



TALKING POINTS SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND REGISTRATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 3, 2013

Key Talking Points about the October 3, 2013 Deadline

- The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (Fund) is approaching an important registration deadline for **most potential claimants**. October 3, 2013 is the deadline to register to be recognized as a claimant **if you knew or had reason to know of your 9/11-related physical illness or injury as of October 3, 2011 when the Fund reopened**.
- Registering for the Fund is easy and takes only a few minutes online at www.vcf.gov.
- Registration preserves an individual's right to file a claim in the future (before the Fund ends on October 3, 2016). Registration is not the same as filing a claim. Registration does not commit an individual to filing a claim in the future.
- Although this deadline impacts most eligible claimants, the October 3, 2013 deadline does not apply to individuals who learned of their injury after October 3, 2011 or individuals who have an illness or injury that was added to the list of eligible conditions after October 3, 2011. Detailed information on registration deadlines for individual claimant circumstances can be found at www.vcf.gov.
- Individuals who have not been diagnosed with a 9/11-related physical injury but are concerned they may be diagnosed in the future do not need to take any action at this time but may register to preserve their right to file a claim if they would like to do so.
- Regardless of an individual Claimant's applicable registration deadline, ***all claim forms, including completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms must be submitted by October 3, 2016.***

Background and Basic Facts

- The Fund was established to compensate for physical harm or death caused by the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001 or the debris removal efforts in their immediate aftermath. Potential claimants include first responders; cleanup workers; construction and sanitation personnel; and individuals who lived, worked or volunteered in the areas of the crashes near the World Trade Center site, the Pentagon site, and the Shanksville, Pennsylvania site.
- Registering is the first step of the claims process. The online registration process allows claimants and representatives of claimants to create an account that will be used for the purpose of filing claims and to provide certain information that will help the Fund start the claims review process.
- After registering, the next deadline for claimants to file completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms and the required supporting documents is **October 3, 2016**. This is when the Fund will close for all claimants.
- The VCF has begun issuing payments to eligible claimants. Final payments for all claims will be made no later than October 2017.
- The www.vcf.gov website has a wealth of information, including sample Eligibility and Compensation Forms. Information on the website is available in English, Spanish, Polish, and Mandarin. There is also a toll free Helpline 1-855-885-1555 to call if you have any questions or need to request a hardcopy form be mailed to you. Helpline support is available in English and Spanish.