

WORLD TRADE CENTER SICK LEAVE

A recent amendment to the General Municipal Law provides for sick leave at full pay, without charge to accruals, for public employees who participated in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup operations and subsequently developed a “qualifying World Trade Center condition,” as defined in section two of the Retirement and Social Security Law.

If you participated in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup operations and have since developed a qualifying World Trade Center condition, you may be eligible for sick leave at full pay, without charge to accruals, for absences due to this condition (“WTC-Sick Leave”). Eligible employees may be entitled to restoration of prior sick leave accruals used for this qualifying condition.

To be eligible, you must first file a “World Trade Center Notice for Members and Retirees of the New York State and Local Retirement System” (form RS 6047-N) with the Retirement System. The deadline to file that Notice is September 11, 2022.

- If you participated in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup operations and have not yet filed a RS 6047-N, [click here](#) for a copy of the Form.
- Once you have filed the RS 6047-N, the Retirement System will determine if you have met the filing requirements. The Retirement System will notify you of its determination by letter.
- If you have already filed a RS 6047-N and need a copy of a previously-issued “requirements met” letter, contact the Retirement System. Fax a signed letter requesting a copy (include your full name, current mailing address and your Registration Number, if available) to:

518-474-3091 or 518-408-3587

ATTN: Disability Services

Once you have a copy of your “requirements met” letter from the Retirement System, you may apply for World Trade Center Sick Leave. To do so, you and your health care provider must complete the Application for World Trade Center Sick Leave (form UCS-WTC-SL). **Remember:** in order to be eligible for World Trade Center Sick Leave you must also have a qualifying World Trade Center condition.

Section two, paragraph 36, of the Retirement and Social Security Law defines a “Qualifying World Trade Center condition” and is available [here](#). *It is recommended that you provide a copy of this to your healthcare provider.*

Completed Applications, along with a copy of the “requirements met” letter, must be scanned/mailed to: WTC-SL@nycourts.gov. Employees will be notified in writing of eligibility determinations.

Questions regarding World Trade Center Sick Leave should be emailed to:

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