

# **INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

This is extra money paid by the Social Security to people who become ill or disabled due to an accident at work or a work-related condition.

## **HOW TO QUALIFY**

- ◆ You are covered by the industrial injuries scheme if you are working for an employer. Please note that for industrial benefit purposes, this could include sub-contractors.
- ◆ It is not dependent on National Insurance Contributions.
- ◆ As soon as possible after an accident at work you should report details to your employer, e.g. enter them in the accident book if there is one.

## **HOW MUCH?**

The amount you get depends upon the percentage disablement:-

This starts at 14% disablement and increases up to 100% disablement.

## **POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- ◆ You may still be able to claim for an accident that happened long ago, or for a disease whose onset was years before.
- ◆ In most cases there is little difficulty proving that an accident happened at work. The main question is usually the degree of disablement.
- ◆ Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit is separate from any compensation claim against your employer – you can do both.

- ◆ Disablement benefit can be paid for loss of 'physical or mental faculty'.
- ◆ There is a whole list of different diseases prescribed as risks of particular jobs.  
In order for an illness to qualify it must be have been listed as an 'industrial illness'.
- ◆ The onus is on you to claim if you suspect that your illness is related to work.
- ◆ It may be possible to combine the percentage disability of two separate claims.
- ◆ Additional 'industrial' allowances such as Constant Attendance Allowance may also be claimed.

### **HOW TO CLAIM**

Claim from the Industrial Injuries Benefit Delivery Centre (0800 882 200).  
Claim on the relevant form (BI100A –accident; BI100PD – prescribed industrial diseases).

Do not delay returning the completed form or you may lose some benefit.

### **WHERE TO GET HELP**

- ◆ See leaflet IIDBAA5JP  
OR contact your local Advice Centre.
- ◆ Social Security Enquiry Line - 0800 882200

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