STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 36

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - - 3rd March 2025

Affirmed by resolution of the Assembly on 18th March 2025

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(3), 4(3) and 11(1) and (4) of the Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**).

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2025 or the day after they are affirmed by resolution of the Assembly if later.

(2) These Regulations apply only in relation to any case in which a person first satisfies the conditions of entitlement to a payment under the Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 on or after the day on which these Regulations come into operation.

Amendment of the Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Regulations

2.—(1) The Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(**c**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 5(2) (payment where death results from diffuse mesothelioma) and regulation 7 (minimum amount payable to dependant) for "£4,024" substitute "£4,092".

(3) In regulation 6(1)(a) (payment where pneumoconiosis is accompanied by tuberculosis) for "£8,324" substitute "£8,466".

(4) In the Schedule—

(**a**) S.I. 1979/925 (N.I. 9); Articles 3 and 4 were amended by Article 22(a) and (b) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1209 (N.I. 16)), paragraph 17(2) to (4) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18)) and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Schedule 2 to the Mesothelioma Act 2014 (c. 1); Article 3 was amended by section 52(3) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c.2 (N.I.)) and Article 4 was amended by Part 6 of Schedule 12 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1))

(**b**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481, the Department for Employment and Learning Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 15 (N.I.)), Article 3 of S.R. 2006 No. 192 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(**c**) S.R. 1988 No. 242; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 352 and S.R. 2024 No. 47

(a) for Table 1, after the preamble, substitute the Table set out in Part 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations; and

(b) in Table 2 for Parts A and B substitute Parts A and B set out in Part 2 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 3rd March 2025

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Communities

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(4)

PART 1

"**Table 1**

Age of disabled person	*Percentage assessment for the relevant period*									
	10% or under	*11% - 20%*	*21% - 30%*	*31% - 40%*	*41% - 50%*	*51% - 60%*	*61% - 70%*	*71% - 80%*	*81% - 90%*	*91% - 100%*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*
37 or under	47,361	84,580	99,234	102,056	104,873	107,128	109,384	111,640	113,893	116,152
38	46,007	81,190	96,245	99,690	102,614	104,873	107,128	109,384	111,640	113,893
39	44,653	77,808	93,258	97,319	100,366	102,320	104,873	107,128	109,384	111,640
40	43,305	74,421	90,270	94,947	98,101	100,362	102,614	104,873	107,128	109,386
41	41,949	71,044	87,286	92,573	95,854	98,101	100,362	102,614	104,873	107,128
42	40,587	67,665	84,291	90,219	93,599	95,854	98,101	100,362	102,614	104,873
43	38,568	63,710	81,305	88,411	92,022	94,728	96,980	99,234	101,490	103,749
44	36,533	59,765	78,311	86,610	90,441	93,599	95,854	98,101	100,362	102,614
45	34,508	55,819	75,326	84,802	88,864	92,465	94,728	96,980	99,234	101,490
46	32,478	51,877	72,342	83,000	87,286	91,346	93,599	95,854	98,101	100,362
47	30,450	47,926	69,349	81,190	85,707	90,219	92,465	94,728	96,980	99,234
48	28,700	46,348	66,988	77,586	83,000	87,053	89,315	91,570	93,818	96,082
49	26,952	44,769	64,618	73,977	80,295	83,896	86,153	88,411	90,668	92,926
50	25,203	43,191	62,293	70,369	77,586	80,739	83,000	85,252	87,504	89,762
51	23,456	41,612	59,878	66,757	74,875	77,586	79,861	82,091	84,352	86,610
52	21,707	40,031	57,511	63,149	72,166	74,421	76,688	78,939	81,190	83,443
53	20,070	37,218	53,900	59,993	69,463	72,166	74,421	76,688	78,939	81,190
54	18,436	34,397	50,291	56,843	66,757	69,920	72,166	74,421	76,688	78,939

