



## REGISTRATION AND CLAIM FILING DEADLINES SEPTEMBER 11th VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (“VCF”)

You must register with the VCF by the deadline that applies to your individual circumstances, as set forth in the table on page 2. By timely registering your claim with the VCF, you preserve your right to file a claim with the VCF in the future, but no later than December 18, 2020.

In general, claimants are considered to have been registered on time if their registration is submitted within two years of the date on which the claimant knew or reasonably should have known: (1) that the victim suffered a physical harm as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001, or debris removal in the immediate aftermath, and (2) that the claimant was eligible to file a claim with the VCF. See Section 405(c)(3)(A)(i) of the Zadroga Act. This means that a claimant must know (or reasonably should know) both of the physical injury or condition and that there is a causal connection between the injury or condition and 9/11-related exposure. For most claimants, the VCF will use the date on which a federal, state, or local government entity determined that a physical injury or condition was 9/11-related as the date on which a claimant reasonably should have known that he or she was eligible to file a claim. This includes, but is not limited to, a determination by the World Trade Center Health Program (WTC Health Program), a state workers’ compensation board, or by a government employer such as the FDNY, NYPD, or NYCERS for purposes of awarding a disability pension. Please note that a determination of this sort, which is sufficient to establish that the claimant reasonably should have known that he or she was eligible to file a claim, is not necessarily sufficient to establish that a claimant suffers from an “eligible condition” or that the claimant has a disability that warrants an economic loss award.

Thus, for individuals who are being treated through the WTC Health Program, the starting date of the two-year registration period, i.e., the “Registration Start Date,” is based on the earlier of two dates: (1) the date of the letter from the WTC Health Program indicating that the individual’s 9/11-related physical injury or condition has been certified for treatment, or (2) the date on which another government entity determined that the physical injury or condition was 9/11-related. For individuals not being treated through the WTC Health Program, the Registration Start Date is the earlier of: (1) the date on which a government entity determined that the physical injury or condition was 9/11-related, or (2) the date on which the individual’s physical injury or condition is verified through the VCF’s Private Physician process.

A government determination of 9/11-relatedness as to any specific physical condition or injury triggers a new two-year registration period. Per VCF policy, if registration is timely for any condition or injury, all eligible conditions no matter when determined to be 9/11-related (and regardless of whether there had been a prior timely registration) may be considered for an award, subject to the other requirements of the VCF claims process.

The chart on page 2 summarizes the specific deadlines for registering a claim with the VCF. These deadlines are the dates by which registration must be submitted. Please note: December 18, 2020 is the deadline for all claims and supporting documents to be filed.

**How do I register?** To register with the VCF you must do one of the following:

- Use the [online system](#) to submit your Registration Form.
- Call the VCF Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 to register by phone.

**What happens after I register?** Once you are registered, you should complete and submit your Claim Form. The “How to File a Claim” page on the VCF website has information and resources to assist you in navigating the online claim system and the claim submission process. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call our Helpline to have a hard copy Claim Form mailed to you.

**Need assistance, have questions, or want to confirm you are registered?** Visit [www.vcf.gov](http://www.vcf.gov) or call the VCF Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 (or 1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired). If you are calling from outside the United States, call 202-514-1100.



Victim's Condition	Registration Starting Date: Earlier of Date of Certification Letter, Verification, or other Government Determination that Physical Injury or Condition was 9/11-Related	Registration Deadline
Non-Cancer Conditions (including traumatic injury) <sup>1</sup>	On or before October 3, 2011	October 3, 2013
	On or after October 4, 2011	Two years after Registration Start Date but no later than December 18, 2020
Cancer (excluding Prostate Cancer and Rare Cancers)	On or before October 12, 2012	October 14, 2014
	On or after October 13, 2012	Two years after Registration Start Date, but no later than December 18, 2020
Prostate Cancer	On or before October 21, 2013	October 21, 2015
	On or after October 22, 2013	Two years after Registration Start Date, but no later than December 18, 2020
Rare Cancers added to WTC Health Program list on February 18, 2014	On or before February 18, 2014	February 18, 2016
	On or after February 19, 2014	Two years after Registration Start Date, but no later than December 18, 2020
New-Onset Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	On or before August 4, 2016	August 4, 2018
	On or after August 5, 2016	Two years after Registration Start Date, but no later than December 18, 2020
Victim is Deceased and Died of:	Date of Victim's Death	Registration Deadline
Non-Cancer Conditions	On or before October 3, 2011	October 3, 2013
	On or after October 4, 2011	Two years after the date of death
Cancer (Excluding Rare Cancers and Prostate Cancer)	On or before October 12, 2012	October 14, 2014
	On or after October 13, 2012	Two years after the date of death
Prostate Cancer	On or before October 21, 2013	October 21, 2015
	On or after October 22, 2013	Two years after the date of death
Rare Cancers added to WTC Health Program list on February 18, 2014	On or before February 18, 2014	February 18, 2016
	On or after February 19, 2014	Two years after the date or death
New-Onset Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	On or before August 4, 2016	August 4, 2018
	On or after August 5, 2016	Two years after the date of death

*These deadlines are the dates by which the registration must be submitted in the VCF's online system or postmarked if sending by mail. If the date falls on a Sunday or a Federal Government holiday, the registration must be submitted or postmarked by the next business day.*

Individuals who have been diagnosed with a 9/11-related illness that is not currently on the list of eligible conditions should periodically check the WTC Health Program website at <http://www.cdc.gov/wtc/conditions.html> to see if the condition is added to the list. If the condition is added to the list of eligible conditions in the future, claimants must register the claim within two years after the date on which the condition was added to the list or the Registration Start Date (whichever is later), but no later than December 18, 2020.

<sup>1</sup> Although the WTCHP did not add acute traumatic injury to its list of WTC-Related Health Conditions until August 4, 2016, the VCF will continue to observe the October 3, 2013, registration deadline for this condition as the VCF has included traumatic injuries since the Fund was re-opened on October 3, 2011.