

# File your EEO/ICPA Claim in Half the Time



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# Looking for a step-by-step guide to filing a successful EEOICPA claim?

## This is the guide you need to accomplish the task in half the time.

If you are feeling confused and overwhelmed in the attempt to file a successful EEOICPA claim, you aren't alone. The process can be daunting. What you need is a step-by-step guide to help you accomplish the task with less hassle and more speed.

No more wasting time and spinning your wheels necessary. You can and will file your claim; you just need expert tips from professionals who understand what it takes to overcome the common obstacles to avoid delays and unnecessary claim denials.

Keep reading for accurate information and expert-level help you need to get the job done right the first time – in half the time than you might expect. Let's get you on the path to a successful EEOICPA claim now.

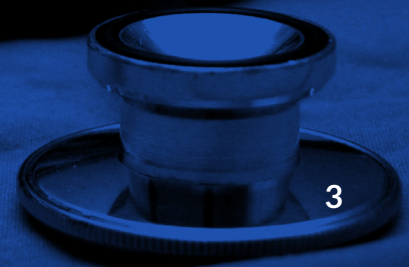


# What You Need to Know about the EEOICPA Eligibility and Claims Process

Before you get started on the steps to a successful filing, it helps to have a little background on the EEOICPA eligibility and claims process.

First things first, what is the EEOICPA? Established in 2000, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (also known as the EEOICPA) facilitates reparation to people who suffered from exposure to ionizing radiation and certain toxic chemicals during their employment for the Department of Energy. People who have worked for any predecessor agencies of the DOE or DOE contractors, or subcontractors at designated work sites may also qualify.

Medical benefits are specifically for current or former workers who developed a chronic health condition, such as radiogenic cancer(s), pulmonary disease(s), or other chronic illness(es) as a result of their exposure to ionizing radiation or toxic chemicals found in the workplace. Compensation may be available for current or former workers, spouses, or children of those who died as a result of these diseases.



There are two parts of the EEOICPA program: Part B and Part E. Determining which section for which you qualify for compensation depends on several factors, including:

Which work site the worker worked at

What years worker was on site

Worker's specific health problems/diagnoses

Toxic chemicals found in the workplace with causal links to diagnoses

Your status as an applicant – current/former worker, surviving spouse, or child

Depending on the nature of your application, you can receive anywhere from \$150,000 to \$400,000. All compensation is tax-free.

**What makes AtomicWorkers qualified to provide you with this information?** We are an organization that specializes in helping individuals file EEOICPA claims correctly and quickly. We do not charge a fee upfront for our expert services. Instead, only when your application is successful do we receive 2% of the compensation granted under the EEOICPA program. In the unlikely case your claim is unsuccessful, we don't get a single dime. There are no hidden costs and no exceptions.

At AtomicWorkers, we are familiar with how the claims process works. In fact, we have successfully handled more than 4,500 claims from people of all ages and walks of life.

*“I used to work with the DOE and now have pulmonary cancer. I know I qualify for EEOICPA compensation. However, I can’t figure out exactly how the program works and what paperwork I need.”*

*“I used to work for a DOE subcontractor. As a result, I have had serious medical problems for years. However, when I applied for EEOICPA compensation, the Department of Labor denied my claim.”*

*“I applied for EEOICPA compensation on my own because I can’t afford to hire a lawyer to help me. The paperwork and process were confusing. I may have made mistakes when submitting forms. Now I am facing a denial.”*

*“I have had medical problems for years. I think I am eligible for EEOICPA compensation. However, I’m not sure, and I don’t want to spend a lot of time and money filing an application that will get turned down.”*

*“My spouse worked for the DOE for decades and later died from a chronic disease. I would like to claim EEOICPA compensation, but I don’t know where to start.”*

*“They’ told me I could get my white card and free medical and home care, but I don’t know how to claim it.”*

If you relate to one of these scenarios, or a similar one, you may find that you require advocacy and support from our team to move forward.

