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## **Last week to apply for flood-related unemployment benefits**

**OLYMPIA** – People who are out of work due to the flooding that struck Washington between Nov. 2 and Nov. 11 have just one week left to apply for unemployment benefits.

The Employment Security Department is accepting applications through Jan. 16 from workers who lost their jobs, cannot get to work or were injured due to severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides in Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties. The application deadline originally was Jan. 13, but has been extended because the date falls on a holiday weekend.

Applications are available online at [www.wa.gov/esd/ui/dua.htm](http://www.wa.gov/esd/ui/dua.htm), by e-mail at [dua@esd.wa.gov](mailto:dua@esd.wa.gov), over the phone at 877-416-7274 (toll-free) or in person at local WorkSource centers.

Self-employed individuals also are eligible for disaster unemployment assistance if they are unemployed as a direct result of the November storms. They must submit a copy of their 2005 tax year return or documentation showing their net earnings from tax year 2005 with their application.

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### **Broadcast version**

People who are out of work due to the severe floods and landslides that struck between November second and November eleventh have just one week left to apply for disaster-related unemployment benefits.

Benefits are available to workers in Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties.

Applications must be filed with the Employment Security Department by January sixteenth. The deadline has been extended from the thirteenth due to the holiday weekend.

Applications are available on the Internet, by phone at 877-416-7274 and at local WorkSource centers.

Unlike regular unemployment benefits, disaster assistance also is available to people who are self-employed.