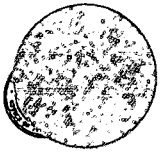


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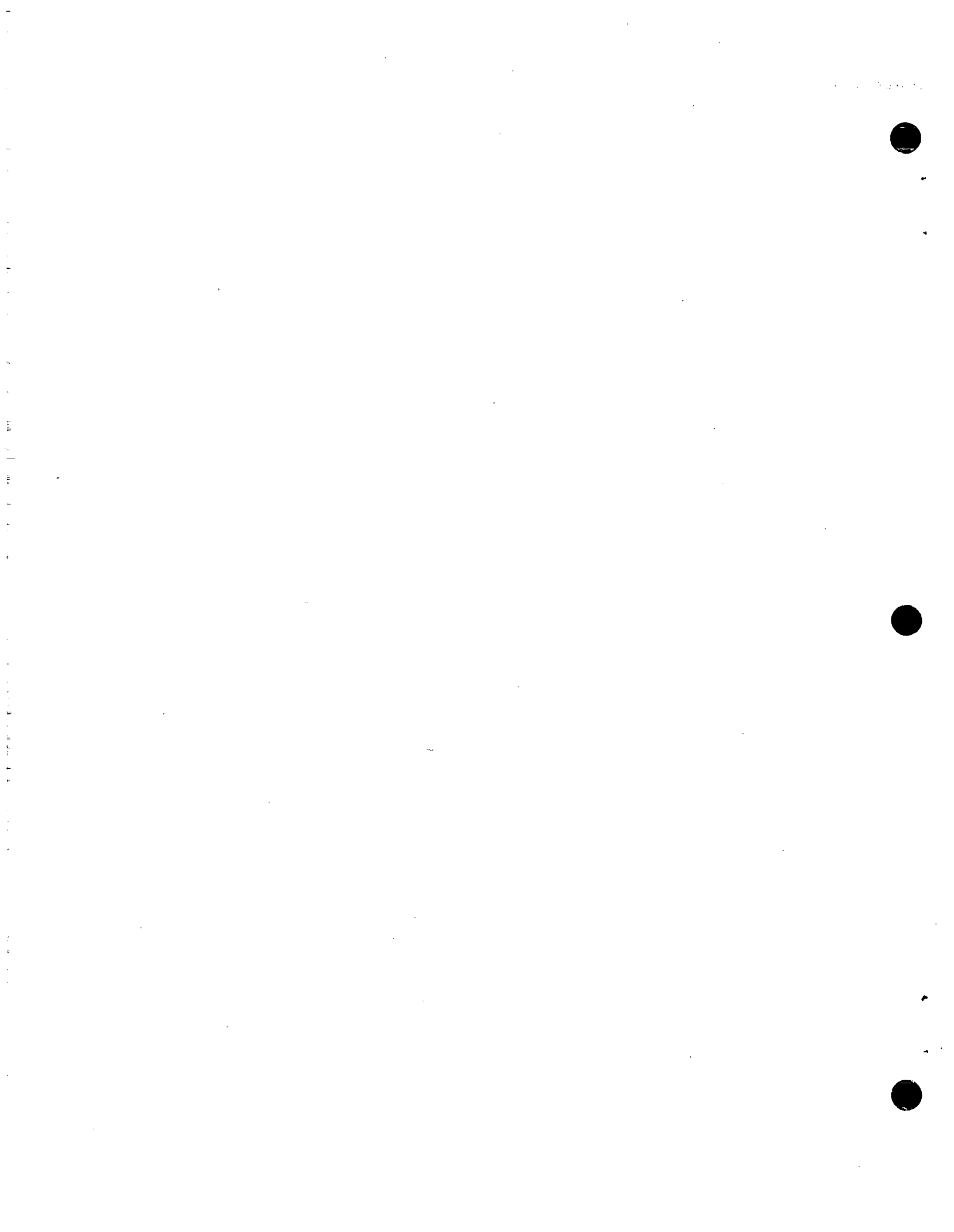
