

New York State Excluded Worker Fund

After one year of actions across the state, we won a first-in-the-nation \$2.1 billion Excluded Workers Fund! This fund will provide a one-time payment for help with income that was lost between March 27, 2020 to April 1, 2021.

Who is an excluded worker?

An excluded worker is someone who is ineligible for state unemployment benefits or federal COVID-related relief funds. Do all of the following apply to you?

- Live in New York State now;
- Were living in New York State before March 27, 2020;
- Have lost wages or income after February 2020 because of
 - COVID-related unemployment, partial unemployment, or inability to work OR
 - COVID-related death or disability of a breadwinner or major household source of income;
- Be ineligible for Unemployment Insurance or federal COVID-related income relief; AND
- Have earned \$26,208 or less between April 19, 2020 and April 19, 2021

What does the excluded worker fund offer?

- Tier 1: \$15,600 pre-taxes (\$300 per week for 52 weeks).
- Tier 2: \$3,200 pre-taxes (equal to the 3 federal stimulus checks). Workers ineligible for Tier 1 can qualify for this tier.

Note: Recipients will pay 5% of the benefit in taxes.

When and how can I apply?

Applications are **not open yet**: New York State Department of Labor and non-profit organizations will announce when applications open. If any agency or individual tries to charge you money or collect your personal information to submit an application on your behalf at this time, **DO NOT** provide anything to them. Report such activity by filing a complaint with the New York Attorney General's office -- call the hotline at (800) 771-7755. (For hearing impaired: TDD (800)788-9898).

Will the Department of Labor share my personal information with immigration enforcement agencies?

No. There are criminal penalties for disclosing your information to immigration enforcement authorities. Your documents will only be used for determining eligibility and will not be shared with anyone outside of the application process, unless to comply with a judicial warrant or court order. Application forms will not include your identity documents, any information about immigration status, or anything regarding ineligibility for a Social Security Number.

Excluded Worker Fund Document Checklist

Can you prove your identity with 4 total points from the chart below?

4 points

3 points

1 point

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-expired New York state driver's license or non-driver identification card <input type="checkbox"/> A non-expired United States passport <input type="checkbox"/> An IDNYC identification card	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-expired passport issued by a country other than the United States	<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate or divorce decree <input type="checkbox"/> New York state inpatient photo identification card <input type="checkbox"/> Non-expired parks and rec membership card <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign birth certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Consular ID card (or any other photo ID issued by another country) <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma or transcript from a high school, college or university in the US
	<p style="text-align: center;">2 points</p> <input type="checkbox"/> NYS office of mental health photo ID card	

Can you prove your residency with one of the following?

- A non-expired NYS drivers license or Non-driver ID or IDNYC **OR**
- Two of the following, one dated before March 27, 2020 & one dated on or after March 20, 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 NYCHA
 - Letter to you from a homeless shelter indicating you currently reside at the shelter
 - Letter to the you from a non-profit that provides services to the houseless

Tier 1 Benefits: Can you provide one of the following?

- A tax return for tax years 2018, 2019, or 2020 using a valid ITIN number
- A letter from an employer showing dates of work and why you are no longer employed
- At least six weeks of pay stubs/wage statements from November 19, 2021 to April 19, 2021
- A W-2 or 1099 form for tax years 2019 or 2020 showing wages or income
- A Wage Theft Prevention Act (WTPA) Wage Notice given by an employer at time of your hiring showing you were employed between November 19, 2020 to April 19, 2021

Tier 2 Benefits: The Department of Labor will create a point system including documents such as pay stubs, wage statements, bank statements or receipts demonstrating a pattern of payments, to determine work-related eligibility. We recommend collecting as much evidence of your work history as you can.