



Neighborhood Legal Services
of Los Angeles County

UNEMPLOYMENT (EDD) BENEFITS IN DISASTERS

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

To qualify, you must have lost or interrupted your job as a result of a presidentially-declared disaster AND you must not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits.

If you lived, worked, or were scheduled to work in the declared disaster area, you may qualify for assistance if you meet any of the following conditions:

- No longer have a job or place to work
- Can't reach your job site
- Can't work because of damage to the job site
- Were about to start a new job but, due to the disaster, the job no longer exists
- Can't work because of an injury caused by the disaster
- Became the major support for a household because the head of household died due to the disaster
- Must be available and able to work

**** DUA claims must be filed by March 10, 2025**

You must have valid work authorization.

Regular Unemployment Benefits (UI)

- Have earned enough wages during the base period
- Be fully or partially unemployed
- Be unemployed through no fault of your own
- Be physically able and available to work
- Be looking for work each week
- Be ready and willing to accept work right away

****Applicants must have valid work authorization for the period they're claiming benefits**

Special Phone Line for DUA:

English: 1-833-998-2284

Spanish: 1-855-964-0634

Other languages: 1-800-300-5616



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If you have a caused-by-the-disaster and non-work-related injury, you might be eligible for State Disability Insurance (SDI).

State Disability Insurance (SDI)

- To qualify, you must:
 - Be unable to do regular/customary work for at least 8 days and have lost wages because of the disability
 - Be working or looking for work at the time disability begins
 - Have earned at least \$300 with State Disability Insurance (SDI) deducted from your paycheck

If you are not able to do your regular work because you need to take care of a sick family member or stay home with children whose schools closed as a direct result of the wildfire, you might be eligible for Paid Family Leave (PFL).

Paid Family Leave (PFL)

- To qualify, you must:
 - Be employed or actively looking for work at the time your family leave begins
 - Have earned at least \$300 from which State Disability Insurance (SDI) deductions were withheld during your base period
 - Unable to work due to caring for a family member or bond with a new child

Immigration status and citizenship will not affect eligibility for SDI or PFL.

Contact us to check your eligibility and/or apply



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