

Information sheet – attendance at medical appointments

This information is provided to you in connection with your claim for compensation under the *Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Act 2011* (the Act). Please read the information carefully as it sets out your rights and obligations in relation to this medical appointment.

Under the Act, in order to ascertain whether a person is entitled to compensation and how much the person is entitled to, medical questions may be referred to medical professionals. A medical professional includes the medical panel, a member of the medical panel, a medical practitioner (including a specialist) and a WorkCover Tasmania accredited impairment assessor.

What if I am given a notice to attend an examination or test?

Under the Act if a medical question is referred to a medical professional, a medical professional may require you to undergo an examination or test specified in the notice, at the time specified in the notice.

If you refuse or fail (other than on reasonable grounds) to undergo an examination or test, the Asbestos Compensation Commissioner must refer the matter to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The Commissioner may refuse to deal with your application until advice or a determination is received from the Tribunal.

What if I am required by a medical professional to answer a question, produce a document or information, or to consent to the production of relevant documents or information?

A medical professional who is referred a medical question under the Act may require you to answer questions, or to produce relevant documents or information, or to consent to the production of relevant documents or information by another person.

If you refuse or fail to comply with the requirement, the Asbestos Compensation Commissioner must refer the matter to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The Commissioner may refuse to deal with the application until advice or a determination is received from the Tribunal.

Who can I take with me to an examination or test?

You are not entitled to be represented by a person when attending an examination or test unless a medical professional allows you to be represented. However, you are entitled to be accompanied by a person of your choice when you attend an examination or test.

What about the costs of the examination or test?

The Asbestos Compensation Commissioner will meet the costs of the examination, test or report you are requested to undergo.

Need more information?

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