**We encourage to reach out to us at any time during the process for the personalized services you need.**

# Strategies to Keep in Mind for a Successful EEOICPA Filing

In order to receive compensation under the EEOICPA, it's important to begin the process correctly. The right start will increase your chances for approval. It will also help you to avoid the wasted time and hassle that are often a result of simple filing mistakes, which could take weeks or even months to sort out.

One common mistake to avoid is to submit the basic claim forms and supporting evidence at a later time, one piece at a time. It's important to know what's required from the start and keep track of your claim to ensure there aren't any errors or problems that would result in a delay or denial of compensation.. You may need to take proactive steps or receive help from AtomicWorkers to push your claim through so it doesn't get lost at the Department of Labor (DOL) office (the department managing the EEOICPA program).

In the case you find yourself waiting for approval, wondering how long it will take and where your application is in the process, you can call AtomicWorkers to look into the situation for you. Our team members have a good working relationship with the DOL, and we know whom to call when you're stuck. In fact, we have the connections necessary to obtain information faster than just about anyone else.

# Step-by-Step: How to File an EEOICPA Claim

When you break down the filing process step-by-step, you can minimize any anxiety or feelings of overwhelm associated with the process. As you make your way through these steps, keep in mind you can always **connect with AtomicWorkers** to get assistance or support.





# Step One: Determine Eligibility

Most former workers are eligible to file; however, your chances for success and approval are primarily driven by answers to the questions listed below. Start with these basic questions to determine your eligibility, and assess whether you should spend the time and energy filing a claim:

- Did the worker have a defined, diagnosed medical condition?  
Does your health condition fit the EEOICPA program guidelines?
- Can you provide a basic or general employment history? Do you have paperwork to back up worker history?
- How many years did worker work? At which work site?
- What is/was worker's job function?

If you can clearly answer these questions and can answer yes to the “yes-or-no” questions, you likely have a legitimate claim to file.

# Step One: Determine Eligibility

## Pro Tips

- If the worker was employed by the DOE or a contractor, at a designated work site, you are eligible to file a claim.
- Current or former workers can file for any medical condition related to workplace exposure; eligibility guidelines for a Surviving Spouse or Children vary depending on claimed medical conditions
- Spouse claims require that Spouse was married to worker for at least 1 year prior to worker's passing; where worker was married more than once, children from a prior marriage are to be considered.
- Child claims require that all children (biological, step, or adopted) are considered for eligibility.

Not everyone who is eligible to file ends up getting approval. EEOICPA guidelines often vary by type of illness, job function, and length of time on the job.

# Step Two: Fill Out Paperwork and Submit to the EEOICPA Program

Fundamentally, your claim should be as complete as possible from the start. The right forms, the right supporting evidence. This is not as easy as some people make it sound (“fill out one or two forms and you’ll get your white card”)

Getting your claim organized can be a tedious process, but it is crucial to faster processing and approval. Skipping a form or omitting key required evidence slows the process and may lead to denials.

## Step Two: Fill Out Paperwork and Submit to the EEOICPA Program

### Pro Tips

- Submit claim forms and supporting evidence at the same time.
- Medical evidence should be to the point and clearly show a diagnosis of the claimed condition and initial date of diagnosis
- Survivor claims – Submit Birth/Marriage and Death Certificates at the start.
- If filing a skin cancer claim, submit an EN-9 Ethnicity Form
- If filing for any lung condition, submit an EN-8 Smoking Questionnaire

What makes you ineligible for compensation? In some instances, your illness may not have a known association to radiation exposure or toxic chemical exposure. Survivor benefits and coverage varies under Part B versus Part E. There are additional requirements to consider for spouses and children.

# Step Three: What to Do If Your Claim Is Denied

Finding out the DOL denied your claim can be devastating, but it's not always the end of the road. Estimates show that the Department denies about 60% of all EEOICPA claims at some point. If you have a denied claim, you can always resubmit with new evidence. It might also be a good idea to connect with the AtomicWorkers team to explore your options. We can take a closer look at your paperwork and provide you with honest, straightforward advice regarding what you can do with your claim.

