

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 dependant 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 on the relevant form in the BI 100 series.

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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