

Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc. Holocaust Victim Compensation Fund (HVCF)

GUIDELINES

These guidelines are correct as of September 1, 2011. All applicants are urged to check the Claims Conference website (www.claimscon.org/hvcf) regularly as amendments to the criteria and clarifications are posted as they become available.

In July 2011, the Claims Conference established the Holocaust Victim Compensation Fund (HVCF) for Holocaust victims residing in certain EU countries who have not previously received compensation from a German source and who meet the persecution criteria of the Hardship Fund (established by the German Government). Compensation will be in the form of a one-time payment of 1,900. These Guidelines set forth the criteria for eligibility for a payment from the HVCF.

1. Eligibility

Payments under the HVCF are open to Jewish Holocaust victims who were persecuted as Jews and who meet the following eligibility criteria:

The victim must submit an application. Heirs of victims who are not alive at the time of application are not eligible to file an application.

The victim is residing, at the date of filing the application, in one of the following countries:

(i) Bulgaria (ii) Czech Republic (iii) Estonia (iv) Hungary (v) Latvia (vi) Lithuania (vii) Poland (viii) Romania (ix) Slovak Republic (x) Slovenia

Persecution for the purposes of eligibility for a payment from the HVCF shall be persecution that is recognized by the Hardship Fund of the German Government.

This includes, amongst others:

(i) deprivation of liberty or

(ii) flight from the Nazi regime from a place that was later occupied or

(iii) restriction of liberty as defined by the BEG and/or

(iv) restriction of movement like curfew, compulsory registration with limitation of residence, wearing the Star of David etc.

(v) persons who stayed in Leningrad at some time between September 1941 and January 1944 or if they fled from there during this period.

The HVCF will process applications from applicants that were a fetus at the time of their mother's persecution which fulfill the criteria of the Hardship Fund of the German Government.

A person cannot also receive a payment from the HVCF who currently receives, or has ever received, a payment under any of the following: Claims Conference administered Hardship Fund, Budapest Fund, Article 2 Fund, or Central and Eastern European Fund, or, the German Federal Indemnification law (BEG), Austrian law regarding relief for victims (OFG), Berlin under law on recognizing and supporting people persecuted by the Nazis for political, racial or religious reasons (PrVG), GDR pension for victims of Nazi regime (VdN), or pension from the Israeli Ministry of Finance under the Israeli Nazi persecution disabled persons law 5717-1975.

2. Deadlines

The period for application to the HVCF shall be from September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. All applications must be received by the Claims Conference no later than June 30, 2013.

Funds not claimed (either by original applicants or heirs) on approved applications by

June 30, 2014 shall be for forfeited.

All required documentation (relating to every claim from Holocaust victims and heirs) must be submitted to the Claims Conference by December 31, 2013. Subsequent to that date, all claims lapse.

3. Heirs

An heir- spouse and if none, child(ren) - may be eligible if the Holocaust victim meets all of the listed criteria and was alive as of 1 September, 2011 and submitted an HVCF application to the Claims Conference prior to his or her passing and prior to the closing of the HVCF. An heir must inform the Claims Conference in writing of his or her intention to pursue the claims by the earlier of 6 months after the death of the applicant or December 31, 2013.

An heir must submit an Heir Application Packet (HAP), which should be obtained from the Claims Conference and must be completed and returned no later than December 31, 2013.

4. General

There is no fee to obtain or submit an application to the HVCF.

In accepting payment under the Holocaust Victim Compensation Fund (HVCF) the recipient waives any future payment that he or she may become entitled to under the Hardship Fund administered by the Claims Conference on behalf of the German government.

Payments under the HVCF are voluntary payments by the Claims Conference and there is no legal entitlement or right to any payment.

Applicants not found eligible will have the right of appeal to the Independent Review Authority of the Claims Conference.

All applicants will be bound by the declaration and waiver found at the end of the application form and are urged to read it very carefully prior to signing the application form.

In order to obtain additional information and application form we kindly ask you to contact with: **Claims Conference, HVCF P.O. Box 20064 Tel Aviv 61200 Israel**