

Frontline Worker COVID-19 Hazard Pay Rebate Program

Act 12 (1ES2020) created the Frontline Worker COVID-19 Hazard Pay Rebate Program which is administered by the Louisiana Department of Revenue (“LDR”). Act 12 provides a one-time hazard pay rebate of \$250 for essential critical infrastructure workers whose adjusted gross income is \$50,000 or less and worked 200 hours on the frontline between March 22 to May 14, 2020.

Applicants may apply for the rebate with the LDR either online at frontlineworkers.la.gov or by paper application from July 15 to October 31, 2020. The program’s funding was appropriated from the CARES Act funds and is limited to \$50,000,000.

Program Statistics (As of September 28, 2020)

Application & Rebate Status	Correspondence	Funding Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 243,613 Received • 148,109 Closed • 95,504 Under Review • Rebates Issued to Applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 111,560 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Information Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,023 • Denial Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,207 (<i>Income exceeds \$50k</i>) • 36,058 (<i>Ineligible for other reasons</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebates Amount Issued to Applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$27.8M • Program Dollars Remaining to Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22.1M

Additional Updates:

- ❖ LDR has approved the majority of healthcare and retail applicants. The remaining applications are under manual review by over 40 LDR internal staff. LDR solely uses its internal resources for the Program’s administration.
- ❖ Request for Information Letters are issued when an applicant does not provide necessary information on the application, the employer or job cannot be determined as eligible without more information from the applicant, the applicant has no prior history on accounts from LDR or Workforce Commission, etc. Applicants retain their place in line for 30 days to allow time for response to the letter.
- ❖ Considering the current inventory of cases under review, historic approval and denial rates, and outstanding Request for Information Letters, LDR believes that over \$51.7M has been paid or obligated. The Program’s funding is limited at \$50M.