

## Eligibility for Compensation

Survivors of sexual assault may be eligible for one of two types of claims.


**1. Sexual Assault Counseling Claim:** This claim does not require the crime to be reported to authorities. If the crime was not reported, the Program will consider only counseling expenses for reimbursement.

**2. Standard Claim:** If the assault was reported to the appropriate authorities—such as through a PFA, SVPO, PFI, or the completion of a forensic rape exam, — survivors can submit a standard claim. This allows for compensation covering a range of expenses, including lost wages, relocation costs, transportation, medications, and other related expenses.



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## Compensation Guidelines

VCAP is a “payer of last resort” meaning the program covers costs not paid by other sources, such as insurance. In certain cases, victims may not be required to use an offender’s insurance to avoid further harm.

## Confidentiality

Information collected during claims is confidential and privileged. Information cannot be disclosed or used in legal proceedings without written consent from the victim, intervenor, or their claimant if deceased.



## More Flexibility in Reporting/Filing

Thanks to Act 77 of 2022, victims now have five years to file a compensation claim, up from two years, giving victims more time to apply for compensation. Reporting requirements have also been changed to “promptly” instead of the previous 72-hour deadline, offering more flexibility



## Most Common Sexual Assault Related Expenses

- Counseling Expenses
- Medical Expenses
- Loss of Earnings
- Relocation Assistance
- Transportation



## Online Claim Submission

VCAP’s paperless process allows victims, victim service programs and allied professionals—including therapists, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies—to upload documents through the Dependable Access for Victimization Expenses (DAVE) system. Utilization of DAVE speeds up processing, offers real-time updates, and enhances transparency.

**FILE YOUR CLAIM TODAY**

