DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS (DUA)

- **What is DUA:** Temporary financial benefits for people not eligible for regular unemployment insurance. Amounts vary based on net earnings from self-employment and/or gross wages from employment (minimum $283 per week; maximum is $763 per week in 2023).

- **Who is Eligible:**
  - Workers, business owners, or self-employed individuals in the County of Maui who became unemployed or had work hours reduced or interrupted due to the fires on August 8, 2023. (Must not qualify for regular unemployment benefits.)
  - Individuals prevented from reaching jobs due to the disaster
  - Individuals could not start nor resume employment due to the fires
  - Individuals who became major supports of households because of the deaths of the heads of households due to the disaster
  - Individuals who cannot work due to injuries caused as a direct result of the disaster

- **How Long Do Benefits Last:** August 13, 2023 until week ending February 10, 2024.
  - DUA benefits are determined on a week-to-week basis.
  - You will need to file claims weekly.
  - Benefits may also stop if:
    - Individuals become employed and earnings exceed weekly benefit amount
    - Individuals refuse to accept suitable employment without good cause
    - Individuals refuse to accept referrals for suitable employment without good cause
    - Individuals are not able nor available for work, unless due to
      - Injuries from disaster
      - Preparing to resume self-employment
    - Individuals are no longer unemployed as a direct result of the disaster

- **How to Apply:**
  - Online: [https://huiclaims.hawaii.gov/#/](https://huiclaims.hawaii.gov/#/)
  - In-person:
- **Family Assistance Center**
  Hyatt Regency Maui (Ka’anapali Beach) – Monarchy Ballroom 200 Nohea Kai Drive, Lahaina, HI 96761

- **Maui Claims Office**
  54 South High St. Rm. 201, Wailuku, HI 96793-2198
  Phone: (808) 984-8400

- **American Job Center Hawaii-Maui**
  110 Ala‘ihi St. #209, Kahului, HI 96732
  Phone: (808) 270-5777

- **What Do I Need When I Apply:**
  - Government-issued ID (i.e. driver’s license, passport, etc.)
  - Social Security number
  - Copy of most recent federal income tax form, check stubs, or documentation to show you were working or self-employed when disaster occurred
    - If no employment documentation, you can provide proof within 21 calendar days from time claim was filed. Otherwise, DUA may be denied or result in overpayment of benefits, which claimants need to repay.
  - Bank information for direct deposit

- **What Do I Do If I Am Denied DUA:** You can appeal within 60 days from the date of the determination.

- **Other Important Notes:**
  - Federal Taxes – DUA benefits are subject to federal income taxes. You will receive a 1099-G.
  - Child Support Deductions – Child support payments are deductible from DUA.

- **Deadline to Apply:** September 25, 2023