

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 December 17, 2020)

Application & Rebate Status	Correspondence	Funding Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications Received and Reviewed • 240,360 • Rebates Issued to Applicants • 146,527 • Additional Rebates Approved and Pending Issuance • 2,310 • Applications Pending Review based on Responses from RFI Letters • 10,516 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Information Letters • 45,583 • Denial Letters • 7,818 (<i>Income exceeds \$50k</i>) • 75,499 (<i>Ineligible for other reasons</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebates Amount Issued to Applicants • \$36.5M (<i>electronic applications</i>) • \$150k (<i>paper applications</i>) • Program Dollars to Issue • \$2.6M (<i>Responses from RFI Letters</i>) • \$577k (<i>Approved pending issuance</i>)

Additional Updates:

- 100% of applications have been reviewed by the Department’s staff
 - Over 95% of those applications have been closed due to approval of the rebate or denial due to ineligibility. Over 83,300 applicants were determined ineligible.
 - About 10,500 applications remain in an obligated status while the Department reviews responses from the Request for Information letters.
 - Current projections reflect that approximately \$38.9M will be distributed to eligible applicants based on overall program approval rate.
- Remaining Funding: Approximately \$11.1M appropriated to the Program will be available for other CARES Act approved sources.