
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Regulations 1988 (the 1988 Regulations), as amended by the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 and the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1990, prescribe the amount of payments to be made under the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979 ("the Act"), as amended by the Social Security Act 1985 and the Social Security Act 1986, to persons disabled by a disease to which the Act applies, or to dependants of persons who immediately before they died were disabled by such a disease. The diseases to which the Act applies are pneumoconiosis, byssinosis, diffuse mesothelioma, primary carcinoma of the lung (where accompanied by asbestosis or bilateral diffuse pleural thickening) and bilateral diffuse pleural thickening.

These Regulations further amend the 1988 Regulations by increasing the amount of payments in any case in which a person first becomes entitled to a payment on or after the date when these Regulations come into force. The increase in each case is 9 per cent. rounded up or down to the nearest £1 as appropriate.