



## Expanded RECA Program Applications Launched

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The application forms for the newly expanded Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) program are now live on the Department of Justice’s [RECA website](#). These forms can be printed and mailed in now, or submitted online this winter when the Department of Justice (DOJ) is expected to launch a new online portal for applicants.

There are separate claims forms for applicants related to 1) Downwinders 2) Uranium Mine Workers 3) On Site Participants and 4) Manhattan Project Waste victims. While similar, the claims process for each type of claim does vary. For all claims, though, you will need to provide documentation proving you were in the affected area and your connection to the eligible events.

The deadline to submit claims is **December 31, 2027**. While there is no limit to the amount of funds the program can award, it is still important to submit ahead of the deadline so that DOJ has time to review the claims before the program ends on December 31, 2028.

**Please be aware of scammers** and fraudulent or predatory individuals who will offer to assist you in the claims process in exchange for a fee. Known groups like National Cancer Benefits Center and Downwinders® (Downwinders.com and Downwinders.info) are known to defraud RECA claimants. If you are contacted by any scammers, please report them to the New Mexico Attorney General at (505) 490-4060, [Missouri Attorney general's Office](#), or the U.S. Senate at (202) 228-4388.

**No Diné should be paying for claims assistance.** The Navajo Nation has programs and advocates to support victims seeking to file a claim:

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