

## ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA)

To ease the economic burden for those struggling with lost wages due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been authorized to expend funds from its Disaster Relief Fund for supplemental lost wages assistance payments. The Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program provides a \$300 weekly supplemental federal payment to help replace lost wages for claimants who:

- are eligible for \$100 or more of weekly unemployment benefits under a qualifying District or Federal unemployment insurance program, and
- execute a one-time self-certification that they are unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Please answer numbers 1 and 2 below.

### 1. Please provide your contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Please check YES or NO for the following certification:

I CERTIFY that during or after the week ending August 1, 2020, I have been unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.  YES  NO

**NOTICE:** Intentionally submitting a false or misleading claim or certification for benefits may be fraud, subject to prosecution under District and/or Federal law.

The LWA payment will be from federal funds granted to the District of Columbia for weeks of unemployment beginning with the week ending August 1, 2020 through the week ending September 5, 2020, as indicated by FEMA. The LWA payment is considered taxable income for purposes of federal and state income tax liability.

If you are found eligible, LWA will be automatically paid to you (i.e., there is no separate application). Although you only need to certify once for the LWA payment, to receive your regular weekly unemployment insurance benefits, you must continue to file a claim certification for each week that you are seeking compensation.

*Please return this form physically to the drop box at the front desk of the Department of Employment Services Headquarters, 4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019.*