

World Jewish Restitution Organization

Polish Benefit for Holocaust Victims of Polish Origin

Application Checklist

April 2015

1. Mailing Your Application Packet

- Complete all sections of the application **in Polish**.
- Include with your application **certified** copies of as many of the following documents as you have:
 - Any documents that prove persecution before, during and after the War (specifically in the years 1939 to 1956).
 - A description of your persecution, providing as much detail as possible about your background in Poland.
 - Any documents that prove your Polish citizenship at the time of your persecution.
 - A photocopy of a government issued identity document (i.e. passport, driver's license, or national identity card).
- Remember to sign and date your application
- If you would like to have the Auschwitz Jewish Center serve as your proxy, remember to list the Auschwitz Jewish Center as your proxy (see directions on the proxy form), or use the application form with the Auschwitz Jewish Center pre-filled in as your proxy. The proxy form and pre-filled in application form are both available on polishrestitution.com/pensions.
- Remember to make a copy for your records, before sealing the envelope, of the completed application form and all attachments.
- Mail your sealed envelope via a traceable method (i.e. certified mail, Federal Express, DHS, etc.) to: Polish Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression, Wspólna 2/4, 00-926 Warsaw, Poland.

2. Sending the Proxy Form to the Auschwitz Jewish Center:

- Fill out the Proxy Form to appoint the Auschwitz Jewish Center as your proxy in Poland to receive communications from the Polish Government and to forward these communications to you.
- Remember to make a copy for your records, before sealing the envelope, of the completed proxy form.
- Forward your completed proxy form to the Auschwitz Jewish Center via one of the following methods:

- ❖ By mail via a traceable method (i.e. certified mail, Federal Express, DHS, etc.) to: Plac Księdza Jana Skarbka 5, 32-600 Oświęcim, Poland
- ❖ By email, requesting a delivery receipt, to: info@ajcf.pl
- ❖ By fax to: +1 646-437-4281

Please note: These instructions represent the WJRO's current understanding of the application requirements and procedures. You should contact the Polish Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression with any questions, or to confirm the application requirements. You can reach them by phone at +(48) 22-661-81-29 or by email at info@udskior.gov.pl.

3. Getting Help

- If you need assistance with your application, or have any additional questions about filling in your application, please contact one of the social service agencies listed ("Organizations to Contact for Assistance" on polishrestitution.com/pensions).