

Preserving Better Government Through Flexibility

By State Rep. Joe Emrick
 BANGOR - In the early weeks and months of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly 500 state regulations were waived and/or suspended to help Pennsylvanians and state government address the challenges created by it.

So it begs the question: Do we really need all those regulations?

This week, the House approved legislation that will extend many of those regulatory suspensions for another six months as we assess which ones can be eliminated permanently and which ones may need to be reinstated.

Among the regulations addressed in the bill are those that aid in meeting the increased demand for health care, including licensing certification waivers and telemedicine.

The legislation was signed into law by the governor on Thursday as Act 73 of 2021.



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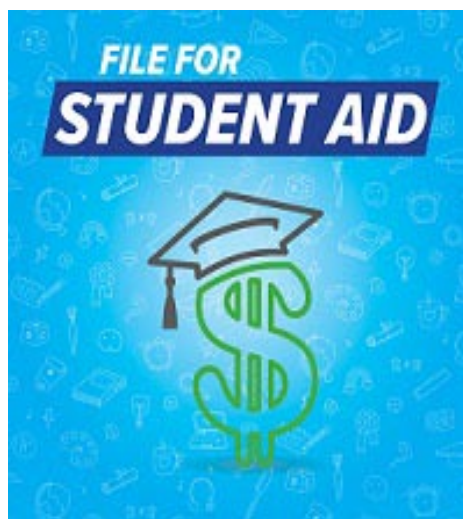
Attention Students: File Your FAFSA!

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BANGOR - Are you making higher education plans for the 2022-23 school year? Beginning this Friday, Oct. 1, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form will be available for submission.

The FAFSA application is used by the federal government, states, colleges and other organizations to award financial aid. This includes the Pennsylvania State Grant program administered by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

Here is the link you'll be able to use starting Friday to access the FAFSA form.



Those in Northampton County Impacted by Hurricane Ida Now Qualify for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

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BANGOR - The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) recently announced residents living or working in Northampton County who were directly impacted by remnants of Hurricane Ida can now apply for temporary Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 27.

DUA Eligibility
 Pennsylvanians eligible to apply for DUA assistance must live, work, or have to travel through impacted areas to reach work in Northampton County. As assessments continue, other counties may be added – visit pema.pa.gov/ida for an up-to-date list of eligible counties.

The temporary DUA benefits are only available for individuals, including those who are self-employed, who are unemployed as a direct result of damages caused by remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Individuals eligible for DUA benefits are those who work or live in one of the federally declared counties and lost their jobs directly due to the disaster.

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the making as the Bangor Public Library showcased its past, present, and future.

They were encouraged to donate gently used books, become a friend, volunteer, or library patron. Door prizes, library tours, scavenger hunts and library memorabilia were available in addition to light refreshments.

The Library serves the communities of Bangor Borough, East Bangor Borough, Portland, Roseto, Upper Mount Bethel, Washington Township and portion of Lower Mount Bethel Township in the Bangor Area School District.

Those eligible may also include:

- Individuals unable to reach their job because they must travel through the affected area and are unable to do so because of the disaster.
- Individuals who were to begin employment but were prevented doing so by the disaster.
- Individuals who became the major support for a household because of the death of the head of the household as a result of the disaster.
- Individuals who cannot work because of an injury caused as a direct result of the disaster.

Applying for DUA

Residents whose employment is impacted for the reasons listed above under "DUA Eligibility" should file a claim online at uc.pa.gov.

Before an individual will be determined eligible for DUA, L&I must first establish that the individual is otherwise not eligible for regular unemployment compensation (UC) benefits under any state or federal law.