

Compensation to members of the family of deceased workers

Compensation may be payable to members of the family of a deceased worker where that worker died from an asbestos-related disease.

Compensation lump sum amounts payable to eligible members of the family are the same as a worker would have received if they were still alive. However, members of the family cannot receive weekly payments.

Medical and other expenses

A range of medical and other expenses may be paid if you have a compensable disease. These include funeral expenses, medical expenses and travel expenses where they relate to approved travel for medical purposes.

Disclaimer

This information is for guidance and not to be taken as an expression of the law. It should be read in conjunction with the Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011 (the Act) and any other relevant legislation. The Act and the Regulations can be found at www.worksafe.tas.gov.au

TASMANIAN ASBESTOS COMPENSATION INFORMATION



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Making a claim for compensation

Tasmania's asbestos compensation scheme provides compensation under the Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011 to a worker who develops an asbestos-related disease as a result of exposure to asbestos during the course of their work in Tasmania. You are still defined as a worker if you have retired.

Who is entitled to claim compensation?

You may be eligible for compensation if:

- you have been diagnosed with an asbestos-related disease; and
- you were exposed to asbestos fibres while employed in Tasmania; and
- you have not previously received any compensation, including through a common law settlement, for the asbestos-related disease.

Certain family members of a worker who has died from an asbestos-related disease may be eligible for compensation.



If you are suffering from an asbestos-related disease, you must use:

Form 1: Asbestos-Related Diseases – Claim for Compensation - Worker

If you are a member of the family of a worker who has died from an asbestos-related disease, you must use:

Form 2: Asbestos-Related Diseases - Claim for Compensation - Member of the Family

All entitled members of the family must lodge one application together on the same form.

You can find these claim forms by going to www.worksafe.tas.gov.au or calling the WorkSafe Tasmania Helpline on 1300 366 322.

Compensation benefits

If you have been diagnosed with an asbestos-related disease and have less than two years life expectancy, you may be entitled to lump sum compensation of approximately \$300,000 (2017 figures). You may also be entitled to a further payment depending on your age.

If you have been diagnosed with an asbestos-related disease and have more than two years life expectancy (a non-imminently fatal disease), the lump sum payment will be based on your level of impairment.