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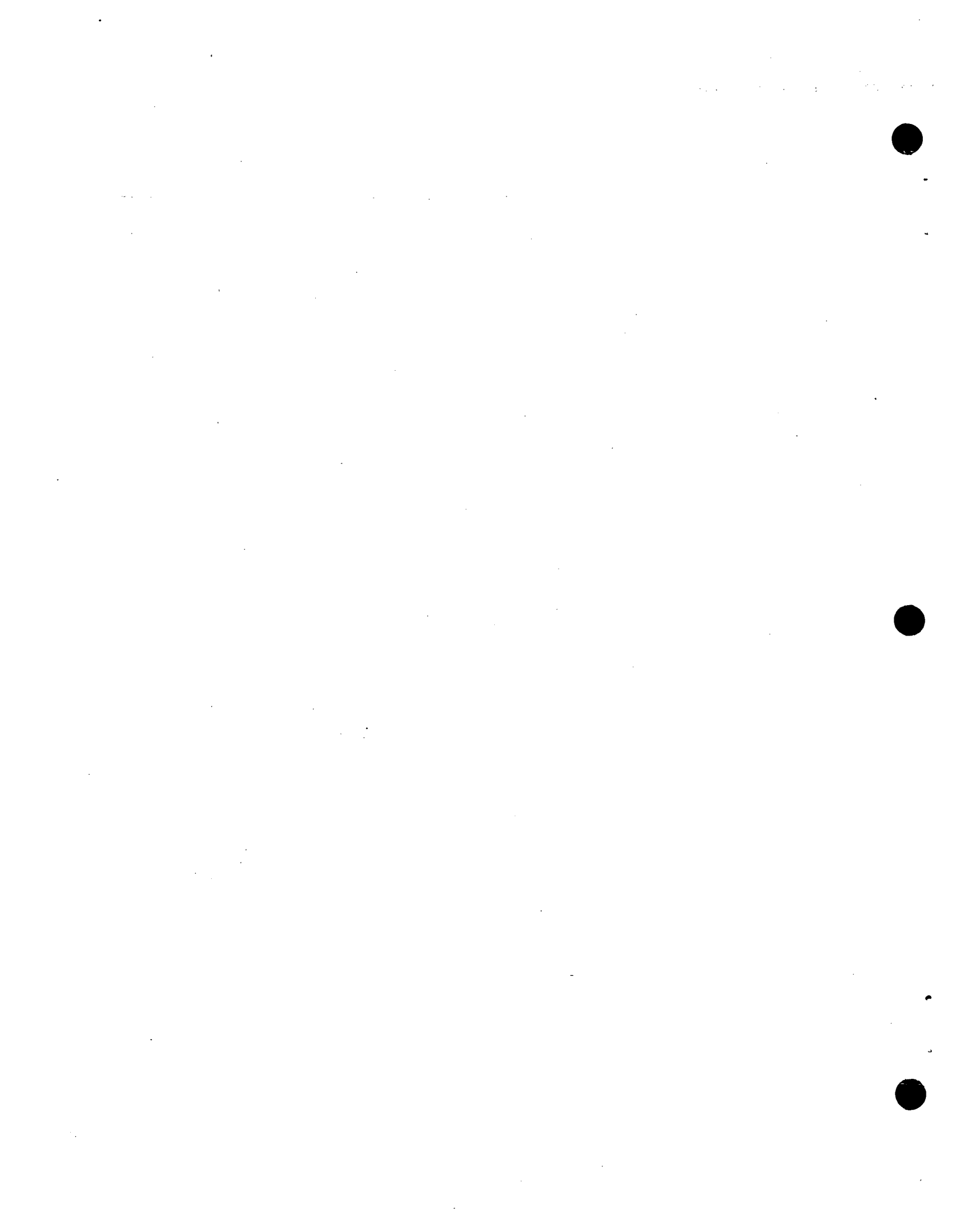
INTRODUCTION

