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FEMA hiring Texas residents for Harvey recovery jobs

In partnership with the State of Texas, FEMA is hiring workers across the state for administrative, logistical and technical jobs related to hurricane recovery.

Those hired will join the recovery team – local, state and federal workers, voluntary agencies and community organizations – already in place. Through temporary local employees, FEMA gains valuable community insights, provides jobs and puts Texans to work helping Texans.

Jobs posted recently pay between \$14 and \$34 per hour and include: administrative support, civil engineers, communications, construction cost estimators, couriers, crisis counselors, customer service, environmental, floodplain management, graphics, hazard mitigation outreach, historic preservation registered nurses and volunteer agency liaisons among others.

Find application instructions and other information about current and future jobs at the [Texas Workforce Commission's website](#).



Disaster Recovery Centers open in Jefferson, Nueces and Galveston counties

A State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opened Sept. 13, 2017, in Jefferson County in the city of Beaumont. Two more centers will open today, one in Nueces County in Port Aransas and another in Galveston County in League City.

Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in 39 counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods.

The new centers are located at:

Jefferson County

3871 Stagg Drive, Unit 166 (former Goodwill Building)
Beaumont, Texas
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Galveston County

Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center
400 West Walker Street
League City TX 77573
Hours: Daily from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Nueces County

Port Aransas Community Center
408 North Alister Street
Port Aransas TX 78373
Hours: Daily from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the State and other agencies will be at the center to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application.

The [U.S. Small Business Administration's](#) (SBA) disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. SBA representatives are also available at DRCs to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to SBA.



Governor adds Milam, San Augustine counties to disaster declaration

On Sept. 14, Texas Governor Greg Abbott [announced the addition of Milam and San Augustine](#) counties to the disaster areas declared for the State of Texas. The disaster declaration means the State and local officials are authorized to use all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

The addition of the two counties brings the total number of counties under the disaster zone to 61. The other counties currently included in the disaster declaration are: Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson counties. Those same conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas.

According to the declaration released from the Governor's office and pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, "any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the



Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster."

Texas Governor Greg Abbott (left) holds a press conference at the FEMA Joint Field Office in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 14. (FEMA Photo)



Register with FEMA even if you have insurance

Business owners affected by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods in the disaster-designated Texas counties should register for FEMA assistance even if they are covered by insurance or have registered with other agencies.

Under federal law, FEMA cannot duplicate insurance settlements or other benefits, but there are cases where insured survivors might still be eligible for FEMA help. You should file your insurance claims (business, flood or both), as soon as possible and will have until Oct. 24 to register with FEMA for assistance.

Log onto [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) to register and find out more or download the [FEMA app](#), which is available for Apple and Android mobile devices.

Once you have registered, you have 12 months to let FEMA know if your insurance coverage was not enough and you want to be considered for help.



Beware of rumors, misinformation and fraud

FEMA is raising awareness that Hurricane Harvey disaster survivors, and their friends and family, should be alert for false rumors, scams, identity theft, and fraud. Although many Americans are working hard to help their neighbors now, during chaotic times, some will always try to take advantage of the most vulnerable.

To dispel some of the false rumors circulating on the internet and social media, FEMA has a dedicated website to address some of the most common themes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Visit the [Harvey Rumor Control page](#) to get the most accurate information from trusted sources.

Here are a few guidelines to protect yourself, or someone you care about, from disaster fraud:

- Federal and state workers do not ask for, or accept, money for disaster assistance, home inspections, or help filling out applications.
- A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including our contracted inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID. All National Flood Insurance Program adjusters will have a NFIP Authorized Adjuster Card with their name and the types of claims they may adjust.
- If you are unsure or uncomfortable with anyone you encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and contact local law enforcement.



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