

## 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](http://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](http://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.

