



Kresy-Siberia Group

Dedicated to researching, remembering and recognizing the Polish Citizens deported, enslaved and killed by the Soviet Union during the Second World War



Simplified 10-step claim process for property left outside the present-day borders of Poland

CHECK ELIGIBILITY	
Check	1. Check the next 6 criteria to see if you are eligible in accordance with the compensation law.
	(1) As at 1 Sep 1939, were the property owners Polish citizens and did they reside in Poland?
	(2) Are the claimants (the owners or their heirs) currently Polish citizens? (remembering that if at least one of the parents was a Polish citizen, the child is also considered a Polish citizen - you may just have to get it confirmed)
	(3) Can you describe the property (land, buildings, improvements... or at least how many people lived there? (loan documents, photos, something for valuers to work with. If there could sit be some living witnesses, that works very well)
	(4) If the original owners are dead, do the claimants have inheritance rights?
	(5) Can the claimant explain if they made claims on this property before and if so what was the result?
	(6) Can the claimant state where the owners and claimants themselves resided since the war?
REGISTER CLAIM	
	2. If as claimant you can say yes to the 6 criteria above, please make sure that you submit the initial claim registration by 31 December 2008 to the Voivode office where you or the property owners last lived in Poland, or if that is no longer in Poland to the office in Warsaw. We suggest you not delay gathering evidence. Do it now and worry about the rest of the process later.
SUBMIT PROOFS	
	3. Start gathering the proof you will need for the items above (there are lots of ideas we can help with here, including various archives, lists, witnesses, etc.)
	4. Submit the needed evidence.
	5. If they ask for more evidence, ask for a time extension to gather it.
	6. If you get rejected at any stage, let us know and we will see if we can help you fill the gaps.
COMPLETE CLAIM	
	7. When your eligibility is accepted, you will need to have the land evaluated - we can help you find people do that.
	8. When the land is evaluated, submit the final claim and collect your 20% compensation.
	9. If your application is denied, you can appeal if you think the decision was unfair.
	10. Mark you success by investing the compensation money wisely, including in a good cause like the Kresy-Siberia Foundation which acts to perpetuate the memory of our families' experiences.