

Mesothelioma and other lung diseases

Application for a payment

Fill in this form if

- you suffer from diffuse mesothelioma or another lung disease, or
- you were the partner of a sufferer who has died, or
- you are, or are acting for, a child or a young person or other dependant of a sufferer who has died.

Please read the notes before you fill in this form.

How the Department for Work and Pensions collects and uses information

When we collect information about you we may use it for any of our purposes. These include dealing with:

- social security benefits and allowances
- child support
- employment and training
- financial planning for retirement
- occupational and personal pension schemes.

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Notes

What is the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979?

People who suffer from some lung diseases caused by specific dusts can get help under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979. You can make a claim if you cannot get damages from the employer or training provider who caused or contributed to a lung disease.

The lung diseases you can claim for are:

- diffuse mesothelioma
- pneumoconiosis (including silicosis, asbestosis and kaolinosis)
- primary carcinoma of the lung (where there is accompanying evidence of asbestosis or/and bilateral diffuse pleural thickening)
- bilateral diffuse pleural thickening
- byssinosis.

If you have one of the lung diseases, including diffuse mesothelioma and it was caused by your work or whilst on an approved employment training scheme or course, we will consider a payment under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers Compensation) Act 1979:

- if you are entitled to Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit for one of the lung diseases
- if no court action for damages has been brought in relation to the lung disease and no out of court settlement received
- if the employer or training provider who caused or contributed to dust exposure has stopped trading, or
- if the employer or training provider is still trading, there must be no realistic chance of getting damages, or
- the work which caused the lung disease was more than 20 years ago.

Complete **Part 1** and **Parts 4** to **11** of this form.

Note – You will need to provide evidence that you are suffering from one of the diseases listed. For example, a letter from your nurse, doctor or consultant showing that you have the disease and the date you were diagnosed.

What is the 2008 Diffuse Mesothelioma Scheme?

Under this scheme you can get a single lump sum payment if you suffer from diffuse mesothelioma. This does not have to have been caused by work or training. But if you got this disease because of the work or training you used to do for an employer or training provider, you may be entitled to a payment under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers Compensation) Act 1979.

If you have diffuse mesothelioma and you did not get it from work or training, complete **Parts 1, 4** and **Parts 6** to **11** of this form. We will consider the payment under the 2008 Diffuse Mesothelioma Scheme.

Note – You will need to provide a letter from your medical practitioner, for example, a nurse from the lung cancer nurses network, or your doctor or consultant. The letter must show the date you were diagnosed with the disease.

When must I apply?

You must apply as soon as you know that you have a lung disease.

- If you are claiming under the 1979 Act, you must claim within 12 months of the date you became entitled to Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.
- If you are claiming under the 2008 Scheme, you must claim within **12 months** of the date you were diagnosed.

If you delay, we might not be able to pay you.

Note – If you go on to get any other compensation, we may recover the money we paid you under these schemes from the compensation.

Partner and dependants

If a person has

- suffered from one of the lung diseases, **and**
- has died, **and**
- has not claimed a lump sum payment

their dependants or partner can make a claim, but must do so within 12 months of the date of death. Please include the death certificate with the application.

You can find more information about both schemes on our website www.gov.uk

How do I apply?

Fill in this form and return it to:

PWC Team
Barrow Benefit Centre
Post Handling Site B
Wolverhampton
WV99 1RX

Freephone **0800 279 2322**.

Please fill in this form with BLACK INK and in CAPITALS.

Part 2: About a claim from a dependant

What was your relationship to the sufferer?

We may ask you to provide evidence of your relationship.

Were you dependent on the sufferer at the time of their death?

No

Yes Please tell us about this

Are there any other children or young persons, or dependent relatives who you think may be entitled to a payment under the Act?

No

Yes Please tell us about them below

Surname or family name

All other names – in full

Address

Date of birth

First relative

Postcode

Second relative

Postcode

If you need to tell us about any other dependent relatives, please use a separate sheet of paper. Make sure you put your full name and National Insurance (NI) number on each sheet you use.

Now go to **Part 3**.

Part 3: About the sufferer

Their surname or family name

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Rev

All other names – in full

Any other surnames or family names they have been known by.

Please include maiden name, all former married names and all changes of family name.

Their last address

Postcode

Their date of birth

Their date of death

If you have the death certificate, send it to us with this form.

Their National Insurance (NI) number

You can find the number on their National Insurance (NI) numbercard, letters about their benefit or payslips.

Letters	Numbers		Letter
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Now go to **Part 4**.

Part 4: About the lung disease

If you are the sufferer, which lung disease are you suffering from?

or

If you are applying on behalf of the late sufferer, which lung disease was the cause of the sufferer's death?

Tick the boxes that apply.

Diffuse mesothelioma

Asbestosis

Pneumoconiosis

Bilateral diffuse pleural thickening

Byssinosis

Primary carcinoma of the lung
(where there is accompanying
evidence of asbestosis or/and
bilateral diffuse pleural thickening)

Was this contracted at work?

No Please go to the next page.

Yes Please go to the next question.

