Regulations made by the Department for Communities and laid before the Assembly under section 10(2) of the Mesothelioma, etc., Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 for approval of the Assembly before the expiration of six months from the date of their coming into operation

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 169

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*5th October 2026*
Coming into operation	*31st October 2026*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(3) and 9(1) and (2) of the Mesothelioma, etc., Act (Northern Ireland) 2008(**a**).

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 31st October 2026.

(2) Regulation 2(2) applies only in relation to the dependant of a person who dies on or after 31st October 2026 and who, immediately before their death, had diffuse mesothelioma.

Amendment of the Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations

2.—(1) The Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008(**b**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) After regulation 5 (amount of lump sum payment) insert—

"**Payment to personal representatives**

5A.—(1) Where—

(a) a claim is made, and

(b) the person making the claim dies before payment is made, payment must be made to the person's personal representatives, subject to the condition in paragraph (2) having been met.

(**a**) 2008 c. 9 (N.I.); *see* section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.R. 2008 No. 354

(2) The condition is that any document that is by law sufficient evidence of the grant of—

(a) probate of the will of the person,

(b) letters of administration of the estate of the person, or

(c) confirmation as executor of the person,

has been provided to the Department."

(3) In the Schedule, for Table 2 (together with the headings to the Table) substitute—

"**Table 2**

Amount of lump sum payment to dependant

Age of person with mesothelioma at death	*Payment* £
37 or under	120,566
38	118,221
39	115,882
40	113,543
41	111,199
42	108,858
43	107,691
44	106,513
45	105,347
46	104,176
47	103,005
48	99,733
49	96,457
50	93,173
51	89,901
52	86,614
53	84,275
54	81,939
55	79,602
56	77,249
57	74,908
58	68,825
59	62,735
60	56,656
61	50,567
62	44,481
63	40,735
64	36,985
65	33,245
66	29,498
67	25,753
68	24,989
69	24,224
70	23,471
71	22,710
72	21,953
73	21,304
74	20,644
75	20,012
76	19,377

77 or over		18,733".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 5th October 2026

(L.S.)

David Tarr
A senior officer of the Department for Communities

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 to:

· make it clear to whom payment can be made in the event the person making the claim dies before it is paid; and

· bring the dependant rates of payment in line with the rates for persons with diffuse mesothelioma.

By virtue of regulation 1(2), the increased rates of lump sum payments for a dependant apply only in relation to a case where the sufferer dies on or after 31st October 2026.

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