



CLAIM FILING DEADLINES SEPTEMBER 11th VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)

There are **two** important deadlines for filing a VCF claim:

- **The first deadline is the date by which you must Register with the VCF to be recognized as a Claimant.** This deadline is different for each Claimant as it is dependent on individual circumstances as explained below.
- **The second deadline is the date by which you must file your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms and the required supporting documents.** This deadline is **October 3, 2016** and is the same for **all** claimants.

Deadline 1: Register (file a REGISTRATION FORM) with the VCF:

In general, Claimants with a qualified injury who plan to file a claim with the Fund will have two (2) years to file a REGISTRATION FORM in order for the VCF to consider your claim. Claimants who know (or reasonably should have known) of physical harm resulting from the September 11th attacks as of October 3, 2011, must Register by October 3, 2013. If you subsequently learn of physical harm, you must Register within two (2) years of the date you learn (or reasonably should have known) that you suffered an injury as a result of the 9/11 attacks.

The final rule adding certain types of cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions took effect on October 12, 2012. Therefore, if you know (or reasonably should have known) as of October 12, 2012 that you suffer from a covered cancer, you must file your Registration Form with the VCF by October 12, 2014. If you learned after October 12, 2012 that you suffer from a covered cancer, you must file your Registration Form within two (2) years of the date that you learn (or reasonably should have known) that you suffer from the covered cancer.

To Register with the VCF: In order to meet the applicable two-year deadline, you must do one of the following:

- Claimants using the ONLINE system must complete and submit the Registration Form (and receive a VCF claim number).
- Claimants submitting a HARDCOPY claim must complete and mail Eligibility Form Part I, even if the remainder of the form is not complete.

Deadline 2: File Complete ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION FORMS and required Supporting Documents:

The Zadroga Act authorizes the VCF to receive claims for five years from the date the VCF opened, which was October 3, 2011. Regardless of the applicable two (2) year deadline for filing your Registration Form with the VCF, **all** claim forms must be filed by **October 3, 2016**. This includes your completed ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION FORMS with the properly executed, original Attestations, Certifications and Exhibits.

The table on page 2 summarizes the specific deadlines for filing a claim with the VCF depending on individual Claimant circumstances.



To Register (file a Registration Form) with the VCF:			
Claimant Circumstances	Applicable Registration Deadlines*	What Must Be Filed to Meet the Registration Deadline	
		ONLINE	HARDCOPY
As of October 3, 2011 , Claimant knew (or reasonably should have known) of physical harm resulting from the 9/11 attacks	October 3, 2013	Complete Registration Form (receive VCF claim number) Register Now	Complete and Mail Eligibility Form Part I (even if the remainder of the form is not complete)
Claimant learned of physical harm suffered as a result of the 9/11 attacks after October 3, 2011	Two (2) years from the date the Claimant learned (or should have reasonably known) of the physical harm, but no later than October 3, 2016		
Claimant diagnosed with Cancer resulting from the 9/11 attacks and diagnosis was known <i>on or before</i> October 12, 2012	October 12, 2014		
Claimant's known condition was not on the original list of qualified injuries but was added to the list <i>after</i> October 3, 2011	Two (2) years from the date the specific condition was added to the list of qualified injuries, but no later than October 3, 2016		
To File a Complete Claim (Eligibility and Compensation Forms) with the VCF:			
Claimant Circumstances	Deadline*	What Must Be Filed to Meet the Claim Forms Deadline	
		ONLINE	HARDCOPY
ALL CLAIMANTS	October 3, 2016	All claim forms, including <i>completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms</i> with properly executed, <i>original</i> Attestations, Certifications and Exhibits	

* The applicable deadline is the date by which the required forms must be submitted/uploaded to your online claim or postmarked (if sending by mail). If the date falls on a Sunday or a Federal Government holiday, the forms must be submitted/uploaded or postmarked by the next business day.

Need to reach the VCF?

If you need assistance filing your claim, or have questions about deadlines or the claims process, please visit the www.vcf.gov website. You may also call the VCF toll-free Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 (or 1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired). If you are calling from outside the United States, please call 1-202-353-0356. Staff are available to answer your questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.