



Guam World War II Reconciliation Act of 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Where can I submit my application?

Answer: Completed applications may be submitted at the Guam War Claims Processing Center located in the Guam Museum during the following schedule:

Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, CST
Guam Museum
193 Chalan Santo Papa Juan Pablo Dos
Hagåtña, Guam

2. Who is eligible to apply for the Guam War Claims Program?

Answer: A compensable Guam victim, who was not deceased as of the date of the enactment of the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act of December 23, 2016 and who is determined by the Adjudication Committee to have suffered, as a result of the attack and occupation of Guam by Imperial Japanese military forces during World War II, or incident to the liberation of Guam by United States military forces.

A survivor of a compensable Guam decedent is eligible. A compensable Guam decedent is a resident of Guam who died as a result of the attack and occupation of Guam by Imperial Japanese military forces during World War II, or incident to the liberation of Guam by United States military forces, and whose death would have been compensable under the Guam Meritorious Claims Act of 1945 (U.S. Public Law 79-224) if a timely claim had been filed under the terms of such act.

3. Can I file another claim under the Local Guam War Claims if I filed under the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, U.S. Public Law 114-328 with the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States?

Answer: No. If you filed on or before June 20, 2018 and either received payments, were denied or pending a final decision, you shall NOT be eligible to file or receive payments under Public Law 36-62 & 36-73.

4. What documents do I need?

Answer: If you are filing as a victim, you will need a valid government-issued photo ID, birth certificate and a completed notarized application packet. If you are filing on behalf of a decedent, you will need a completed notarized application packet, a government issued photo ID for both you and the decedent, and decedent's birth certificate and death certificate. A checklist is provided with the application. Please visit our website for more information.

5. I'm off-island. Am I able to apply?

Answer: Yes. You must send your original notarized application and items referenced on #4 to:

Department of Administration Guam
Attention: Guam War Claims Processing Center
P.O. Box 7420
Tamuning, GU 96931

Applications must be post marked by the deadline date of March 3, 2023.

Applicants are reminded to send applications using Certified Mail and to retain the mailing slip and tracking number for their records.

6. Why must my form be notarized?

Answer: By signing your claim in the presence of a notary, the document will meet a standard of authenticity and proof for the Adjudication Committee when submitted for review and adjudication

7. When will payments be processed?

Answer: Upon certification by the Adjudication Committee and submitted to the Department of Administration, payment will take approximately 1-2 weeks.

8. How will I receive payment?

Answer: You have the option to receive your payment via EFT or a paper check that will be mailed.

9. I am unable to go to the center, would someone be able to bring the documents to my home?

Answer: If you are unable to visit the Guam War Claims Processing Center, we can schedule a homebound visit for Guam residents. Applications can also be obtained on line at DOA.GUAM.GOV.

To schedule a homebound visit, please contact the Guam War Claims Processing Center. An appointment will be coordinated at a convenient time for you.

10. Whom can I contact if I need more information or for scheduling?

Answer: You can contact (671) 989-9277 or (671) 989-9278 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Chamoru Standard Time).

You can also email guamwarclaims@doa.guam.gov or visit our website at DOA.GUAM.GOV for more information.

You can also mail inquiries to: Guam Department of Administration
Attention: Guam War Claims Program
P.O. Box 7420
Tamuning, Guam 96931

11. What are Public Law 36-62 & Public Law 36-73 about?

Answer: Public Law 36-62 establishes the Guam World War II Reconciliation Act of 2021 with the intent of giving compensation to members of the Greatest Generation who were unable to submit their claim during the one year filing period from 2017-2018.

Public Law 36-73 establishes the implementation plan of payments for Public Law 36-62.

12. Who is eligible to receive compensation under the Guam World War II Reconciliation Act of 2021?

Answer: Under Public Law 36-62 & 36-73, an individual is eligible for the Guam World War II Reconciliation Act of 2021 under the same requirements as the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act enacted through Public Law 114-328.

13. If my relative (e.g. grandparent, parent, etc.) died as a result of the Japanese occupation of Guam, who should file the claim?

Answer: Claims for the death of an individual resulting from the Japanese occupation of Guam must be filed by a qualifying relative (that is spouse, child or parent) of the individual who died.

14. If my relative (e.g. grandparent, parent, etc.) was injured as a result of Japanese occupation of Guam, who should file the claim?

Answer: Claims for the injury of an individual resulting from the Japanese occupation of Guam must be filed by a qualifying relative (that is spouse, child, or parent) of the individual who suffered the injury.

15. My relative was a qualifying relative (that is spouse, child or parent) of several individuals who died as a result of the Japanese occupation of Guam. Does a separate claim form need to be submitted for each individual that died?

Answer: Yes, if you had more than one relative die during the occupation of Guam you must submit a separate application for each individual.

16. My relative was a qualifying relative (that is spouse, child or parent) of an individual who died as a result of the Japanese occupation of Guam; but they have now died. Who can file a claim on their behalf?

Answer: If your relative died after December 23, 2016, then the claim may be filed by their estate. However, if they died before December 23, 2016, then that claim is not eligible for compensation under the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act and, therefore, not eligible for compensation under this program.

17. My relative suffered an injury as a result of the Japanese occupation of Guam; but, they have now died. Who can file a claim on their behalf?

Answer: If your relative died after December 23, 2016, then the claim may be filed by their estate. However, if they died before December 23, 2016, then that claim is not eligible for compensation under the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act and, therefore, not eligible for compensation under this program.

18. Where can I find the War Claim application form?

Answer: War claims applications and instructions will be available on April 1st for download at DOA.GUAM.GOV and for pick up at the Guam Museum.

19. Do I need to file a separate claim from the one I filed with Senator Bamba/Congresswoman Bordallo?

Answer: Yes, a separate application must be filled out from the ones used in the past. This is because this is a new program under the Government of Guam.

20. Can I file my claim electronically?

Answer: Unfortunately, we cannot accept electronic filing. All applications must be submitted physically at the Guam Museum or by mail.

21. When will my claim be decided or adjudicated on?

Answer: The Adjudication Committee will meet weekly to deliberate on completed war claims applications. The order in which claims will be considered will depend on the type of claim and the evidence submitted. For those approved by the Committee, you will have 15 days to object.