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The Excluded Workers Fund (EWF) gives financial help to New Yorkers who lost income during the pandemic and could not get unemployment, pandemic, or other federal relief benefits. Applications will be available in August 2021. You can sign up for Excluded Workers Fund updates at on.ny.gov/EWFFund.

DO I QUALIFY FOR EWF BENEFITS?

You may qualify if you:

1. Lived in New York State before March 27, 2020, and continue to live in New York State;
2. Are not eligible for and did not receive unemployment insurance, COVID-19 income relief, or other specific benefits from the state or federal government;
3. Earned less than \$26,208 in the 12 months before April 2021; and
4. Lost income during the period from March 27, 2020 through April 1, 2021 because you became:
 - Unemployed,
 - Partially unemployed, or
 - Unable or unavailable to work due to COVID-19.
5. You may also qualify if you became responsible for most of your household income because the head of your household died or became disabled.

HOW MUCH IS THE EWF BENEFIT?

You may qualify for EWF benefits in one of two amounts, depending on the amount of work proof you are able to provide:

- Tier 1 - \$15,600 (minus taxes); OR
- Tier 2 - \$3,200 (minus taxes)

NOTE: You may get only one of these benefit amounts.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Go to the Department of Labor website at dol.ny.gov/excluded-workers-fund and <https://dol.ny.gov/excluded-worker-fund-application-details>. Review the list of documents you should collect before you apply. They are also listed on this information sheet. The documents will only be used to prove your identity, that you live in New York, and information about your work history. The Department of Labor will not share them with anyone unless required by law.

HOW DO I PROVE MY IDENTITY?

You must provide one or more of the following documents. Each document has a point value. You must have 4 points or more. At least one document must include your photo and show your date of birth:

- New York State driver license or New York State ID (4 points)
- U.S. passport (4 points)
- IDNYC (4 points)
- Non-U.S. passport (3 points)
- New York State inpatient ID card issued by State Office of Mental Health (2 points)
- Marriage certificate (1 point)
- Divorce decree (1 point)
- NYC Department of Parks and Recreation card (1 point)
- Non-U.S. birth certificate (1 point)
- Non-U.S. ID card (1 point)
- Diploma/transcript (1 point)
- Any other document the Department of Labor announces it will accept (3 or fewer points only)

HOW DO I SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN NEW YORK STATE BEFORE MARCH 27, 2020 AND CURRENTLY?

You must provide one or more of the following documents. Each document must show your name and address within New York State. Documents showing proof of current residency must be dated no earlier than 30 days before April 19, 2021 (unless otherwise noted):

- A non-expired New York State driver license, non-driver ID, or IDNYC (this document may have been issued more than 30 days prior to April 19, 2021)
- Copy of a utility bill
- Bank or credit card statement
- A current lease, mortgage payment, or property tax statement
- Letter addressed to you from the New York City Housing Authority
- Letter addressed to you from a homeless shelter that states you are living at the shelter now
- Letter addressed to you from a non-profit that provides services to the homeless
- Any other document the Department of Labor announces it will accept

HOW DO I PROVE MY WORK HISTORY?

If you can provide the following, and meet all other requirements, you may be eligible for \$15,600 (minus taxes):

- Tax return for 2018, 2019, or 2020 that was filed using a valid Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN); **OR**
- Letter from an employer that has dates of employment and the reason you are no longer working; **OR**
- Six weeks of pay stubs or wage statements from the six-month period before the date you started to lose income due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **OR**
- W2 or 1099 from 2019 or 2020; **OR**
- Wage notice that shows employment for some time before the date you started to lose income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Any other documents the Department of Labor announces it will accept.

You may be eligible for **\$3,200 (minus taxes)** if you **cannot** provide the documents listed above, but you can meet all other requirements, including:

- Proof of your identity;
- Proof that you live in New York State; and
- Work documents that the Department of Labor will announce.

BEWARE OF FRAUD!

You should only apply for EWF benefits from the official Department of Labor website and get help only from trusted organizations.

If a person or organization tries to charge you money or collect your personal information to help you apply, **DO NOT** give them anything. You may report such activity by filing a complaint with the New York Attorney General's office or by calling the Attorney General's hotline at (800) 771-7755. For hearing impaired: TDD (800) 788-9898.

You will receive communication from the Department of Labor **only** if you sign up for EWF updates or apply for EWF benefits. An email or text message will tell you that your application is being processed.

Beware of communications that do not come from the Department of Labor.