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**Filing Deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance  
in Eleven Counties Approaches**

The filing deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance in eleven counties is Monday, July 2, 2007. Iowans living or working in any of the 11 Iowa counties recently declared disaster areas may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program. The counties of Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Ida, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Taylor and Union were declared as weather-related disaster areas for the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes occurring May 5-7, 2007. The filing deadline for Dallas County is July 16, 2007.

Claims need to be filed by July 2, 2007, according to Neil. Folks will have to show good cause for late filing after next Monday. The benefits cover self-employed workers not usually entitled to unemployment insurance, including Iowa farmers. People applying for DUA need to provide proof of past earnings, such as business records or bank statements and their most recent income tax form, at the time they file their claim. Any Iowa Workforce Development Center can accept DUA claims.

Those eligible for benefits in addition to individuals who lost their jobs directly due to the May 5-7, 2007 severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes may also include: (1) individuals who are unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster, (2) individuals who were to commence employment or self-employment but were prevented by the disaster, (3) individuals who became the breadwinner or major support for a household because of the death of the head of household due to the disaster, or (4) individuals who cannot work or perform services in self-employment because of an injury caused as a direct result of the disaster. Unemployment is a direct result of the major disaster if the unemployment resulted from: (1) the physical damage or destruction of the place of employment; (2) the physical inaccessibility of the place of employment due to its closure by the federal, state, or local government in immediate response to the disaster; or (3) lack of work, or loss of revenues, if, prior to the disaster, the employer or self-employed business received at least a majority of its revenue or income from an entity in the major disaster area that was damaged or destroyed in the disaster or an entity in the major disaster area closed by the federal, state, or local government.

In addition to assistance filing a DUA claim, Iowa Workforce Development Centers offer reemployment services, including testing, counseling and placement. Job search and career information also is available through Iowa Workforce Development's web site at [www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org).

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