more information, visit [Emergency and Disaster Assistance for Employers \(/Payroll\\_Taxes/Emergency\\_and\\_Disaster\\_Assistance\\_for\\_Employers.htm\)](#).
- You can also learn about assistance available through the IRS: [Help During Disasters \(http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Help-During-Disasters\)](#).

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## Job Services

EDD staff located throughout the state are often called upon to lend a hand at Local Assistance Centers (LACs) established by the California Office of Emergency Services (OES). They provide assistance with filing claims for UI benefits, as well as job search assistance and other more general support and referrals to resources.

- For information about any LACs established in a disaster area and their hours of operation, visit [CalOES \(http://www.caloes.ca.gov/\)](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/).
- For further information about disaster services, visit [FEMA \(http://www.disasterassistance.gov/\)](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/).

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