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<b>1/10/06</b>	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beginning of the authorization code program.</li> <li>○ Codes are provided to those registered with FEMA and are available by calling FEMA Helpline: 1-800-621-3362 or for TTY: 1-800-462-7585.</li> </ul>
<b>1/11/06</b>	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All Participating hotels will REQUIRE and authorization code from new check-ins.</li> </ul>
<b>1/19/06</b>	FEMA	National	Wilma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FEMA Application</li> </ul>
<b>1/29/06</b>	Public Assistance	Mississippi	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public Assistance for eligible municipalities, government agencies, special districts and private non-profits.</li> </ul>
<b>1/30/06</b>	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Authorization code program ENDS.</li> <li>○ The authorization code allows FEMA to work closely with individuals and families displaced by the hurricanes to ensure they are registered with FEMA for assistance and to ensure they are fully processed for rental assistance eligibility before making the transition to longer-term housing. If eligible, evacuees may receive cash rental assistance from FEMA for up to 18 months. Evacuees DO NOT need to complete a Small Business Administration loan application to be eligible for FEMA housing assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>2/7/06</b>	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FEMA terminates direct assistance payments to hotels for those who do NOT have authorization codes.</li> </ul>

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2/13/06	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FEMA terminates direct assistance to hotels for those with authorization codes but have been determined to be INELIGIBLE for rental assistance on or before January 30.</li> <li>○ FEMA terminates direct assistance to hotels for those who have received FEMA rental assistance on or before January 30.</li> </ul>
2/20/06	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FEMA terminates direct assistance payments to hotels for those who had not yet received eligibility determination on or before January 30. UNLESS receipt of rental assistance or ineligibility determination is received later than February 6, 2006. For those received after February 6, 2006 direct assistance payments to hotels will be terminated <b>two weeks</b> following receipt of said determination.</li> </ul>
3/1/06	Housing / Hotel Program	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If evacuees have not received an eligibility decision on temporary housing assistance by Jan. 30, 2006, and have obtained an authorization code by that date, FEMA will continue to pay for that hotel room with an authorization code through March 1, 2006, <i>or</i> two weeks after receiving eligibility determination, whichever is later. In every case, FEMA will fund the hotel or motel room for evacuees for two weeks <i>after</i> they have received a determination on their request for assistance from FEMA.</li> </ul>

