

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Federal Emergency Management Agency****[FEMA-1726-DR]****North Dakota; Major Disaster and Related Determinations****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of North Dakota (FEMA-1726-DR), dated September 7, 2007, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 7, 2007, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of North Dakota resulting from severe storms and a tornado during the period of August 26-27, 2007, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of North Dakota.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, except for any particular projects that are eligible for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the FEMA Public Assistance Pilot Program instituted pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 777.

If Other Needs Assistance under section 408 of the Stafford Act is later warranted, Federal funding under that program also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Connee Lloyd, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

The following area of the State of North Dakota has been designated as adversely affected by this declared major disaster:

Grand Forks County for Public Assistance.

All counties and Tribes within the State of North Dakota are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulson,*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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BILLING CODE 9110-10-P**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency****[FEMA-1720-DR]****Ohio; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Ohio (FEMA-1720-DR), dated August 27, 2007, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 11, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Ohio is hereby amended to include the Public Assistance program for the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of August 27, 2007.

Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland, and Wyandot Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050, Individuals and Households Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulson,*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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BILLING CODE 9110-10-P**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency****[FEMA-1712-DR]****Oklahoma; Amendment No. 7 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA-1712-DR), dated July 7, 2007, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 11, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of July 7, 2007.

Custer, Hughes, Jefferson, McIntosh, and Pawnee Counties for Public Assistance.

Payne County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance.)

Kiowa, Oklahoma, and Pottawatomie Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance and emergency protective measures [Category B], limited to direct Federal assistance under the Public Assistance program.)

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulson,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Automatic Extension of Employment Authorization and Related Documentation for Liberians Provided Deferred Enforced Departure

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an 18-month automatic extension of employment authorization and Employment Authorization Documents for Liberians (and persons without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have been provided Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with the Memorandum from President George W. Bush, to Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, dated September 12, 2007. In addition, this notice informs the affected Liberians and their employers, or prospective employers, that a copy of

this notice presented in conjunction with an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) expiring on September 30, 2007, that was previously issued to the person as a beneficiary of Temporary Protected Status (TPS), may be accepted as evidence of a covered individual's continued employment authorization through March 31, 2009. This notice further informs Liberians covered by DED and their employers how they may determine which EADs are automatically extended. Finally, this notice provides instructions for those Liberians who have been provided DED and who would like to apply for permission to travel outside the United States during the 18-month DED period. **DATES:** The 18-month automatic extension of employment authorization for Liberians who are eligible for DED, including the extension of their EADs, as specified in this notice, is effective as of 12:01 a.m. October 1, 2007. This automatic extension will expire on March 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly Hock, Status and Family Branch, Office of Service Center Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, telephone (202) 272-1533. This is not a toll-free call. Further information will also be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this Notice and on the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

Note: The phone number provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice and the information it contains. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online available at the USCIS Web site listed above, or applicants may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Extension of Employment Authorization and EADs

Who is eligible for an 18-month automatic extension of employment authorization through March 31, 2009?

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is granting an 18-month extension of employment authorization and the EADs specified in this notice to Liberians who are provided DED in accordance with President Bush's Memorandum to Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, dated September 12, 2007 ("Presidential Memorandum"). As described in that Presidential Memorandum, such individuals who are nationals of Liberia

(or persons having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who have TPS status as of September 30, 2007. In accordance with his constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States, the President has directed that such Liberians, who are eligible as described in the Presidential Memorandum, be provided DED for an 18 month period after their TPS status ends. In addition, the President directed Secretary Chertoff and DHS to implement the necessary steps to authorize employment for 18 months from October 1, 2007, for Liberians (and persons without nationality who last resided in Liberia) who are eligible for DED in accordance with the Presidential Memorandum. If TPS for an individual was withdrawn or denied as of September 30, 2007, he or she will not be eligible to receive DED or the automatic extension of employment authorization.

Which EADs are automatically extended to March 31, 2009?

This automatic extension is limited to EADs issued to Liberians (or persons without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) on Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, bearing an expiration date of September 30, 2007. These EADs must also bear the notation "A-12" or "C-19" on the face of the card under "Category." These are the same EADs issued in conjunction with the individual's TPS status that terminates as of 12:01 a.m. October 1, 2007 (71 FR 55000 (September 20, 2006)).

How may employers determine whether an EAD has been automatically extended for 18 months through March 31, 2009, and is therefore acceptable for completion of the Form I-9?

A Form I-766 (EAD) issued to a Liberian national (or person with no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) bearing the notation "A-12" or "C-19" on the face of the card under "Category," and having an expiration date of September 30, 2007, on the face of the card, is *acceptable for completion of the Form I-9*. This notice provides an 18 month automatic extension of such EADs until March 31, 2009. Employers should not request proof of Liberian citizenship.

Employers should accept an EAD as a valid "List A" document and not ask for additional Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, documentation if presented with an EAD that has been extended pursuant to this **Federal Register** Notice, and the EAD reasonably appears on its face to be genuine and to relate to the employee. This does not