All around the world, victims of crime suffer physical injuries, emotional pain, and financial losses. Crime victim compensation programs provide victims with a desperately needed financial safety net and play a key role in healing. As society becomes increasingly mobile, countries are faced with the victimization of citizens not only from their own nation, but from foreign nations as well. An increasing number of countries are having to provide compensation to foreign nationals. However, international victimization poses administrative obstacles both for victims seeking compensation and for programs providing the financial assistance.

The *Office for Victims of Crime* (OVC) in the U.S. Department of Justice has developed this International Victim Compensation Program Directory in an effort to identify program parameters in other countries and to complement the *National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards'* directory of U.S. compensation programs. We hope that you find the Directory to be a successful link to international victim compensation programs and the worldwide effort to help victims of crime.

The Directory is a product of an OVC survey which was sent out to 60 foreign countries and provinces. The survey asked whether the country or province currently had a crime victim compensation program and requested further details. We received 26 responses, 17 of which described existing programs. Those 17 countries and the United States are listed in the Directory. We found that all of the respondents provide financial compensation to victims of crime, including foreign citizens. In addition, four countries compensate citizens of their own nation who are victimized in another country. In general, each program has established rules regarding the eligibility requirements, procedures, and compensable costs, while allowing for exceptions to these rules in special circumstances.

Additional information concerning crime victim compensation and assistance programs in the U.S. can be obtained by contacting the *Office for Victims of Crime* at (202)307-5983. Two nongovernmental groups also can provide information and assistance: the *National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards* at (703)370-2996; and the *International Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards* at (504)367-6121.



AUSTRIA

Weisser Ring
Dr. Udo Jesionek
Maroukanergasse 312
1030 Wien
Austria
Phone: 022-271-21405
Fax: 022-271-151-1144

Austria has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime when serious injuries are incurred.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to police: Yes.

*Filing period: 6 months for current costs;
2 years for the cost of medical help.*

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime who suffer serious injuries
- Family of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

The applicant files a claim at any of the six "Bundessozialaut" located in Austria.

It is required that the applicant provide details of the date and place that the crime occurred, as well as a full list of injuries and losses incurred.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

Compensable Costs:

- Medical expenses
- Burial
- Lost wages
- Assistance for family of victim
- General social aid to foreign citizens

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not provide emergency compensation awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded through fines imposed on convicted offenders and other sources.

BELGIUM

Commission d'aide de L'Etat aux victimes d'actes intentionnels de violences
Ministere de la Justice
Boulevard de Waterloo
115 1000 Bruxelles
Belgium

Belgium has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims who suffer serious criminal injuries.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes.

Filing Period: One year after the sentence or one year after conclusion of the instructing magistrate if the offender is unknown.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims who suffer serious criminal injuries; except when the result of manslaughter, property crimes, and traffic offenses
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

Victims must report the date, place, and details of the crime to the police. They must also provide the program with a full list of injuries and losses incurred.

Applicants can obtain a compensation application from the above address and from Victim Support Schemes.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

Compensable Costs:

- Medical expenses
- Lost wages
- Serious disability

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not provide emergency compensation awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded through fines imposed on convicted offenders and other sources.

CANADA

Canada has crime victim compensation programs to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crimes. The programs are administered by the Canadian provinces, according to their own rules and standards. The description of four provincial programs are provided in the following three pages.

The provinces included are:

- Nova Scotia;
- Prince Edward Island; and
- Quebec.

NOVA SCOTIA

Criminal Injuries Compensation Program

P.O. Box 7

5151 Terminal Road, 3rd Floor

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Canada

B3J 266

Phone: 902-424-4651

Fax: 902-424-0252

Nova Scotia has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Within a reasonable time; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: One year; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

A claimant can obtain an application by contacting the program directly or one of the four Regional Victims Services offices throughout the province. The application should be sent directly to the program.

Generally, a decision will be rendered within 90 days. Because police confirmation is required, the time varies. Compensation will be paid to the claimant within approximately 10 business days.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum awards in Dollars are:

Lump Sum -- 30,000.00

Monthly -- 1,000.00

Compensable Costs and Limits

- Medical Expenses*
- Mental Health:* \$2,000
- Private Counseling:* \$65 per hour
- Lost wages for disabled victims:* \$1,000 per month, \$12,000 total
- Lost support for dependents of deceased victims:* Children \$196 per month until age 18, Spouse \$1,000 per month for one year
- Funerals:* \$6,000
- Travel*
- Damaged clothing*

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program can make an emergency award if the circumstances warrant it and it is determined that the claimant is eligible or there is police confirmation.

