



ESSENTIAL WORKERS

PREMIUM PAY & COVID-19 RELIEF FUND



WHAT IS IT?

PREMIUM PAY

Payments to essential workers* that were on the job during the pandemic.

- **Payments up to \$1,000 for full-time workers**
- **Payments up to \$500 for part-time workers**
- **NOT first-come, first-served**
- **Application deadline: October 1, 2022**
- **Total available: \$30 million**

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Financial relief for essential workers* who got COVID-19, were unable to work, got sick or passed away.

- **Covers unpaid leave or lost wages**
- **Covers out-of-pocket medical expenses due to COVID-19**
- **Provides \$3,000 burial assistance for workers that died from COVID-19**
- **Total available: \$34 million**

*** eligibility differs for each program**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

PREMIUM PAY

- **Essential worker in category 1A or 1B (1C workers are NOT included in Premium Pay)**
- **Worked in CT between March 10, 2020, and May 7, 2022**
- **NO COVID DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY**
- **Must have been working on a job site, unable to work from home**
- **Only for those who made under \$150k/yr**
- **Only for private sector workers, not for federal, state or municipal employees**

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

- **Essential workers in categories 1A, 1B & 1C**
- **Resident of CT between March 10, 2020 and July 20, 2021**
- **Contracted COVID-19 between March 10, 2020 and July 20, 2021**
- **Lost wages due to the inability to work, or incurred out-of-pocket medical expenses after a COVID-19 diagnosis or related illness.**
- **Died as a result of COVID-19, after being diagnosed between March 10, 2020 and July 20, 2021.**

PROGRAM BENEFITS

PREMIUM PAY

- Up to \$1,000 for qualified workers who earned less than \$100k/yr
- Up to \$500 for part-time workers
- Amounts gradually decrease for those who earned between \$100k - \$150k
- If demand exceeds the fund, payments will be adjusted proportionally so everyone gets the same treatment. You don't get more for applying early.

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Lost wages

- Amount equal to 75% of their average weekly pay for the number of days they were unable to work
- Up to \$1,400 per week

Out-of-pocket medical expenses

- No limit

Burial expenses

- Up to \$3,000

DEADLINES

PREMIUM PAY

Program is NOT first-come, first-served

Must apply by October 1, 2022

- **Payments are taxable; recipients will receive a 1099 form**
- **Final payment calculations happen after application process closes on October 1, 2022**

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Program IS first come, first served

Must apply by December 31, 2022

- **Payments are not taxable**
- **Workers can apply for all relief categories**

HOW TO APPLY

PREMIUM PAY

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

CTessentialworkerrelief.org



Apply for both programs using the same web site. Eligible workers can apply for both funds.

Must provide documentation to verify identity and eligibility.

HOW TO HELP

Help spread the word.

- **Individuals:** Tell your coworkers, family, friends and neighbors.
- **Organizations:** share program information through press releases and your social networks and digital platforms (we will provide you with a digital toolkit today!).
- **Public figures:** Host a community forum — online or in-person — in your area. Alert employers in your area that provide essential services.
- **All:** The comptroller's office can provide any needed marketing material for these efforts.



Media Toolkit Available



A worker in a dark green jacket and safety glasses is focused on a task, using a tool on a metal surface. The worker is wearing a dark green jacket with a small logo on the sleeve and safety glasses. The background is a blurred industrial setting.

QUESTIONS

APPLY *or* LEARN MORE
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