

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

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Leslie County Now Eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance Following Severe July Weather

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 22, 2015) — Officials from the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet today announced that Leslie County has been added to the list of Kentucky counties that have qualified for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). A total of eight counties in Kentucky have qualified for DUA.

Kentuckians in Leslie County who have lost work or whose businesses were damaged due to severe weather that occurred from July 11-20, 2015, may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Farmers and self-employed people, who are normally not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, may also qualify for disaster unemployment assistance, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Oct. 22, 2015, is the deadline to apply for benefits in Leslie County. All regular unemployment insurance benefits must be exhausted prior to receiving any disaster benefits. Applications can be filed at local Kentucky Career Center offices. To find a list of local offices, visit <http://kcc.ky.gov/Office/Locations.aspx>. For questions, contact a local office or call 502-564-3240.

When filing a claim, self-employed individuals should bring a copy of their 2014 income tax return. Other applicants need only a photo-identification card and their Social Security number.

Breathitt, Fleming and Perry counties were announced as being eligible for DUA on Sept. 4 with a deadline for application of Oct. 4, while Carter, Johnson, Rowan and Trimble counties were previously announced as being eligible for DUA on Aug. 18 and the deadline for their applications is Sept. 18. Additional counties may be designated for federal disaster assistance at a later date if requested by the Commonwealth and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Additional information about this disaster is available at <http://kyem.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

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