FUNDING SOURCES:

The program is funded through consolidated revenue of the province.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Victim Services
Department of Provincial Affairs and Attorney General
3 Queen St., 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 2000
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Canada C1A 7N8
Phone: 902-368-4582
Fax: 902-368-5471

Prince Edward Island has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime. Victim Services personnel provide the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Attorney General with the information necessary to decide claims.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*Report to Police: Yes.
Filing Period: One year; exceptions are made.*

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of violent crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime and cooperate with police. The claimant must file an application for compensation with Victim Services within one year of the crime.

If the suspected offender enters the court system, a compensation decision will not be made until the court process is exhausted.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

*The maximum awards in Dollars are:
One victim: 15,000.00;
Multiple victims of one crime: 30,000.00*

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funeral
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims

EMERGENCY AWARDS

In cases of financial need and when it appears probable that a final award will be granted, an interim award may be made for maintenance and medical expenses.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by Federal and Provincial surcharge revenue and general tax revenue.

QUEBEC

Commission de la sante et de la securite du travail

Direction de l'IVAC

1199, rue de Bleury, 9e etage

C.P. 6056, succursale Centre-ville

Montreal, Quebec

H3C 4E1

Phone: 514-873-6019, 1-800-561-4822

Fax: 514-873-3531

Quebec has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Not required.

Filing Period: One year; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens
- Citizens of Quebec victimized in a foreign country

PROCEDURES

A claimant can obtain an application from the Direction de l'IVAC head office and from regional offices of the Commission de la sante et de la securite du travail.

The application should be sent to the Direction de l'IVAC.

An initial decision should be made between 2 and 6 months. After a decision has been made, it will take 3 weeks to a month for the claimant to receive compensation.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no award maximum.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims
- Services to replace work in the home previously performed by the victim

EMERGENCY AWARDS

There is a special early intervention policy for crime victims who, due to a recent event, experience major difficulties functioning and do not have any support.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by "consolide du revenue."

DENMARK

Naevnet vedrorende erstatning til ofre for forbrydelser (Erstatningsnaevnet)

Store Kongensgade 1, 1.

1264 Kobenhavn K

Denmark

Phone: 453-391-3500

Fax: 453-391-3540

Denmark has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims who suffer serious criminal injuries.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Within 24 hours; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: Within two years; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime to the police. The claimant must then file an application for compensation with the police or send it to Naevnet Vedrorende Erstatning.

The length of time it takes for the claimant to be notified of the program's decision depends on the case, but the earliest is four weeks. After a decision is made, it will take 14 days for a claimant to receive compensation.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not provide emergency compensation awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by State appropriations.

FINLAND

The State Treasury/Victim Compensation Scheme

P.O. Box 68

00531 Helsinki, Finland

Phone: 358-0-772 51

Fax: 358-0-772 5334

Finland has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: No time limit; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: Ten years; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of victims of crime
- Foreign citizens
- Citizens of Finland victimized in a foreign country.

PROCEDURE

A crime victim may obtain an application from the State Treasury, the police, or local offices of the Social Insurance Institution. Abroad, the applications are normally available at Embassies and Consulates of Finland.

The application should be sent either directly to the State Treasury or to any local office of the Social Insurance Institution. It will take six months, on average, for a victim to receive notification of the program's decision. Compensation is paid immediately after the decision is made.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum awards in Finnish Marks are:

Personal injury-270.000;

Property damage-135.000;

Loss of income-660 a day.

Compensable Costs:

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funerals
- Any clothing, articles for daily use, spectacles and dental plates damaged by the crime.
- Litigation expenses to recover compensation from the offender

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not offer emergency compensation. However, the Act obliges the State Treasury to pay advance compensation where the applicant's right to compensation is evident and the decision is delayed.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by the State.

