Employment Development Department
State of California

INFORMATION NOTICE

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DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS IMPACTED BY CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits are now available for a 26-week period, beginning October 15, 2017, to individuals who are unable to work as a direct result of the California wildfires in Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Sonoma, and Yuba counties.

The DUA program provides weekly federal unemployment benefit payments to individuals whose work or self-employment is interrupted due to a disaster. DUA benefits are available only to individuals who do not qualify for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits or State Disability Insurance or Paid Family Leave benefits **and** are unemployed as a direct result of the wildfires.

America's Job Center of California[SM] staff should encourage affected customers to file a DUA claim online or by phone, noting that their job loss was due directly to the wildfires in order to have their claim identified as disaster-related. Individuals have until December 18, 2017 to file a DUA claim, but this filing deadline may be extended for good cause. The last payable week is the week ending April 14, 2018. The seven day waiting period does not apply.

For more information on the DUA program, please refer to the Employment Development Department's (EDD) DUA Fact Sheet, Disaster Related Services web page, or contact an EDD representative at 1-800-300-5616.

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Attachment is available on the internet:

Errata Chronology

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.