



MESOTHELIOMA UK

Supporting People With This Asbestos Cancer

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit Factsheet

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Have you been diagnosed with mesothelioma?

Has your exposure to asbestos been caused by your current job or any previous job? You should be able to claim **Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit**.

The Department for Work and Pensions pays this to people who have an illness caused by their job or working conditions/environment.

- You do not need to have paid any National Insurance contributions.
- No upper age limit so you can claim even if you are over 65.
- You can claim whilst working.

How to claim

A claim form can be obtained from the Barrow Benefit Centre on **0800 121 8379**.

Form BI100 PN(A) needs to be completed by the hospital consultant or specialist nurse and returned with the completed form. If you have a diagnosis of mesothelioma you will be given a 100% disability assessment. When awarded Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit you will be asked if you want to apply for **Constant Attendance Allowance**. If your care needs are significant then you should complete the form for this benefit. In certain cases **Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance** may be awarded.

Benefit rates

Benefit rates are reviewed each year, normally in April. Information regarding current figures can be found at **www.gov.uk** or contact the Mesothelioma UK National Welfare Benefits Adviser (see over).

What if I have savings?

Your savings do not affect Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

How much can I earn?

You can work full time and still claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

Can I claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit on top of other benefits? Yes

You can claim this benefit on top of the following:

- Incapacity Benefit/contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- Retirement Pension
- Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment
- Attendance Allowance

Will it affect my Income Support, Pension Credit, Tax Credits and Housing Benefits? Yes

- Any Income Support/Income related Employment & Support Allowance, Pension Credit, housing/council tax benefit and tax credits received will however be reduced, so seek advice.

- Any Universal Credit you receive will also be affected by this benefit.

How to claim if you are the widow, widower or other dependant of someone who has died as a result of mesothelioma?

It is possible to claim after the sufferer has died. You need to claim within 12 months of the date of death, but a late application will also be considered. Contact the Benefit Centre as above. The total payment will be a lump sum of 13 weeks' Industrial Injury Disablement Benefit.

Further help

For help to check benefit entitlement, assistance with form filling or to discuss any problems with benefit/compensation applications please contact the Mesothelioma UK National Welfare Benefits Adviser on **0800 169 2409** or email **info@mesothelioma.uk.com** Alternatively, you can contact an Asbestos Support Group or your local Citizens Advice office.