In many cases, denials are the result of missing or unclear evidence. Perhaps you failed to send in a particular piece of information. Maybe you missed a step in the process. Alternatively, the claimed medical condition may not align with the job function or the medical evidence submitted. When you receive a denial, it is important to review your claim to determine exactly what you need to file again.

## Step Three: What to Do If Your Claim Is Denied

### Pro Tips

- Don't panic. Often initial denials are procedural and your claim can be kept in motion without playing the "nuclear" option.
- Request a copy of your full case file, all contents; request via fax or letter to the District Office
- Filing an objection without new evidence or an understanding of EEOICP policy may have adverse effects on your ability to eventually win your claim.

If the denial was a result of missing, erroneous or unclear information, you can correct the mistakes and resubmit or ask for AtomicWorkers to handle the task for you. You may contact AtomicWorkers to review your case. We'll let you know your options without charging a penny.

# Step Four: What to Do After Approval



If your claim was accepted, you are now eligible for 100% medical benefits coverage for ongoing care and treatment of your approved condition. You should determine if your doctor is enrolled in EEOICPA as a medical provider. If your doctor is enrolled, they direct bill the DOL for all related medical expenses. If your doctor is not enrolled, they may be interested to add this program as a benefit for you and other patients. And there are other options for reimbursement.

Medical services EEOICPA may cover include:

- Home health care
- Medical travel
- Prescription medication
- Oxygen supplies and other medical devices
- Medical co-pays
- Health-related housing modifications

## Step Four: What to Do After Approval

### Pro Tips

- After approval, you may be eligible for an Impairment or Wage Loss claim. Your chances for maximum benefits depend on choosing the best Impairment Specialist.
- You may be interested in considering In Home Services from local or regional Home Care providers. AtomicWorkers can advise and assist with what you need to know and questions you should have answers to before proceeding.

If you are feeling overwhelmed by any of this talk of which medical services are or are not covered, or whether your doctor is enrolled, it can help to ask someone to guide you. We are familiar with the EEOICPA, and we can give you advice on choosing medical providers already enrolled in the program.



# When It Makes Sense to Contact AtomicWorkers for Help

As we've said from the start, you can file a claim on your own or hire an attorney to work with you on your claim. However, there are several important reasons why AtomicWorkers is your best bet if you want to receive compensation in a fast, timely manner:

- The EEOICPA program is complex, and it's not easy to know which forms you need and how to fill them out. In fact, it's all too easy to make a small mistake that may result in a denial or at least a delay in obtaining needed benefits.
- The office workers who are processing your paperwork can't offer personalized help. They won't be able to tell you if you are missing a paper or filled out a form incorrectly.
- Additionally, your home health care service can't legally apply on your behalf. If you want to file a DIY application, you are truly on your own.
- Even lawyers may not be the best sources of help. EEOICPA is a specialized form of compensation, and very few people are familiar with how it works.
- Legal services and even many organizations that offer EEOICPA assistance will charge you no matter what the result of your application is. If you received a denial in the past, you could face steep fees if you want professional help applying a second time.

# Filing in Half the Time is Possible with the Right Steps and Support

At AtomicWorkers, we have dedicated experts who are intimately familiar with EEOICPA. Your case isn't outsourced to a clerk or part-time worker. It's handled in-house by people who not only know what they are doing, but are also passionate about doing the job correctly.

AtomicWorkers has a no cost upfront, no obligation policy. If your claim does not result in compensation, there is no fee. If you win compensation, we have the lowest fee of any professional service. 2% of your total compensation is well worth the cost to nearly all applicants. This small fee ensures AtomicWorkers has "skin" in the game; we are motivated to do what is necessary to make sure you receive the compensation you deserve.

Are you eligible for EEOICPA compensation? If you know you are or think it's possible, get started with the right steps to a successful filing today. If you decide you need some extra guidance or support along the way, our AtomicWorkers team is here to help. There is no obligation to work with us, even if you call for advice for your situation.

**Still have questions about  
filing your EEOICPA claim?**

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or call (720) 644-9161.**

**All inquiries are confidential,  
and we offer a free  
consultation.**