If you are the sufferer, do you get, or have you ever applied for, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB)?

or

If you are applying on behalf of the late sufferer, did they get, or did they ever apply for, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB)?

No Please go to **Part 5**.

Yes Please go to **Part 5**.

Part 4: About the lung disease continued

Only answer these questions if you contracted diffuse mesothelioma outside work or training.

What is your GP's name and address?

Postcode

If you have a specialist nurse, what is their name?

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What is the name of your consultant?

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What is the hospital address?

Postcode

We need to see a letter from your medical practitioner, for example, a nurse from the lung cancer nurses network, or your doctor or consultant. The letter must show the date you were diagnosed with the disease.

Were you exposed to asbestos in the UK?

No

Yes

How long have you lived in the UK?

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Now go to **Part 6**.

Part 5: The employment history

It is important that you fill in this form fully. We need to know the employment history from leaving school up until retirement.

Dates of employment		Employer		Type of work	Exposure to harmful dusts Please tell us the name of the dust.	Exposure to asbestos	
From	To	Name and address of the workplace	Business at the workplace			No	yes
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Continue on a separate sheet of paper if there were more than six employers.
Make sure you put your full name and National Insurance (NI) number on each sheet you use.

Now go to **Part 6**.

● **Remember**, if you need help filling in this form, or any part of it, phone **0800 279 2322**.

Part 6: Compensation or court action

Have you been paid any compensation because of the disablement?

For example:

- damages awarded by the court
- an out of court settlement
- compensation from an employer
- payment from Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, **or**
- payment from Coal Workers Pneumoconiosis Scheme.

No

Yes

Are you waiting to hear about any compensation because of the disablement?

No

Yes

Do you have a solicitor or any other legal representative acting on your behalf in bringing court action or a claim for compensation?

No

Yes Please tell us about them below.

Name

Address

Postcode

Phone number

Code	Number
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Solicitor's reference number

If at any point during your application you should get any compensation or start a court action because of the disablement, you should tell us straight away.

Note – It is important that you tell us the reference number your solicitor has given you. If you do not know the reference number, ask your solicitor about it.

Use this space to tell us about any claim for compensation you have ever made from any source in connection with any lung disease. **Please give details of the claim and when it was made.**

If there is not enough space, please use a separate sheet of paper. Make sure you put your full name and National Insurance (NI) number on each sheet you use.

Now go to **Part 7**.

Part 7: How we pay you

We normally pay your money into an account.

Many banks and building societies will let you collect your money at the post office. However, we cannot pay money into a Post Office account.

We will tell you when we make the payment and how much it will be for.

Finding out how much we have paid into the account

You can check your payment on account statements. The statements may show your National Insurance (NI) number next to any payment we have made. If you think the payment is wrong, get in touch with the office shown in **Part 9**.

If we pay you too much money

We have the right to take back any money we pay that you are not entitled to. This may be because of the way the system works for payments into an account.

For example, you may give us some information, which means you are entitled to less money. Sometimes we may not be able to change the amount we have already paid you. This means we will have paid you money that you are not entitled to.

We will contact you before we take back any money.

About the account you want to use

- You can use an account in your name, or a joint account.
- You can use someone else's account if
 - the terms and conditions of their account allow this, and
 - they agree to let you use their account, and
 - you are sure they will use your money in the way you tell them.
- You can use a credit union account. You must tell us the credit union's account details. Your credit union will be able to help you with this.
- If you are an appointee or a legal representative acting on behalf of the claimant, the account should be in your name only.

What to do now

- Tell us about the account you want to use on the next page. By giving us your account details you:
 - agree that we will pay you into an account, and
 - understand what we have told you above in the section **If we pay you too much money**.
- If you are going to open an account, please tell us your account details as soon as you get them.
- If you do not have an account, please contact us and we will give you more information.

Please tell us your account details on page 9.

It is very important you fill in all the boxes correctly, including the building society roll or reference number, if you have one. If you tell us the wrong account details your payment may be delayed or you may lose money.

You can find the account details on your chequebook or bank statements. If you do not know the account details, ask the bank or building society.

Part 8: Declaration

- **I declare** that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe.
- **I understand** that if I knowingly give information that is incorrect or incomplete, I may be liable to prosecution or other action.
- **I understand** that I must promptly tell you if I get compensation from elsewhere for the disease I have claimed for.
- **I agree** that
 - the Department for Work and Pensions
 - any doctor advising the Department
 - any organisation with which the Department has a contract for the provision of medical servicesmay ask any of the people or organisations mentioned on this form for any information which is needed to deal with
 - this claim for payment
 - any request for this claim to be looked at againand that the information may be given to that doctor or organisation or to the Department.
- **I also understand** that the Department may use the information which it has now or may get in the future to decide whether I am entitled to
 - the payment I am claiming
 - any other benefit or entitlement I have claimed
 - any other benefit or entitlement I may claim or be awarded in the future.

This is my claim for dust-related compensation

Signature

Date

Part 9: What to do now

Send this claim form to:

**PWC Team
Barrow Benefit Centre
Post Handling Site B
Wolverhampton
WV99 1RX**

Do not delay, or you could lose money.