



expert hand,
human touch



IM, irwinmitchell
solicitors

Benefits If You Have Been Injured At Work

Personal Legal Services

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) is for people who are disabled because of an accident at work, or who have certain diseases caused by their work.

IIDB is a no fault scheme paid by Department for Work and Pensions.

You might get IIDB if you're ill or disabled:

- From an accident or disease caused by work
- While you were on an approved employment training scheme or course.

The amount you may get depends on your individual circumstances.

The level of your disability will affect the amount of benefit you may get. This will be assessed by a 'medical advisor' on a scale of 1 to 100%. Normally you must be assessed as 14% disabled or more to get the benefit.

IIDB Centre Contact Details:

Barnsley IIDB Centre
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1SY
Telephone: **0345 758 5433**
Textphone: **0345 608 8551**

Barrow IIDB Centre
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 2BR
Telephone: **0345 603 1358**
Textphone: **0345 608 8551**

Eligibility

Accidents

You may be able to claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) if:

- You were employed when the accident or event happened
- You were on an approved employment training scheme or course when the accident or event happened
- The work accident or event that caused your illness or disability happened in England, Scotland or Wales (there are some exceptions which you can ask the IIDB Centre about).

Diseases

You can claim IIDB if you were employed in a job or on an approved employment training scheme or course that caused your disease. The scheme covers more than 70 diseases, including:

- Asthma
- Chronic bronchitis or emphysema
- Deafness
- Pneumoconiosis (including silicosis and asbestosis)
- Osteoarthritis of the knee in coal miners
- Prescribed disease A11 (previously known as vibration white finger)
- Diffuse mesothelioma and a number of other asbestos-related diseases such as primary carcinoma of the lung.

You can get a full list of illnesses from the IIDB centre.

You can't claim IIDB if you were self-employed.

If you have been injured at work and you want to claim compensation from your employer, you should seek legal advice from a personal injury lawyer.

How to claim

Accidents

Fill in form BI100A to claim IIDB for accidents.

Diseases

Fill in form BI100PD to claim IIDB for diseases.

To request a form contact:

Barnsley Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit centre

Telephone: **0345 758 5433**

Where to send your form

Send your form to:

Barnsley IIDB Centre

Mail Handling Site A

Wolverhampton

WV98 1SY

Telephone: **0345 758 5433**

Textphone: **0345 608 8551**

Further information

What to do if your circumstances change

You, or the person who claims on your behalf, must tell the office that deals with your payments about any changes to your circumstances or personal details. Let them know if:

- The condition for which you're getting benefit improves
- You marry, remarry, or form a civil partnership and change your name
- You change your address
- You leave the country
- You go into prison.

You must also report these if you receive Unemployability Supplement, which topped up Industrial Disablement Supplement until 1987.

Other benefits you may be able to get

Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979

Jobcentre Plus may pay you a lump sum if you have one of the following diseases:

- Pneumoconiosis
- Byssinosis
- Diffuse mesothelioma
- Bilateral diffuse pleural thickening
- Primary carcinoma of the lung when accompanied by asbestosis or bilateral diffuse pleural thickening.

To get a payment under this scheme you must meet all the following conditions:

- Your dust-related disease must have been caused by your employment
- You're getting IIDB for one of the listed diseases
- You must claim within 12 months of the decision awarding IIDB
- You can't or haven't taken civil action because your former employer has stopped trading
- You haven't brought a court action or received compensation from an employer in respect of the disease.

You may be able to make a claim if you're the dependant of someone who suffered from a dust related disease but who has died. A dependant claim must be made within 12 months of the death of the sufferer.

Diffuse mesothelioma payment

The scheme covers people whose exposure to asbestos occurred in the United Kingdom and are not entitled to a payment under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979.

For example:

- They came into contact with asbestos from a relative – e.g. by washing their clothes
- Their exposure to asbestos was while self employed.

You may be able to claim a one-off lump sum payment if you:

- Are unable to make a claim under the 1979 Pneumoconiosis Act
- Have not received payment in respect of the disease from an employer, a civil claim or elsewhere
- Are not entitled to compensation from a Ministry of Defence scheme.

Constant Attendance Allowance

You can claim Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA) for accidents where your disability is assessed at 100% and you need daily care and attention.

The CAA rate you're paid is based on an assessment of your needs.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance

You can claim £67.20 paid in addition to the CAA rates, if you're assessed at one of the top two rates of CAA and need permanent, constant care and attention.

Reduced Earnings Allowance

You may get Reduced Earnings Allowance (REA) if:

- You can't do your usual job or other work with similar pay because of an accident or disease caused by work
- You have a disability or injury which began before 1 October 1990.

Effects on other benefits

You can still get IIDB if you're claiming:

- Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- State Pension.

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

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Child Benefit.

It may also affect Council Tax Reduction - contact your local council for more information.



“Your professionalism and dedication from the first telephone call to the final chat we had was marvellous. You've kept me informed every step of the way these last few years and not once did you give up - a real credit to you and your team. I cannot thank you enough for all that was done for me, and to achieve the result that you did was fantastic.”

Mr McMahon - Work place accident client

expert hand,
human touch



08000 23 22 33



irwinmitchell.com



@irwinmitchell

For a list of our offices visit our website

Irwin Mitchell LLP is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

PLS-PI-0144-FS

