

Public Assistance Applicant Briefing Announcement

DR-4480(COVID-19)

Dear Potential Applicant:

On March 20, 2020, the State of New York received a Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4480-DR from the President for the COVID-19 Incident. The incident started on January 20, 2020, and is ongoing. The declaration authorizes public assistance for Category B Emergency Protective Measures.

Since the DR-4480 disaster was declared, FEMA has issued a number of updated and revised Public Assistance policies regarding the nationwide COVID-19 disaster. The DR-4480 Applicant Briefing has been updated to include information about these new policy changes, so please tune in. As always, we continue to regularly update our website with new information as well at:

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/public/active-declarations.cfm>.

The Office of Disaster Recovery at the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has scheduled virtual Applicant Briefings for the summer of 2021 via WebEx. Applicant Briefings provide eligible applicants with the information needed to: (a) participate in the disaster as Public Assistance applicants; and, (b) submit for reimbursement for FEMA-eligible expenditures incurred as a result of the COVID-19 virus. To register for one of the Applicant Briefings, please click on the registration link next to your preferred date and time. Once you register for the Applicant Briefing, you will receive a confirmation with the teleconference login as well as the WebEx login. You will also receive a confirmation email with this information. The duration of the WebEx presentation is approximately 1.5 hours, and it is followed by a Question and Answer period.

The Applicant Briefing will provide an overview of the FEMA Public Assistance program as well as a number of COVID-19 disaster-specific topics and policies that FEMA has implemented, including new and updated policy and guidance recently released by FEMA:

- Medical Care Policy issued on March 15, 2021
- Equitable Response and Recovery Job Aid issue on March 15, 2021
- Safe Opening and Operation Work policy issued on April 5, 2021

Please register for an Applicant Briefing at one of the links below:

DATE	TIME	REGISTRATION LINK
July 14, 2021	2:00 PM EST	Register
August 11, 2021	2:00 PM EST	Register
September 29, 2021	2:00 PM EST	Register

The DR-4480 Applicant Briefing slide presentation can be found on the DHSES Recovery Website by going to the following link: <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/public/active-declarations.cfm>.