
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 668

**The Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation)
(Payment of Claims) Regulations 1988**

Payments to dependants of persons disabled by a disease

4.—(1) The amount of any payment made to a dependant of a person to whom disablement benefit in respect of a disease was payable immediately before he died, or would have been payable but for his disablement amounting to less than the appropriate percentage, being the dependant entitled to a payment under the Act, shall be determined by ascertaining the amount which would have been payable to the deceased in accordance with regulation 3 had he still been alive and had duly made a claim for payment under the Act, deducting from that amount the sum which would have been payable to the deceased if his age at his last birthday preceding his death were substituted for the age used in ascertaining the said amount in accordance with the said regulation 3.

(2) Where the Secretary of State is satisfied that the deceased died as a result of the disease, there shall be added to the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation a further amount determined in accordance with Table 2 of the Schedule and the age of the deceased for this purpose shall be his age at his last birthday preceding his death. In the case of a disease other than diffuse mesothelioma, the percentage disablement or extent of incapacity, as the case may be, shall be the same as that used in determining the amount payable under the provisions of regulation 3.

(3) For the purpose of determining whether a payment should be made under the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, it shall be sufficient evidence that the deceased died as a result of the disease if death benefit is payable or was paid as a lump sum by reason of the deceased's death as a result of the disease.

(4) It shall not be open to the Secretary of State to be satisfied that the deceased died as a result of the disease if there is clear evidence that a claim for death benefit has been disallowed on the ground that the deceased did not die as a result of the disease.

(5) Where no claim for death benefit has been made, it shall not be open to the Secretary of State to be satisfied that the deceased died as a result of the disease if there is clear evidence available that in the opinion of two doctors of the pneumoconiosis medical panel or Medical Boarding Centre (Respiratory Diseases), as the case may be, the deceased did not die as a result of the disease.

(a) (6) (a) A dependant of a person to whom disablement benefit in respect of a disease was not payable immediately before he died, being the dependant entitled to a payment under the Act, shall be paid an amount determined in accordance with Table 2 of the Schedule if:—

(i) death benefit is payable to or in respect of the said dependant, or

(ii) disablement benefit would have been payable to the deceased immediately before he died but for his not having claimed benefit, or but for his having died before he had suffered from the disease for the appropriate period.

(b) The relevant percentage assessment or extent of incapacity, as the case may be, for the purposes of Parts A and B of the aforesaid Table, shall be that determined by a Pneumoconiosis Medical Board, (or Special Medical Board, as the case may be), or a Silicosis Medical Board in respect of the period immediately prior to the deceased's death

or if no such determination was made the said relevant percentage assessment or extent of incapacity shall be taken as 10 per cent. or “partial” respectively: and the age of the deceased, for this purpose, shall be taken as his age at his last birthday preceding his death.

(7) As respects any claim made by the dependant of a deceased person where that person has died as a result of diffuse mesothelioma, the provisions of this regulation shall apply subject to the provisions of regulation 5.