



Victim Compensation Assistance Program

Questions and Answers about Victims Compensation

Financial Assistance for Victims of Crime

The Victims Compensation Assistance Program helps victims and their families ease the financial burdens they may face as a result of crime.

This document provides a brief overview of the Victims Compensation Assistance Program. It is not intended to serve as a complete list of services that are available to crime victims.

There may be factors other than those listed in this document that may determine whether you qualify for compensation.

For complete details, please contact your local victim service agency, or the Victims Compensation Assistance Program at 1-800-233-2339.

To apply for compensation online go to:
www.pcv.pccd.pa.gov

OR

Download the PA Crime
Victims app for Android or
IOS devices



Who is eligible?

You may be eligible if...

- The crime occurred in Pennsylvania
- And the crime was reported to law enforcement OR a Protection from Abuse Order (PFA) was filed.

How long do I have to file? Deadlines for filing may apply. Please visit www.pcv.pccd.pa.gov or call 1-800-233-2339 for additional information on filing requirements.

Is anyone other than the victim eligible?

Yes. In certain circumstances, others (including family members) may be eligible for compensation.

What types of expenses may be covered?

- Medical expenses
- Counseling expenses
- Loss of earnings
- Loss of support
- Relocation expenses
- Funeral expenses
- Crime-scene Cleanup
- Money stolen or defrauded from individuals on a fixed income, such as Social Security or a pension

Is there a limit on total compensation?

Yes, There are different limits for the various types of expenses covered by the Program.

Must someone be arrested or convicted before I apply?

No, there does not have to be an arrest in order to apply for victim compensation.

How long will it take for my claim to be processed?

Processing times vary from claim to claim. There are several factors that can have an impact on how long it will take for a claim to be processed such as complexity, when required documents are received or when additional review is needed. We strive to work as quickly as possible.

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