

## Disaster Unemployment Assistance

**COUNTIES:** Androscoggin, Kennebec, Oxford, Somerset, and Franklin

**DATE OF IMPACT:** December 17, 2023, to December 21, 2023

### WHAT IS DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (DUA)?

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) provides temporary benefits to individuals whose employment or self-employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a major disaster and who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance (UI).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals who lost their jobs as a direct result of the major disaster, who:

- Were self-employed and prevented from performing such services;
- Were unable to reach their job;
- Were scheduled to and prevented from beginning work or self-employment in the disaster area;
- Were unable to work due to injury as a direct result of the disaster, or;
- Became head of household due to a death caused by the disaster.

### HOW MUCH CAN I RECEIVE IN BENEFITS FROM DUA?

The weekly benefit amount in Maine ranges from \$220 to \$573. The amount someone is eligible to receive is based on the wages they earned when they were working.

### IS THERE A WAITING WEEK FOR DUA BENEFITS?

No.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO AFTER I APPLY TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE?

- File weekly claims.
- Be able and available for work.
- Be actively looking for work.
- Do not refuse suitable offers for work.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR DUA BENEFITS?

**Online** at <https://reemployme.maine.gov/>

**Phone** at 1-800-593-7660

**TTY/Relay for Deaf and hard of hearing:** Maine relay 711