



Am I eligible to claim compensation if the perpetrator of the crime is not identified?

Yes. As a victim, you may claim compensation if restitution cannot be obtained from the defendant because he remains unidentified. You may also claim compensation in other circumstances, such as for example when the defendant dies, when the wrong person is charged and later acquitted, if no indictment has been filed 2 years after the offence has been discovered, if the defendant is not criminally liable, or if the execution of the court order cannot be enforced.

How can I file a request for compensation and where should I submit it?

Complete the application form for the compensation of the victims of crime. You can find the form in the Victim's Advocacy and Assistance Offices in all basic prosecution offices, in the offices of Free Legal Aid or in the Ministry of Justice website (www.md-ks.net). When completing the application, carefully read the instructions and attach the necessary supporting documents.

The form and the supporting documents should be completed and submitted to the Ministry of Justice at the following address: former Rilindja building, Pristina 10000, or you can scan the documents and submit them to the following email address: kkvk.m@rks-gov.net.



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The Crime Victims Compensation Program allows for the financial compensation of victims of violent crimes for some injuries that resulted from the criminal offence. The Crime Victims Compensation Committee reviews the requests for compensation and renders decisions in respect of the needs and rights of the victims of crime by treating them with respect and dignity.

Compensable criminal offences

Compensable criminal offences are those crimes that result in the death of the victim, serious bodily injury or serious impairment to physical or mental health, such as:

- Murder
- Trafficking in persons
- Rape
- Sexual abuse of children
- Criminal offences which fall within the definition of domestic violence under the Law on Protection Against Domestic Violence.

Formal criteria

- To be a citizen or permanent resident of the Republic of Kosovo;
- To be a citizen of any country with which the Republic of Kosovo has reciprocity; or
- To be a citizen of a Member State of the EU.

“Compensation Program is the last resort – the victim must initially request restitution from the defendant in the court.”

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Crime Victims Compensation Program? The Crime Victims Compensation Program, which is financed by the budget of the Republic of Kosovo, enables the victims of violent compensable crimes to apply for financial compensation for the damages suffered as a result of a criminal offense.

Are all crimes compensated?

No. The Law sets forth several types of violent crimes that are compensable. The Law allows the Committee to also review and decide on requests received from victims of other violent crimes, which due to their nature and consequence caused may justify compensation, especially if they are vulnerable victims. The Law also sets forth the formal and material criteria that must be met in order for the victi

Who is entitled to compensation?

In general, the victim is entitled to request compensation for himself or herself. The compensation may also be requested by family members or dependents of the victim, in the following circumstances:

- For sufferings caused by losing a member of the family (the victim);
- When they were maintained by a victim that did not obtain compensation;
- When they paid for funeral expenses;
- When they paid for medical and hospitalization expenses of the victim and if the victim dies before filing a request;
- When the victim dies and the Committee has already decided to compensate the victim but the transfer was not executed. m to be entitled to compensation.

Who can file a request for compensation?

The victim or his or her authorized person, legal guardian, member of the family, etc.

Can I be compensated for all damages and expenses?

You will be compensated for the damages and expenses that will be evaluated and decided by the Committee. You will not be compensated for expenses covered by other sources or public funds and for lawyer's fees for filing the request. You may claim compensation for:

- Serious physical injuries or impairment of health (up to 7,000 Euros);
- Serious disturbance to mental health (up to 5,000 Euros);
- Suffering for losing a member of the family (up to 3,000 Euros);
- Medical and hospitalization expenses (up to 10,000 Euros);
- Damages for destroyed medical devices (up to 3,000 Euros);
- Loss of capacity to work and loss of maintenance (up to 3,000 Euros);
- Funeral expenses (up to 3,000 Euros);
- Procedural expenses for filing an application for compensation (undetermined).

Can I have immediate access to victim compensation program?

Immediate access is granted only to a child victim or a foreign victim of trafficking if the perpetrator remains unknown for 3 months from the reporting of the crime.