

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Disaster Aid Now Available for Bexar, Harris, Jones, Kendall, Medina and Taylor Counties**

*Workers affected by tropical storm Erin have 30 days to apply for assistance*

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced that as a result of Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1730-DR, TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) from individuals in Bexar, Harris, Jones, Kendall, Medina and Taylor counties whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to tropical storm Erin between August 14, 2007, and August 20, 2007. Applications for DUA must be filed by Monday, November 5, 2007.

DUA is available to individuals who:

- worked or were self-employed in or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment,
- can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster,
- establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income,
- do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits from any state,
- cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster, or
- who became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household.

Applications filed after Monday, November 5, 2007, will be considered untimely, unless the individual provides good cause for filing after the deadline.

Individuals will need their Social Security Number, a copy of the most recent federal income tax forms or check stubs and documentation to support you were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred. To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the day the DUA application is filed.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to individuals for weeks of unemployment beginning August 25, 2007 and up to April 5, 2008 as long as their unemployment continues to be a result of the disaster.

To file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance, call the TWC Tele-Center nearest you Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time or call the toll-free number at (800) 939-6631.

Additional information is available at [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org). Reemployment services are available through Texas Workforce Centers or by accessing [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com) for information.

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