

Key facts about Ship and Rail Compensation Canada – Rail Fund

The Rail Fund compensates anyone affected by major rail accidents:

- involving crude oil
- on the federal rail system
- and after the railway company has paid compensation up to its limit of liability.



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While generally safe, the transportation of dangerous goods like crude oil can pose risks to communities, the environment, and the economy.

In the event of a major rail accident involving crude oil, Canadians can access compensation from the Rail Fund for damages that exceed the liability limit of the railway company involved in the accident.

The Rail Fund is managed by Ship and Rail Compensation Canada, which is independent of the Government of Canada.

COMPENSATION AVAILABLE



There is no limit to how much we can pay to claimants. If our balance is exhausted, the Minister of Finance can provide additional money to the Rail Fund.

The money for the Rail Fund comes from:

- a levy paid on crude oil shipments by rail
- interest generated on that money.

WHAT TYPES OF DAMAGES AND LOSSES ARE COVERED?

The Rail Fund covers all damages, including:



**Personal injury
or death**



**Emergency
response costs**



**Clean-up
costs**



**Environmental
reinstatement**



**Property
damage**



**Economic
loss**



**Loss of
subsistence living
and cultural losses**



**Loss of hunting,
fishing, and gathering
opportunities for
Indigenous Peoples**



**Loss of non-use
value of a resource**



The Rail Fund can only reimburse for reasonable costs and expenses.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A CLAIM?

Anyone in Canada, including:

- Individuals
- All levels of government
- Indigenous Peoples
- First responders and clean-up organizations
- Corporations and businesses
- Landowners
- Non-profit corporations



WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR THE RAIL FUND'S ACTIVATION?



1. The accident occurs on a federally regulated railway



2. Crude oil is involved



3. The railway company pays first, up to the limit of liability

WHEN DOES THE RAIL FUND START PAYING COMPENSATION?

The railway company pays claims until it reaches its liability limit. The amount of coverage is based on the volume of crude oil it transports. The amount required ranges from \$100 million to \$1 billion.

Then, Canadians can access compensation from the Rail Fund.

WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT WITH MY CLAIM?

When we start receiving claims, we will provide a list of the supporting documents that you will need to prove your damages and losses.

These could include:

- A death certificate or medical records
- Quotes, invoices, and receipts
- Financial records and income tax documentation
- Deeds and land surveys
- Photographs and maps
- Log books or correspondence



Most claims must be submitted within three years of the accident.



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