



# 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? Are/were you an “employed earner”, i.e. you work/ed for an employer? If so, you should be able to claim

### **Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.**

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) 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.
- There is no upper age limit as you can claim even if you are over state pension age.
- You can claim whilst you are still working.

### **How to claim**

A claim form can be obtained

from the DWP by telephoning  
**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/ “new style” Employment and Support Allowance
- Carer’s Allowance
- State Retirement Pension
- Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments
- Attendance Allowance

## Will it affect my other benefits?

### Yes

- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit is treated as income for means tested benefits
- 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 DWP as above. The total payment will be a lump sum of 13 weeks’ Industrial Injuries 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.