



Notes on Siberian Exile Cross applications



The Siberian Exile Cross is awarded by the Polish President to those who were forcibly taken to Siberia by the Soviets during WWII.

Important: the person for whom the application is made must have been alive on 1st January 2004, when the award was introduced.

Applications can be made for persons deceased after this date.

Applications for granting the Cross to persons without Polish citizenship or permanently residing abroad are presented to the President of the Republic of Poland via Polish consular offices.

Before this, each application must be approved/sponsored by a Polish veteran association in the country you live in. Kresy-Family can provide this for members in the UK.

Once approved, the application is passed to the Polish Consulate, which forwards it to Poland for processing.

The waiting time can be months, or years. They probably wait until they have several awards in the same area to be able to arrange an award ceremony at the Consulate.

Key points to note when completing an application form:

- The form must be filled in by computer or typewriter. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- The form has to be filled in in Polish. English will not be accepted or will definitely slow down the process.
- Evidence of deportation needs to be provided.
- A copy of a current photo ID needs to be provided with the application. Eg passport, or driving licence.
- Remember: the person for whom the application is made must have been alive in January 2004.

What kind of "evidence" is needed for the application?

Any of these can be used. You don't need all.

A print-out or a screen shot from any of these can be used:

- A release document from Siberia - Udostowalenie
- A listing on the IPN Index

<https://indeksrepresjonowanych.pl/int/wyszukiwanie/94,Wyszukiwanie.html>

Nazwisko: Kowalski							
Imię: Adam							
Drugie Imię:							
Imię ojca: Stefan							
Imię matki:							
Data urodzenia: 1933							
LP	Opis losów	Początek	Koniec	Kraj	Woj/Oblast	Pow.	Miej.
1	Deportacja	1940			Rówieńska		
2	Zesłanie	1940	2 21		Gorkowska	szarński	Połdniewica
3	Zesłanie	1940	10 29		Wologodzka	Andomski	Ornieński
4	Zwolnienie	1941	9 1		Kazachska SSR		Uralski
LP	opis źródła	sygnatura					
1.	Tecki osobowe deportowanych w CI USW Obwodu Wologodzkiego (zespół 20, inwentarz 17) - tecka	WLG-T-20-17-1419					
2.	Wykaz obywateli polskich zwolnionych ze specjalności obw. wologodzkiego na podst. Dekretu z 12.08.1941 (archiwum CI USW Obw. Wologodzkiego, zespół 29, inv. 2, tecka 21) - karta	WLG-S-29-2-21-180,5					



- A deportee report from the Hoover Archives - lists are available [here](#)
- A name on one of the evacuation via Persia lists or refugee camps in India and Africa lists are available [here](#)
- Any other appropriate personal documents

As far as we know, there is no successful way of following up an application, but you can try:

Urząd do Spraw Kombatantów i Osób Represjonowanych

ul. Wspólna 2/4

00-926 Warszawa

tel. 22 276 77 77

Details regarding the Award of the Siberian Cross (in Polish):

<http://prawo.sejm.gov.pl/isap.nsf/DocDetails.xsp?id=WDU20032252230>

<http://www.kombatanci.gov.pl/pl/aktualno%C5%9Bci/35-uprawnienia/70-procedura-nadawania-krzy%C5%BCa-zes%C5%82a%C5%84c%C3%B3w-sybiru.html>

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