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<b>3/1/06</b>	Housing / Hotel Program	New York / New Jersey	Katrina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FEMA Hotel Population Outreach Program (HPOP) workers will grant extensions to March 1 for applicants who have extensions for 2/13 and who meet one of the following criteria:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A definitive longer-term housing plan that can/will be implemented on or before March 1. No email documentation is required.</li> <li>2) Special need, defined as a physical, mental, medical, and/or emotional limitation that affects his/her ability to take responsibility for disaster recovery on his/her own.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>UNABLE TO VERIFY IF SIMILAR EXTENSIONS EXIST FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS.</p>
<b>3/11/06</b>	FEMA	Alabama	Katrina & Rita	○ FEMA Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	FEMA	Mississippi	Katrina & Rita	○ FEMA Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	FEMA	Louisiana	Katrina & Rita	○ FEMA Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	FEMA	Texas	Katrina & Rita	○ FEMA Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	SBA Loans	Alabama	Katrina & Rita	○ SBA Loan Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	SBA Loans	Mississippi	Katrina & Rita	○ SBA Loan Application
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<b>3/11/06</b>	SBA Loans	Texas	Katrina & Rita	○ SBA Loan Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	KDHAP and KDHAP-SN	Alabama	Katrina & Rita	○ HUD KDHAP and KDHAP-SN Application
<b>3/11/06</b>	KDHAP and KDHAP-SN	Mississippi	Katrina & Rita	○ HUD KDHAP and KDHAP-SN Application
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<b>3/15/06</b>	Debris Removal	National	Katrina & Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 100% reimbursement for debris removal ends – 90% reimbursement available from March 16, 2006 on.</li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Alabama	Katrina & Rita & Wilma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.</li> <li>○ Average weekly benefits of \$183 and maximum benefit of \$220 – ranked second lowest in the nation.</li> <li>○ Call 1(866) 234-5382 or TTY 1(800) 449-2035</li> <li>○ NO WEBSITE</li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	Unemployment Compensation Program	Florida	Katrina & Rita & Wilma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.</li> <li>○ <a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/unemployment/uc_emp_claims.html">http://www.floridajobs.org/unemployment/uc_emp_claims.html</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Ongoing</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Louisiana	Katrina & Rita & Wilma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.</li> <li>○ As of January 1, 2006, Louisiana law requires that the maximum weekly benefit be reduced to \$221.</li> <li>○ Louisiana entered an Extended Benefit period effective October 30, 2005. Individual can receive extended benefits for up to 13 weeks, after exhausting the regular UI benefits.  <b>NOTE:</b> Individuals living in a state not in an EB period will be eligible for no more than two weeks of Extended Benefits.</li> <li>○ Absent Congressional action, Louisiana workers who filed after Katrina will begin to run out of unemployment insurance benefits on <b>3/11/06</b>.</li> <li>○ <a href="http://www.laworks.net">http://www.laworks.net</a></li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Mississippi	Katrina & Rita & Wilma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides Unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.</li> <li>○ Average weekly unemployment benefit of \$169 and maximum benefit of \$210 – ranked the lowest in the nation.</li> <li>○ <a href="http://mdes.ms.gov/wps/portal/">http://mdes.ms.gov/wps/portal/</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Ongoing</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Texas	Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals who worked in the following counties and are out of work due to storms and flooding caused by Rita may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance or Disaster Unemployment Assistance\               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Angelina</li> <li>- Brazoria</li> <li>- Chambers</li> <li>- Fort Bend</li> <li>- Galveston</li> <li>- Hardin</li> <li>- Harris</li> <li>- Jasper</li> <li>- Jefferson</li> <li>- Liberty</li> <li>- Montgomery</li> <li>- Nacogdoches</li> <li>- Newton</li> <li>- Orange</li> <li>- Polk</li> <li>- Sabine</li> <li>- San Augustine</li> <li>- San Jacinto</li> <li>- Shelby</li> <li>- Trinity</li> <li>- Tyler</li> <li>- Walker</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/ritainfo.html">http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/ritainfo.html</a></li> </ul>

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11/30/05	Disaster Unemployment Assistance	National	Katrina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cash benefits paid beginning after the date the major disaster began for up to 26 weeks after the major disaster was declared by the President, as long as their unemployment continues to be a result of the major disaster.</li> <li>○ For unemployed/self-employed workers who became unemployed as a direct result of disaster, AND are not eligible to receive regular UI benefits from the state where they last worked.</li> <li>○ Maximum weekly benefit amount is determined under the provisions of the state law for unemployment insurance in the state where the disaster occurred.</li> <li>○ Program administered by the states as agents for the federal government.</li> <li>○ Department of Labor DUA website:  <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/Katrina/LNKDetails.cfm?Inkid=4">http://www.doleta.gov/Katrina/LNKDetails.cfm?Inkid=4</a></li> <li>○ National Employment Law Project DUA website:  <a href="http://www.nelp.org/ui/federal/initiatives/duakatrina.cfm">http://www.nelp.org/ui/federal/initiatives/duakatrina.cfm</a></li> </ul>
3/4/06	Disaster Unemployment Assistance	Louisiana	Katrina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absent Congressional action, Louisiana workers who began getting DUA after Katrina will start running out of benefits.</li> </ul>
3/30/06	Disaster Unemployment Assistance	National	Rita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absent Congressional action, workers who began getting DUA after Rita will start running out of benefits.</li> </ul>