



Testimonials

"I would like to let you know that today I got information from my bank that ZUS put \$655.74 on my account. I want to thank you and the translators for the great work that you so helpfully provide. Without your help I could not have done it."

-B.L., 82, Miami, Florida, is a Warsaw Ghetto survivor whom we assisted with several translations culminating in approval of her application.



"I am really doing this out of a principle as the Polish government has no intention to pay anything to anybody. To tell you the truth, I have no faith that they will change their decision." (November, 2017)

"A million thanks again to you and your colleagues, for the time and patience you have devoted to me and others in this processes. It is an amazing amount of work you all are putting into those claims, for our benefit, and, as I said before, my personal gratitude is immense." (February, 2019)

--C.D., 91, Ontario, Canada, was in the Bochnia Ghetto before being smuggled out to live with a non-Jewish Polish couple. She was denied the pension for lack of documentation, but we successfully appealed with new evidence and she received the payment.



"Wow.... so happy to get this positive news finally!!! It's so ridiculous to think that after all I've gone through in my life proving my birth in Poland has been the hardest ... surpassing even my chemo treatments! Thank you so much for persevering and being successful in this endeavor!"

--L.S., 81, Baltimore, Maryland, was hidden in the Ottynia Ghetto, while the rest of her family were taken to the camps and killed. Her application was denied twice, but was approved upon our second appeal.

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The Polish Pension at a Glance

What is it?

The Polish pension is a quarterly payment given to those who suffered during World War II. Jews qualify by having been in a ghetto, concentration camp, or having been deported from Poland to Russia. It is the only form of restitution currently offered by Poland for Holocaust survivors.

The restitution payment from Poland provides some sense of justice and monetary support to Polish Holocaust survivors, many of whom are financially struggling.

Why do Holocaust survivors want it?

1. About 25% of survivors in the US (and 50% in Israel) live under the poverty level. The payment provides approximately \$120/month, which is significant for the financially struggling elderly.
2. The restitution from Poland provides survivors with a small degree of emotional satisfaction, since they feel their native country finally recognizes their suffering.

Why is it hard to obtain?

1. By Polish law, all correspondence with the deciding office must be in Polish.
2. Primary documentation must be presented in order to prove oppression.
3. Mail gets lost in the long chain of transmission.

How does Polish Pension Help Assist Applicants?

1. We provide free translations into Polish and from Polish to English.
2. We research and provide evidence of persecution.
3. We assist eligible applicants and their families in applying for other restitution programs, such as those from Germany.

Polish Pension Help has assisted on over 600 cases since 2015. Our services result in approvals for most of the applicants we help. **All of our services are provided at no cost.**

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