

The Belgian Commission for financial aid is an administrative jurisdiction which is aiming to award a financial aid to victims of acts of violence / victims of terrorism.

The rules of our procedure are set by a Belgian Law (Act of 1 August 1985).

As noticed, our Commission does not award a full compensation but a (limited) financial aid.

Our scheme is intended to be one of last resort. So it means victims must first seek compensation through insurance companies (private insurances, the insurer of the airport...). There cannot be a double compensation.

But you may apply at our Commission even if the compensation process with insurance companies is not finalized yet (but we will have to wait for the compensation scheme with insurances to be finalized before we can examine the claim for financial support).

#### How to apply ?

You must file a claim by submitting us the application form (see enclosed form) and some supporting documents.

You can submit your form by post or by email.

**Please do take notice that forms and documents (in an email) can only be transmitted in PDF Format.**

#### Time limits for applying

You must apply at our Commission before 15 March 2020 according to the Belgian Law.

#### Who may apply for financial aid:

For direct victims:

- Moral damage
- Temporary and/or permanent incapacity/disability
- Cosmetic damage
- Healthcare costs (psychological/psychiatric counselling,..)
- Loss of income
- Court costs
- Lawyer's fees
- Travel costs
- Material expenses (max. €6,000)
- Loss of one or more years of schooling

What supporting documents do we need from a direct victim:

Direct victims may need to provide us copies of the following documents when they file an application form:

- a copy of identity card and/or passport;
- a copy of paperwork to show your therapy costs, travel costs, court costs, lawyer's fees, loss of income, material expenses which you have incurred (only if those costs were not covered by any insurance companies);
- a copy of all medical report with description of physical and/or psychological injuries (including the permanent disabilities);
- a copy of insurance policies and details of the settlement or official documents rejecting the claim, if you have them;

What do we mean by indirect victim (if the direct victim is deceased)?:

An indirect victim under the terms of article 31 (2) is the heir (within the meaning of article 731 of the Civil Code) up to the second degree or a relative up to the second degree of an individual who has died as a

result of an intentional act of violence, or the individual who was in a lasting family relationship with the deceased.

#### Elements of the damage

As indirect victim you may eligible for the following headings of the damage:

- Moral damage
- Healthcare costs (psychological/psychiatric counselling,..)
- Loss of maintenance
- Funeral costs (max. €6,000 per case)
- Court costs (e.g. procedural compensation)
- Lawyer's fees
- Travel costs

#### What supporting documents do we need from you:

You may need to provide us copies of the following documents when you file your application form:

- a copy of your identity card and/or passport;
- funeral costs and any reimbursements received in the event of death (if these costs were not covered by any insurance company);
- a copy of paperwork to show your therapy costs, travel costs, court costs and lawyer's fees which you have incurred (only if those costs were not covered by any insurance companies);
- a copy of insurance policies and details of the settlement or official documents rejecting the claim, if you have them;

According to Belgian Laws, victims of terrorism (terrorist attacks of 22 march 2016) must claim for compensation at the insurer of the airport, AMLIN.

Have you already claim at AMLIN? email address of AMLIN : [claimairport.be@msmlin.com](mailto:claimairport.be@msmlin.com)

#### What if you don't have all the supporting documents yet:

You may submit your application and then send the required documents as soon as possible.

The most important thing is that you claim (by submitting the application form) before 15 March 2020.

#### More info:

In addition to the possibility of securing financial aid, victims (and their relatives) of terrorist acts may in certain circumstances be granted **national solidarity status**, a status which is intended specifically for the victims of terrorist acts. The victim may apply for both financial aid and national solidarity status, or they may apply solely for the latter. Applications for national solidarity status will be automatically forwarded by our Commission for financial aid for victims to the Unit for civilian victims of war and terrorism, which will review the application and get in touch with you.

As indirect victim, and if you are awarded this status, you may be eligible of a widow pension and the reimbursement of your therapy costs.