

What is the Camp LeJeune Justice Act of 2022?

Guidance for affected Veterans and their families-

The only people who can file a lawsuit under this Act are those that: lived, worked, or were otherwise exposed, including while in utero to contaminated water in Camp LeJeune for no less than 30 days from August 1, 1953, to December 31, 1987.

Claimants must prove that their exposure to contaminated water is at least as likely as not (50% chance) the cause of a medical condition or death that occurred prior to August 10, 2022.

The only place you can file suit is in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Any money awarded by the Court will be offset from current or future compensation benefits from VA, Medicare, or Medicaid granted in connection with health care or a disability relating to exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune.

The offset will likely NOT include attorney's fees. Therefore, if a claimant received \$100,000, with the assistance of a firm with a 50% contingency fee, \$100,000 would still be offset.

All claimants have until August 10, 2024, OR 180 days after the date on which the claim is denied under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code to file a claim.

VA has not yet promulgated regulations that determine how the offset will be calculated. Therefore, VVA strongly urges all affected individuals to consult with an accredited Veterans Service Officer before filing a claim. ALWAYS ask what the fee structure is before you sign on with an attorney or law firm.

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