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## Application to have your claim for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit looked at again



## Introduction

Following decisions by Social Security Commissioners, the way we work out some claims for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit has changed. The change affects claims where someone has two disablement assessments for different accidents or prescribed diseases. A disease is prescribed when we are satisfied that it is a risk arising from a person's job, and not a risk that affects everybody.

This leaflet will try to answer some of the questions you may have.

**Question: Who is affected by the Commissioners' decisions?**

**Answer:** The change affects people who have:

- been awarded and paid a lump-sum life payment for a claim for disablement benefit they made before 19 November 1986; and
- been assessed as disabled following a claim for disablement benefit they made on or after 19 November 1986.

**Question: What does the decision mean?**

**Answer:** The decision means that:

- where a disablement was assessed for life following a claim made before 19 November 1986, the full amount of the lump-sum payment was equivalent to seven years; and
- the assessment for the rest of the person's life is available to be added to any new assessment for an accident or a prescribed disease following a claim made after 19 November 1986.

**Question: Does the decision mean you must have two disablement assessments?**

**Answer:** Yes. The law says that a later assessment can be added to an earlier assessment that is still current. This gives a higher total disablement assessment.

**Question: Does this mean I will get more money?**

**Answer:** Yes. If your disablement assessment for the claim you made on or after 19 November 1986 was originally assessed at less than 14%, you may be able to start getting Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

Or, if you are already getting Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, you may be able to get more money.

## What to do now

Fill in the application form attached to this leaflet and send it to:

Social Security Agency  
Industrial Injuries Branch  
Castle Court  
Belfast  
BT1 1UD.

Phone: 028 9033 6000

## What happens next?

We will look at your application and write to tell you whether you are entitled to benefit.

## Help and advice

If you want more information about Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit you can contact us in the following ways.

- Ring the Benefit Enquiry Line (BEL) on **0800 220674**. This is a confidential phone service for people with disabilities, and their carers.
- If you have problems with hearing or speaking and you use a textphone, you can ring **0800 243787**.
- Get in touch with your Social Security or Jobs & Benefits Office, or look for the Social Security Agency advert in the business section of the phone book.
- Get in touch with an advice centre like a citizens advice bureau.
- Get in touch with Industrial Injuries branch. The address and phone number are on page 4 of this leaflet.
- Look on our website at **[www.ssani.gov.uk](http://www.ssani.gov.uk)**

Remember, this leaflet is only a general guide to benefits. It is not a full statement of the law. We have made every effort to make sure that the information in this leaflet is correct at the date shown on the cover. However, changes in the law may mean that the leaflet gradually becomes less accurate.

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**Name**

**Address  
(with  
postcode)**

**National Insurance (NI) number**

**Date of birth**

**What date were you awarded a lump-sum payment of Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit? (Give an approximate date if you do not know the exact date).**

**Date**

**What date did you make your last claim for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit? (Give an approximate date if you do not know the exact date).**

**Date**

I apply to have my claim for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit looked at again in line with Commissioners' decisions CI/522/93 and CI/1698/97.

**Your signature**

**Date**