



MESOTHELIOMA UK

Supporting People With This Asbestos Cancer

Constant Attendance Allowance Factsheet

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If you are awarded Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) as a result of your diagnosis of mesothelioma, you will be asked if you want to apply for Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA). Your care needs are required to be significant in order to be awarded CAA.

The amount of benefit

CAA is paid at one of the following rates, depending on the level of care required:

- Part time
- Normal maximum
- Intermediate rate
- Exceptional rate

Information regarding current benefit rates can be found at www.gov.uk or contact the Mesothelioma UK National Welfare Benefits Adviser (see below for details).

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Benefit

This benefit is considered automatically if you qualify for CAA at either the intermediate or exceptional rates and the amount of care required is likely to be permanent.

Will an award of CAA affect my other benefits?

If you receive disability living allowance (DLA) care component, personal independence payment (PIP) daily living component or attendance allowance (AA) then this benefit will be reduced by the amount of CAA you receive. However, if you are awarded CAA at one of the two higher rates it will act as a top-up to DLA/PIP/AA. An award of CAA will not affect means tested benefits such as Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit etc.

Can I have savings and other income?

You can have any amount of savings, income or earnings and still qualify for CAA and Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance.

Can I apply for CAA at a later date?

If you feel that you do not qualify for CAA straight away, retain the CAA application form which will be sent out with your IIDB award notice. If your care needs change over time then you can apply for CAA at a later date.

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.