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Dust Diseases Care Benefit Information

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icare Dust Diseases Care provides a number of benefits to workers and their families who have been impacted by a work-related dust disease. This fact sheet provides a summary of these supports and information about who to contact if you need more information.

Workers compensation benefits

The compensation benefit is designed to compensate for the loss of income resulting from your dust disease. The benefits are payable beyond retirement age.

How are weekly benefits calculated?

The full weekly benefit is payable if you have been:

- Assessed by the Dust Disease Authority's Medical Authority Panel as having a 100% disability as a result of a compensable dust disease; and
- Your exposure to the dust that caused the disease occurred wholly while you were employed as a worker in New South Wales.

Duration of Payments

The compensation benefit is payable for the remainder of the workers life. Following the death of the worker, an allowance payment will continue to be paid to the worker's spouse or partner and dependents until they are no longer financially dependent on the worker.

Medical expenses for treatment and care

icare Dust Diseases Care will meet the costs of reasonable medical, hospital, ambulance and related expenses for the treatment of your work-related dust disease.

Health care services and support can include:

- Medical treatment and related expenses such as hospital admissions and pharmacy costs, in-home oxygen
- Travel expenses to help you get to your medical appointments
- Support to help you manage at home, such as support to manage your personal care, in-home domestic assistance and lawn mowing/garden care
- Equipment you need to help you remain at home such as shower chairs, hire of hospital beds, and mobility aids
- Modifications to your home such as installing grab rails in the bathroom or a temporary ramp for a wheelchair)

Funeral benefits

If your family member received a benefit for a dust disease, we can provide \$9,000 to help cover their funeral costs when they pass away.

Who receives payment?

We will make the payment to the estate of the deceased person. If there is no estate or executor, we can make the payment to the person who paid the funeral expenses with proof of payment.

The executor or person paying for the funeral will need to pay for any funeral expenses over \$9,000.

How to make a claim for funeral expenses?

You do not need to complete an application form. To make a claim all you need to do is contact us to advise that your family member has passed away.

All we will ask is that you send us a copy of the medical death certificate or a copy of the death certificate issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Dependents compensation benefits

Dust Diseases Care compensates the spouse or partner of workers who were receiving or entitled to receive compensation from Dust Diseases Care.

How are the benefits calculated?

The compensation entitlement includes both a lump sum amount and a fortnightly payment. The amount varies according to when the worker passes away. Staff at Dust Diseases Care can explain this to you.

Duration of Payments

Fortnightly compensation payments to the spouse or partner of the deceased worker continues for the remainder of their life or until they remarry or enter into a de facto relationship with another person.

Dust Diseases Care also pays an allowance paid for any dependent children, until the child reaches the age of 16, or 21 if still they are still in full time education.

Lump sum payments

Part of your compensation award includes a lump sum amount. The lump payment is separate to and in addition to your fortnightly benefits.

Would you like more information?

We are here to help you understand the benefits and supports that are available to you. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please call us so we can help you.

Call: (02) 8223 6600 or Toll Free on 1800 550 027

Email: DDAenquiries@icare.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.icare.nsw.gov.au

Sending information to us

If you need to send any claims for payment, copies of supporting documents or correspondence, please send these to:

Fax: (02) 9279 1520

Email: DDAenquiries@icare.nsw.gov.au

Post: Dust Diseases Care, GPO Box 5323, Sydney NSW 2001.