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Good morning,

The following updates were made to the VCF website:

- Added **NEW Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) 6.6**, which states:

6.6 If I receive a WTC performance of disability pension from the NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) [World Trade Center Benefits Program \(WTC-BP\)](#), will those payments be deducted from my VCF award?

Yes, if the payments are related at least in part to your disability from an eligible 9/11-related condition and you are seeking VCF compensation for lost earnings (also referred to as “economic loss”). The statute requires that the VCF offset from your economic loss award any disability benefits you are receiving, or entitled to receive, related to your eligible physical health conditions. If you receive WTC-BP disability payments for conditions that are not eligible under the VCF, those amounts will not be deducted from your award.

Information about how the VCF considers disability payments when calculating economic loss can be found in [Section 2.2 of the VCF Policies and Procedures](#) on the VCF website.

Please remember that by law, you must inform the VCF of any new collateral source payments you receive, or become entitled to receive, after your claim has been filed – including after any award has been determined or paid – until the VCF closes on October 1, 2090. This includes any payments from the WTC-BP. You should report all new collateral source payments using the [Collateral Offset Update Form](#).

- The VCF has updated Policies and Procedures [Section 2.3](#), which details the methodology used to calculate lost earnings; and [Section 2.4.b.](#) under Replacement Services Loss in Personal Injury Claims. Effective January 20, 2026, the standard amount used to calculate future residual earnings capacity and compensable income in replacement services loss in personal injury claims has been increased to the current minimum wage applicable to large employers in New York City, which equates to \$35,360 annually.
- [Third Party Verification Form](#), [Witness Presence Statement](#), [Victim Presence Statement](#), and [Appendix B](#) were updated to clarify the dates for presence at the World Trade Center or the surrounding New York Exposure Zone, the Pentagon, and the Shanksville, Pennsylvania sites.

Please remember to always use the updated form from the website and not any version that might have been saved to a desktop.

Thank you.

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