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Butler County Eligible to Apply for Disaster Unemployment Insurance Benefits

DES MOINES, IOWA - Iowans living or working in Butler county recently declared disaster areas may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under the federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance program. The federal government declared Butler county as a weather-related disaster area on May 25, 2008 as a result of the tornadoes, severe storms, and flooding.

"If you live or work in Butler county and have lost your job due to the recent bad weather, you should apply for these federal benefits," said Elisabeth Buck, Director, Iowa Workforce Development.

Claims need to be filed by June 30, 2008. 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, including the following offices serving the affected area:

Waterloo Workforce Center
3420 University Avenue, Suite G
Waterloo, IA 50701
(319) 235-2123
M-F, 8:00-4:30PM

Waverly Workforce Center
415 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA 50677
(319) 352-3844
M-F, 8:30-4:00PM

Mason City Workforce Center
600 South Pierce
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 422-1524
M-F, 8:00-4:30PM

Charles City Workforce Center
200 Harwood Drive
Charles City, IA 50616
(641) 228-5136
M-F, 8:00-4:30PM

New Hampton Workforce Center
951 North Linn Avenue, Suite 4
New Hampton, IA 50659
(641) 394-4649
M,W,F, 9:00-4:00PM

Iowa Falls Workforce Center
524 Lawler, Suite B
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-4781
M-F, 8:00-4:30PM

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 <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/>.

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