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Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

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Calls to 0800 numbers are free from landlines and mobiles.

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Treating people fairly

We are committed to the Equality Act 2010 and treating people fairly. To find out more about this law, search 'Equality' on www.gov.uk

Notes about claiming benefit for prescribed industrial diseases

These notes will provide information on:

- what is Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit?
- what is a prescribed industrial disease?
- am I entitled to Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit?

What you need to do

Please fill in the claim form and send it back to the address at the end of these notes. Please read these notes before you complete the claim form. Make sure you answer all the questions in full.

If you are filling in this form with a pen, write in black ink and use CAPITAL LETTERS. When you send the form back, please make sure you:

- complete the Consent in Part 2
- sign the Declaration in Part 10
- send us any medical reports or letters you may have to support your claim. These could be from your consultant, GP or other health professional.

These are the types of medical test result which you may wish to include relating to your disability or prescribed disease:

- the results of scans but not the scans themselves
- audiology
- the results of x-rays, but not the x-rays themselves
- consultant reports.

If you need help filling in the form, you can ask a friend, relative, carer or support worker to help you. You can also call us on **0800 121 8379** for help to complete the form over the phone. Please do not go into your local Jobcentre Plus office.

What is Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit?

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) is a payment for people who are disabled as a result of an accident, disease or event that happened at work, in connection with work, or whilst on an approved employment training scheme or course.

If you want to claim benefit for an accident, you will need to fill in form BI100A 'Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit for an accident caused by work'. You can get it by calling us on **0800 121 8379**. You can find all our contact details at the end of these notes. You can also download the form and notes to help you fill it in, search 'BI100A' on www.gov.uk

What is a prescribed industrial disease?

The law lists over 70 diseases which can be caused by working in some types of jobs or using particular tools. These diseases are called prescribed diseases.

You can get a list of the prescribed diseases and jobs you can claim for under the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit scheme from our website at www.gov.uk

If you cannot access the list of diseases online or you are not sure which disease you should claim for, contact us for help by calling **0800 121 8379**.

Am I entitled to IIDB?

You may be entitled to this benefit if you are disabled because of a disease caused by your work, or while on an approved employment training scheme or course. The disease must usually have been contracted whilst working in the UK.

You are not entitled to IIDB if you were self-employed when you got the disease.

You may not be entitled to IIDB if the disease is not shown on the list of prescribed diseases, or the job is not listed against the disease.

If you are not sure if you can claim, contact us for help by calling **0800 121 8379**. You can find all our contact details at the end of these notes.

There are specific time limits relating to certain prescribed diseases which affect eligibility to IIDB:

A10 – occupational deafness

You must have worked for at least 10 years in at least one of the jobs on the list which are known to cause deafness. The work must have been within 5 years of the date that you claim. You may also be able to get benefit if you worked very close to someone else who was doing a job on the list which is known to cause deafness.

A14 – osteoarthritis of the knee

You must have worked for at least 10 years underground in a coal mine. If this work was after 1986, it must have been in certain occupations known to cause osteoarthritis of the knee. From 30 March 2012, you can also claim IIDB for osteoarthritis of the knee if you have worked wholly or mainly fitting or laying carpets or floors (other than concrete floors), for a period of, or periods which amount in aggregate to, 20 years or more.

D7 – occupational asthma

At some time in the 10 years before your date of claim, you must have been in contact, at work, with a substance on the list that caused your asthma.

D10 – primary carcinoma of the lung

From 1 August 2012, coke oven workers have been included in the list of those who can claim IIDB for this disease. You must have worked mainly as a coke oven worker for at least 5 years in top oven work, or at least 15 years in other oven work. If you worked fewer years on both types of oven work, then the time spent on both can be added together to help you qualify.

D12 – chronic bronchitis or emphysema or both

You must have worked underground in a coal mine for a period or periods which add up to at least 20 years, or periods up to 40 years if you worked on the surface of a coal mine as a screen worker before 1983, or a mixture of the two such that 2 years on the surface equates to 1 year underground.

The amount you get depends on how seriously you are disabled. We usually need you to go to an assessment. We may need you to take a breathing test or a hearing test and we may need you to have an x-ray. But we will not send you for an x-ray if:

- you have had an x-ray within a specific period of time, and
- the medical examiner can get a copy of it.

The doctor who examines you will tell us how seriously you are disabled and how long you are expected to be disabled.

Effects on other benefits

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit will not affect the following benefits:

- contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- State Pension.