FRANCE

Institut National d'Aide aux Victimes et de Mediation

Jean-Luc Domenech, Director

4.14 rue Ferrus

75014 Paris

France

Phone: 45 88 19 00

Fax: 45 88 94 02

France has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crimes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes.

Filing Period: Within three years after the crime, or one year after the last decision of justice. Within ten years for terrorist acts.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of victims
- Foreign citizens
- EEC citizens

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime to the police and provide details of the date, place, and resulting injuries and losses of the crime. The claimant then must "apply" for compensation, although application forms do not exist. Victim Support Schemes help with explaining the procedures and conditions of presenting a demand and obtaining compensation.

The prosecutor may decide to try a *Penal Mediation*. In the case of injuries or property crimes with small prejudices, *Penal Mediation* may help the victim to obtain compensation from the offender without a trial.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

Compensable Costs:

- Criminal Injuries
- Entire compensation for all prejudices supported by victims and their family
- Property Crimes (condition of resources)
- Traffic Incidents (when offender is not insured)
- Terrorist Acts
- AIDS contamination.

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not provide for emergency compensation awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by State appropriations.

GERMANY

Weisser Ring
Dieter Eppenstein, Director
Weberstrasse 16
55130 MAINZ
Germany
Phone: 06131-83030
Fax: 06131-830345

Germany has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation for victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes.

Filing Period: Within one year; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens; if the crime was committed after June 30, 1990 and the victim has stayed in Germany for more than three years
- EU country citizens from reciprocal states

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime to the police and provide details of the date, place, and resulting injuries and losses of the crime.

A claimant can obtain an application from *Versorgungsamt* (local pension office) in almost every town. Weisser Ring also helps claimants to complete the compensation forms.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Pensions; if victim's earning capacity is permanently reduced by at least 25% for six months or more.
- Benefits for dependents of homicide victims

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not provide emergency compensation awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

Information not available.

GREAT BRITAIN

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority

Tay House

300 Bath Street

Glasgow, G2 4JR

Phone: 014-133-12726

Fax: 014-133-12287

014-135-33148

Great Britain has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: As soon as possible; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: Within 2 years; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

A claimant can obtain an application from CICA, local Victim Support Schemes, Crown Court Witness Service, local police stations or local Citizens Advice Bureaus.

The application should be sent to the CICA. The program's initial decision should be made within twelve months, while reviews and hearings take several months longer. Compensation will be paid as soon as CICA receives notification that the claimant accepts the decision.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum award in Pounds is: 500,000.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health expenses
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims
- Pain and suffering
- Bereavement
- Loss of parental services

EMERGENCY AWARDS

Interim payments may be made where a final decision as to the appropriate award is uncertain. For example, when the victim's medical prognosis is unclear.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by the Government/Taxpayers' revenue.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Compensation Agency
Royston House
34 Upper Queen Street
Belfast
BT1 6FD
Northern Ireland
Phone: 01232-249944
Fax: 01232-246956

Northern Ireland has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Within 72 hours; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: Within 3 months; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

A victim can obtain a compensation application from the Compensation Agency, the Solicitor Citizens' Advice Bureau, police stations or the Victims' Support Organization. The application should be sent to The Compensation Agency.

It will take 62 weeks, on average, for a victim to receive notification of the program's decision. Compensation will be paid when the victim's long-term medical condition has stabilized and he or she is confident that there is no additional medical evidence to submit.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

Maximum Award: Unlimited in respect to physical injuries, but limited in respect to financial loss.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of deceased victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims
- Services to replace work in the home previously performed by the victim
- Any expense directly incurred as a result of the crime which is reasonable and proper

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program provides for interim payments pending a final compensation award.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by the Central Government.

REPUBLIC of IRELAND

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal
13 Lower Hatch Street
Dublin 2.
Republic of Ireland
Phone: (01) 610604

The Republic of Ireland has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes.

