
*A Guide for Victims of
Fraud sent Through
Western Union*

WESTERN UNION FRAUD RECOVERY FUND

**DEADLINE TO APPLY
AUG.31, 2022**

Official Claims Website:

**[HTTPS://WWW.FTC.GOV/ENFORCEMENT/REFUNDS/
WESTERN-UNION-REFUNDS](https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/refunds/western-union-refunds)**

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BACKGROUND

For years, many people who lost money to scams sent their payment through a Western Union wire transfer. Scammers contacted people and promised prizes, loans, jobs, discounted products or other financial rewards in exchange for money upfront. There was also the CRA scam and Immigration scams. Fraudsters also pretended to be family members in need of cash, or law enforcement officers demanding payment. People were told to send money through Western Union. No one received the cash, prizes or services they were promised.

PAYING BACK FRAUD VICTIMS

Because of joint investigations by the FTC, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the U. S. Postal Inspection Service, Western Union agreed to pay \$586 million and admitted to aiding and abetting wire fraud. **DOJ is now using that money to provide refunds to people who were tricked into using Western Union to pay scammers.** The new deadline to file a claim is **August 31, 2022.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

People who did not previously submit a claim and who sent money to a scammer through Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017 are eligible to submit a claim.

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WHAT KIND OF SCAMS ARE COVERED BY THIS?

A variety of scams are covered by this settlement, including:

- Online or internet scams – you did not receive the items you tried to buy online.
- Lottery or prize promotion scams – you were told you won a lottery or sweepstakes, but never got the prize.
- Emergency or grandparent scams – you sent money to someone pretending to be a relative or friend in urgent need of money.
- Advance-fee loan scams – you paid upfront fees but did not get the promised loans.
- Online dating or romance scams – you sent money to someone who created a fake profile on a dating or social networking website.

HOW VICTIMS CAN GET WESTERN UNION REFUNDS?

According to the Western Union website, you can request a receipt by email, using the following steps:

1. Go to the Western Union Email Help Center.
2. Choose Copy of Money Transfer Receipt from the list.
3. Complete the form and click “Submit.”

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CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

www.westernunionremissionphase2.com

The process for filing a claim is on this website and the other frequently asked questions.

EMAIL

info@WesternUnionRemissionPhase2.com

Gilardi & Co. LLC is handling the claims and refunds process for this matter. You can also reach the administrator at

1-855-786-1048.

PETITION FOR REMISSION

In order to be considered for a remission payment, victims will be required to submit a **Petition for Remission Form** along with any available **supporting documentation**. Petitions must be postmarked on or before **August 31, 2022**, and completed online or mailed to:

United States v. The Western Union Company

PO Box 43532

Providence RI 02940-3532

USA

Need More Information?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[HTTPS://WWW.WESTERNUNIONREMISSIONPHASE2.COM/FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS.ASPX](https://www.westernunionremissionphase2.com/frequently-asked-questions.aspx)

CLAIM FORM

[HTTPS://WWW.WESTERNUNIONREMISSIONPHASE2.COM/MEDIA/3790457/V13_WU2_POC_UNKNOWN_031122_FINAL.PDF](https://www.westernunionremissionphase2.com/media/3790457/v13_wu2_poc_unknown_031122_final.pdf)

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE:

- The original closing date for applications was July 1, 2022, but was recently extended until August 31, 2022.
- Although this case was filed in the United States, Canadian victims are also invited to recoup their money through this ruling.
- The payment is based only on the amount of the money transfer(s) and does not include collateral expenses such as wire transfer fees, incidental losses, or transfers sent through other companies.
- The Transaction Total is the total number of fraudulent transactions made by the victim through Western Union, according to records.

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