IIDB will affect the following benefits if you or your partner are claiming them:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit*
- Council Tax Reduction*

* Contact your local council for more information.

When to claim

If you become disabled because of a prescribed disease, claim IIDB straight away. But usually you will not be entitled to benefit for 90 days after the date that the disease started. If you delay you may lose some benefit.

How to claim

To claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit you will need to answer all questions on the form ensuring that the consent in Part 2 is fully completed and that you sign the form at Part 10.

Send this form back to us straight away. If you delay, you could lose money.

Any benefit you can get because of this claim can be paid more quickly if you answer all the questions on the form that apply to you and your partner, if you have one.

We use partner to mean:

- a person you live with who is your husband, wife or civil partner, or
- a person you live with as if you are a married couple.

In Part 4 it asks when you worked for your employer. We need to know the dates for when you were attending the workplace and working there. Do not include any periods where you were employed but were not working, for example if you were off sick.

If you are making a claim for prescribed disease:

- A10 – occupational deafness, also complete the BI1000D form we sent you
- D4 – allergic rhinitis or D7 – occupational asthma, also complete the BI1000AE form we sent you.

If you downloaded this BI100PD and you need the BI1000D or BI1000AE mentioned above, phone us on **0800 121 8379** or search for the forms on **www.gov.uk**

Send these forms back to us as soon as you have filled them in. If you delay, you could lose money.

Help with filling in the form

If you want help filling in the claim form or any part of it, please contact us by calling **0800 121 8379**. We will be able to go through the form with you over the phone or we can fill in a claim form for you.

If we fill in the claim form for you, we will send it to you. You can then check, sign and send it back to us.

Signing the form for someone else

The claim form should only be signed by someone else if:

- the person who is making the claim is not mentally able to act on their own behalf, **and**
- someone is willing to act on their behalf in all social security matters, including telling us about and change in their circumstances and collecting money for them.

Someone accepted by the Department to act on a person's behalf is known as the 'appointee'.

A person who is physically disabled but mentally able will not normally need someone to act for them.

If someone applies to act on a person's behalf we will:

- arrange a visit to:
 - the person who is making the claim, and
 - the person who is applying to act on their behalf, and
- decide if the person needs someone to act on their behalf, and
- explain the responsibilities that the appointee would be taking on.

We will not pay any benefit until this process is complete.

If someone has power of attorney or legal authority to act on behalf of the person making the claim, then the person with power of attorney or legal authority must:

- sign the claim form, and
- send us a copy of the legal authority with the claim form.

The copy of the legal authority must be certified and signed by a solicitor as a true copy.

Completing the form on behalf of someone because they have died

If you are filling in the form on behalf of someone who has died, please also send us a copy of the death certificate with the claim form.

About your claim for a prescribed industrial disease

Special provisions

We will not send you for an assessment if you are claiming for the prescribed diseases:

- **D3** – diffuse mesothelioma
- **D8** – primary carcinoma of the lung with evidence of asbestosis
- **D8A** – primary carcinoma of the lung after exposure to asbestos under certain circumstances
- **D10** – primary carcinoma of the lung
- **D11** – primary carcinoma of the lung where there is accompanying evidence of silicosis
- **C4** – primary carcinoma of the bronchus or lung
- **C22(b)** – primary carcinoma of the bronchus or lung, or
- **C24(a)** – angiosarcoma of the liver.

Please send us medical evidence to show that you are suffering from the disease, including the date of onset and date of diagnosis.

Evidence we can accept includes a **BI100PN(A)** form completed by a suitable authority such as your specialist respiratory nurse, or a statement from a doctor, nurse or consultant showing you have the disease.

The 90 day qualifying period does not apply to these diseases.

What happens after we get your claim for benefit?

We will contact you and tell you that we have got your claim.

A decision maker will look at your claim.

Decision makers are people who decide:

- if the law says your disease is an industrial disease
- if the law says you are entitled to benefit or not
- how much benefit the law says you are entitled to.

To help the decision maker decide on your claim, we may need more information. We may need to ask people about your claim. For example, we may contact any employer, doctor or hospital that you have told us about in the claim form.

If the decision maker decides that you have worked in a job which is likely to have caused your disease, we may ask you to go for an assessment. We will contact you and tell you where and when to go for the assessment. If you are not fit to travel or you are in hospital, we may ask the doctor or health care professional to come to you. Please provide full details of why you need a home visit, and send us any medical evidence you already have to support this request. Do not ask or pay for new evidence.