Filing Period: Within three months of the crime.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime to the police and provide details of the date and place that it occurred, as well as a full list of injuries and losses suffered.

A claimant can obtain an application from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. There is a special form for crimes committed by terrorist organizations.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Loss of earnings
- Travel expenses

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not provide emergency awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

Information not available.

JAPAN

The National Public Safety Commission
2/1, 2Chome, Kasumigaseki,
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100
Japan

Phone: 03(3581)0141

Fax: 03(3580)1009

Japan has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes; no time limit.

Filing Period: Within 2 years from the day the applicant recognizes the crime, and within 7 years from the day the crime is committed.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime who suffer serious injuries
- Dependents of deceased victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime to the police and the police must recognize the victimization. A claimant can obtain an application at any police headquarters or police station.

The claimant should send the application to the police headquarters that has the jurisdiction over the address of the claimant, or the police station of that headquarters.

The length of time for a claimant to receive notification of the program's decision is dependent on the progress of the investigation. Compensation will be paid within a week or two after the decision has been made.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum awards in Yens are:

Bereaved Family Benefit -- 10.790.000

Incapacity Benefit -- 12.730.000

Compensable Costs

- Lost wages
- Lost support for dependents of deceased victims

EMERGENCY AWARDS

If the program cannot quickly render the judgement because the offender is unknown or the degree of disability is unclear, the program offers the provisional benefit to the applicant.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by the National Expenditure. For bereaved children, scholarships are available through the Crime Victims' Relief Fund.

THE NETHERLANDS

Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven

P.O. Box 20021

2500 EA DEN HAAG

Phone: 01131-70-3813990

Fax: 01131-70-3813313

The Netherlands has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Within three years; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: No time limit.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime who suffer serious injuries
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

A claimant can obtain a compensation application, by phone or mail, from Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven. The application should be sent there as well.

It takes approximately 17 months for a claimant to receive notification of the program's decision. Compensation will be received four weeks after notification.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum awards in Guildens are:

Material damage - 50.000;

Immaterial damage (not for dependents of deceased victims) - 20.000.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims
- Services to replace work in the home previously performed by the victim
- Removal expenses
- Legal aid
- Any other expense, reasonably related to the injury

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program makes emergency awards when the request meets all of the eligibility conditions (except the exact extent of the damage), and a good reason for expedition exists.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by the national government and the Department of Justice.

NORWAY

Royal Ministry of Justice and the Police
Department of Civil Affairs
P.O. Box 8005 Dep., N-0030
Oslo, Norway
Phone: 47 22 34 99 90
Fax: 47 22 24 27 22

Norway has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: As soon as possible; exceptions are made.

Filing Period: No time limit.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens
- Citizens of Norway victimized in a foreign country

PROCEDURE

A claimant can obtain an application from the police station, the chief administrative officer of the county, or the Ministry of Justice. It should be sent to the chief administrative officer of the county.

The claimant will receive notification of the program's decision between 2 weeks and 6 months, dependant on if a complaint is forwarded. Compensation is received between 1 day and 3 weeks. This decision can be appealed to an independent committee of 3 persons, appointed by the government, which is the final decision-maker.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum award in Kroner is: 200.000.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of deceased victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims
- Services to replace work in the home previously performed by the victim

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program may give a prepayment if the award decision is delayed due to no fault of the claimant, and it would be reasonable to do so.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded through tax revenue.

SWEDEN

The Ministry of Justice, Minister of Justice Laila Freivalds
(Justitiedepartementet, Justitieminister Laila Freivalds)

103 33 Stockholm

Sweden

Phone: 46 8 405 10 00

Fax: 46 8 20 27 34

Sweden has a crime victim compensation program to provide financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes; no time limit.

Filing Period: Two years; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Foreign citizens
- Citizens of Sweden victimized in a foreign country

PROCEDURES

Application forms are available at the local police stations, district courts, the local enforcement service offices, and insurance companies. Applications can also be ordered from the Criminal Victim Compensation and Support Authority.

