

Unemployment Benefits

for Workers Affected by Los Angeles Wildfires

If you lost your job or income due to the recent wildfires in Los Angeles, you may be able to get unemployment benefits from the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

Types of Unemployment Benefits

1. Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI)

- **Who qualifies?** Workers who lost their jobs through no fault of their own (for example, your workplace burned down or closed due to the fires).
- **What does it provide?** Up to **\$450 per week** for a maximum of **26 weeks** while you search for new work.

2. Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

- **Who qualifies?** Workers typically not covered by regular unemployment, including:
 - Self-employed individuals
 - Religious workers
 - Workers who recently started jobs and hadn't earned enough to qualify for UI
- **What does it provide?** Up to \$450 per week, available from 1/12/2025 through 7/12/2025.
- **You will need:**
 - Proof of self-employment or non-covered employment in Los Angeles County
 - Business records showing income from that employment
 - An explanation of how the fire caused your loss of work or income

How to Apply for Benefits

Both types of benefits use the same application. You may receive either UI or DUA based on your answers to the questions in the application. EDD may contact you for additional information or documents before making a decision.









- Apply online on the EDD website: <https://edd.ca.gov/unemployment>

- Apply by phone:
 - English: 1-833-998-2284
 - Spanish: 1-855-964-0634
 - Armenian: 1-855-528-1518
 - Cantonese: 1-800-547-3506
 - Korean: 1-844-660-0877
 - Mandarin: 1-866-303-0706
 - Tagalog: 1-866-395-1513
 - Vietnamese: 1-800-547-2058
 - Other languages: 1-800-300-5616 (*free interpretation provided*)
- Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, except on [state holidays](#).

More Information

California Employment Development Department

Scan the QR codes with your smartphone camera for more information from the EDD:

English 	Spanish Español 
Arabic عربي 	Armenian Հայերեն 
Farsi فارسی 	Hindi हिंदी 
Japanese 日本 	Khmer ខ្មែរ 

Korean 한국어		Punjabi ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	
Russian Русский		Simplified Chinese 简体中文	
Tagalog		Traditional Chinese 繁體中文	
Vietnamese Tiếng Việt			

Contact the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

English & Spanish (Inglés & Español) (800) 399-4529 <i>Interpretation is available for all languages not listed below.</i>		
国语及广东话热线 / 國語及廣東話熱線 (Mandarin & Cantonese Chinese) (323) 801-7912	한국어 (Korean) (323) 801-7987	Tagalog (Filipino) (323) 801-7979
Tiếng việt (Vietnamese) (323) 801-7923	日本語 (Japanese) (323) 801-7913	ខ្មែរ (Cambodian/Khmer) (562) 304-2535