The doctor or health care professional will provide the decision maker with information on the disease, how this affects you and how long these effects are likely to last.

Please tell us any dates and times that you may not be able to go for an assessment in the next 6 months. For example, holidays and hospital appointments. Please give us full details in question 83 of the claim form. If you do not come to an appointment and do not provide a good reason, you may delay your claim or have your claim to benefit closed.

If you can get IIDB, we will write and tell you:

- how much money you can get
- more about the benefit.

If you cannot get IIDB, we will write and tell you the reason and what to do if you disagree.

How DWP collects and uses information

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

- social security benefits and allowances
- child maintenance
- employment and training
- investigating and prosecuting tax credits offences
- private pensions policy, and
- retirement planning.

We may get information about you from other parties for any of our purposes as the law allows to check the information you provide and improve our services. We may give information about you to other organisations as the law allows, for example to protect against crime.

To find out more about our purposes, how we use personal information for those purposes and your information rights, including how to request a copy of your information, please search for 'DWP Personal Information Charter' on www.gov.uk

Other money you may be able to get

Reduced Earnings Allowance

If you cannot do your usual job or other work with similar pay because of a disease caused by work and your disability started before 1 October 1990, you may be able to claim Reduced Earnings Allowance (REA).

If you wish to claim REA, please contact us using the details shown at the end of these notes.

Constant Attendance Allowance

If you get IIDB at the 100% rate and need daily care and attention, you may be able to get Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA). CAA will automatically be considered at the time of your assessment.

If you have claimed IIDB for prescribed diseases D3, D8, D8A, D10, D11, C4, C22(b) or C24(a) you will not be required to attend an assessment, but you can be considered for CAA by completing form BI107.

If you do not have any attendance needs at the time of your IIDB award, but your condition worsens and constant attendance is required at a later date, you will need to make a claim for CAA using form BI107. You can get the form from an IIDB centre. Contact details are at the end of these notes.

Remember – you can only claim CAA if you are already receiving IIDB at the 100% rate.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance

If you get one of the two higher rates of CAA and you need permanent and constant care and attention, you will automatically be considered for entitlement to Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance (ESDA).

For more information about benefits you may be entitled to, please visit www.gov.uk

Additional payment for people if their employer or training provider has gone out of business

People who suffer from some industrial 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 employers or training providers who caused or contributed to the disease.

The diseases you can claim for are:

- D1 - pneumoconiosis (including asbestosis, silicosis and kaolinosis, etc.)
- D2 - byssinosis
- D3 - diffuse mesothelioma
- D8 - primary carcinoma of the lung with evidence of asbestosis
- D8A - primary carcinoma of the lung after exposure to asbestos under certain circumstances
- D9 - unilateral or bilateral diffuse pleural thickening.

If a person has:

- suffered from one of these diseases, **and**
- has died, **and**
- has not received a lump sum payment

their dependants can make a claim. But they must make the claim within 12 months of the date of death.

If you think you may be entitled to a payment, contact the Pneumoconiosis Worker's Compensation scheme at:

Barnsley Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit office
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1SY

Freephone **0800 279 2322**.

Do not wait for a decision on your claim under the IIDB scheme before you make a claim for this additional payment. If you wait more than 12 months to claim the additional payment, we might not be able to pay you.

What if the disease occurred outside the UK or you live outside the UK?

Usually the disease has to have occurred in the UK. But there are some exceptions to this rule.

If your disease was caused by work outside the UK, or you live outside the UK, please contact the International Pension Centre for advice at:

International Pension Centre
The Pension Service 11
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1LW

Telephone **0191 218 7650**.

Where to get help and advice about prescribed industrial diseases

If you want general information about IIDB, contact us for help by calling **0800 121 8379**. You can find all our contact details at the end of these notes.

You can also contact an advice centre like Citizens Advice.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties you can contact us using a textphone on **0800 169 0314**. If you do not have your own textphone system, you may be able to find one in your local library or Citizens Advice office.

If you live in England or Wales you can get free, independent and confidential advice about IIDB and other benefits. Call Community Legal Advice on **0845 345 4345**.

For more information about benefits and services visit our website at www.gov.uk/browse/benefits

Contact details for Barnsley Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit centre

Please send your completed claim form back to the address below. Here is the mailing address and phone number of our IIDB office if you need to contact us:

Barnsley Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit office
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1SY

Phone number **0800 121 8379**

Call charges

Calls to 0800 numbers are free from landlines and mobiles.

Keep these notes in a safe place. They do not need to be returned with the form.