The application must be sent to the Criminal Victim Compensation and Support Authority which is a central agency covering criminal injuries throughout the country. The claimant is notified of the program's decision within a few days. It then takes another week or two to receive the award.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The maximum awards in Kroners are:

Personal Injuries: limited to twenty times the basic amount or SEK 704 000.

Property Damage: half of the above sum.

Compensable Costs

- Medical expenses
- Mental health
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of deceased victims
- Funerals
- Travel
- Rehabilitation for disabled victims
- Services to replace work in the home previously performed by the victim
- Pain and suffering
- Violation of personal integrity
- Inconveniences resulting from the injury

EMERGENCY AWARDS

When the victim is in urgent need of medical care, therapy, or has been infected by the HIV-virus, an emergency award can be made.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is funded by tax revenue.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Ministry of Justice
ABU DHABI, P.O. Box 753
U.A.E.

The United Arab Emirates court system provides financial compensation to victims of violent or personal crime.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Yes; within three years.
Filing Period: No time limit; exceptions are made.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of all violent personal offenses
- Foreign citizens

PROCEDURES

The victim must report the crime to the police within three years of its occurrence. The claimant can obtain an application for compensation from the police. The police will then send the case to the G.P. within 48 hours, after which it will be sent to the court of hearing.

The claimant will receive notification of the court's decision within one week. Compensation will be paid within one month of the court's decision.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

There is no maximum award limit.

EMERGENCY AWARDS

The program does not offer emergency or expedited compensation awards.

FUNDING SOURCES

The compensation program is funded by the federal government.

UNITED STATES

U.S. Department of Justice
Office for Victims of Crime
633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531
Phone: (202)307-5983
Fax: (202)514-6383

All 50 states in the U.S. have a crime victim compensation program to provide financial assistance to victims of violent or personal crime. Each state administers its own program in accordance with its state statute. The U.S. Department of Justice provides supplemental funding and technical support to the states. The following page provides information concerning the individual state programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Report to Police: Usually within 72 hours; exceptions are made for good cause.

Filing Period: One year is typical; time limits vary from state to state.

CLAIMANTS

- Victims of crime
- Dependents of homicide victims
- Relatives of victims of crime; eligible in some states
- Foreign citizens; eligible in most states

PROCEDURES

The claimant must file an application with the compensation agency in the state in which the crime occurred. The location of every state compensation agency may be obtained by contacting the Office for Victims of Crime.

Based on information submitted by the victim, the agency determines if the claimant is eligible and has suffered a financial loss. In most states, the victim can appeal the agency's decision to deny or reduce the award of compensation.

BENEFITS & AWARD LIMITS

The state maximums average, in U.S.

Dollars, between: 15,000.00 and 25,000.00.

Compensable Costs (varies by state)

- Medical expenses
- Mental health counseling
- Lost wages for disabled victims
- Lost support for dependents of homicide victims
- Funeral
- Travel for medical treatment
- Services to replace work previously performed by the victim
- Cleaning of homicide scene if a residence
- Essential personal property
- Rehabilitation

EMERGENCY AWARDS

Some states provide emergency awards, or expedite processing, for victims faced with an extraordinary financial or health crisis.

FUNDING SOURCES

Most states obtain their funding from fees or charges assessed against offenders. Some states receive appropriations from general revenue. OVC provides supplemental funds from federal criminal fines.

U.S. Crime Victim Compensation Programs: Phone and Fax #'s

ALABAMA
(334) 242-4007
(334) 240-3328 (fax)
ALASKA
(800) 764-3040/(907) 465-3040
(907) 465-2379 (fax)
ARIZONA
(programs in each county)
(602) 542-1928 [state coordinator]
(602) 542-4852 (fax)
ARKANSAS
(501) 682-1323
(501) 682-5313 (fax)
CALIFORNIA
(916) 323-6251
(916) 327-2933 (fax)
COLORADO
(programs in each district)
(303) 239-4402 [state coordinator]
(303) 239-4491 (fax)
CONNECTICUT
(203) 529-3089
(203) 721-0593 (fax)
DELAWARE
(302) 995-8383
(302) 995-8387 (fax)
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