55	16,807	31,579	46,690	53,676	64,050	67,665	69,920	72,166	74,421	76,688
56	15,166	28,755	43,078	50,520	61,346	65,403	67,665	69,920	72,166	74,421
57	13,534	25,934	39,471	47,361	58,649	63,151	65,403	67,665	69,920	72,166
58	12,458	23,570	35,245	42,508	52,773	56,949	59,372	61,744	64,051	66,305
59	11,388	21,199	31,009	37,667	46,909	50,743	53,337	55,819	58,188	60,438
60	10,323	18,830	26,783	32,815	41,051	44,544	47,300	49,902	52,328	54,582
61	9,246	16,461	22,558	27,966	35,182	38,341	41,270	43,982	46,462	48,716
62	8,175	14,096	18,324	23,114	29,320	32,138	35,245	38,063	40,587	42,853
63	7,613	12,742	16,461	20,667	26,081	28,863	31,799	34,508	36,986	39,244
64	7,061	11,388	14,604	18,209	22,833	25,600	28,364	30,955	33,375	35,631
65	6,485	10,039	12,742	15,764	19,598	22,327	24,923	27,405	29,773	32,028
66	5,924	8,685	10,882	13,306	16,353	19,057	21,482	23,847	26,162	28,418
67	5,360	7,331	9,018	10,854	13,110	15,792	18,047	20,296	22,558	24,810
68	5,212	7,098	8,711	10,408	12,662	15,166	17,339	19,679	21,846	24,074
69	5,076	6,880	8,406	9,951	12,211	14,548	16,638	19,057	21,149	23,337
70	4,933	6,658	8,091	9,502	11,759	13,922	15,932	18,436	20,438	22,612
71	4,794	6,425	7,781	9,047	11,304	13,306	15,228	17,818	19,739	21,879
72	4,653	6,202	7,471	8,600	10,854	12,689	14,516	17,196	19,026	21,149
73	4,534	6,092	7,359	8,431	10,683	12,406	14,238	16,749	18,468	20,524
74	4,426	5,976	7,244	8,263	10,519	12,121	13,957	16,298	17,901	19,888
75	4,317	5,869	7,135	8,091	10,344	11,841	13,673	15,844	17,339	19,279
76	4,200	5,748	7,018	7,921	10,174	11,562	13,394	15,393	16,768	18,668
77 or over	4,092	5,637	6,911	7,751	10,007	11,275	13,110	14,949	16,211	18,047”

PART 2

"**PART A**

Age of disabled person at his last birthday preceding death	*Percentage assessment for the relevant period*				
	10% or under	*11% - 20%*	*21% - 30%*	*31% - 49%*	*50% or over*
	£	£	£	£	£
37 or under	29,997	51,147	57,347	59,040	60,446
38	29,321	49,227	55,652	57,347	59,148
39	28,648	47,310	53,962	55,651	57,851
40	27,965	45,388	52,269	53,962	56,554
41	27,289	43,474	50,578	52,269	55,258
42	26,619	41,564	48,884	50,578	53,962
43	25,398	39,081	47,362	49,054	52,720
44	24,188	36,591	45,836	47,534	51,468
45	22,977	34,113	44,315	46,010	50,236
46	21,764	31,630	42,663	44,488	48,996
47	20,552	29,150	41,279	42,970	47,758
48	19,625	28,472	40,150	41,784	46,237
49	18,687	27,794	39,019	40,600	44,710
50	17,761	27,116	37,895	39,408	43,190
51	16,832	26,442	36,767	38,232	41,673
52	15,902	25,769	35,638	37,046	40,150
53	15,475	24,188	33,498	35,409	38,903
54	15,054	22,608	31,350	33,775	37,668
55	14,633	21,029	29,207	32,142	36,427
56	14,211	19,451	27,063	30,509	35,178
57	13,534	17,877	24,923	28,872	33,941
58	12,458	16,743	22,475	25,999	30,509
59	11,388	15,614	20,022	23,116	27,063
60	10,323	14,495	17,563	20,242	23,628
61	9,246	13,362	15,114	17,367	20,187
62	8,175	12,241	12,657	14,495	16,743
63	7,613	12,152	12,493	13,950	15,760
64	7,061	11,388	12,316	13,419	14,785
65	6,485	10,039	12,152	12,881	13,784
66	5,924	8,685	10,882	12,348	12,800
67 and over	4,092	5,637	6,911	7,751	10,007

PART B

Age of disabled person at his last birthday preceding death	*Payment* £
37 or under	60,446
38	59,148
39	57,851
40	56,554
41	55,258
42	53,962
43	52,720

44	51,468
45	50,236
46	48,996
47	47,758
48	46,237
49	44,710
50	43,190
51	41,673
52	40,150
53	38,903
54	37,668
55	36,427
56	35,178
57	33,941
58	30,509
59	27,063
60	23,628
61	20,187
62	16,743
63	15,760
64	14,785
65	13,784
66	12,800
67 or over	10,007”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Under the Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers’ Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/925 (N.I.9)) (“the Order”) lump sum payments may be made to certain persons disabled by a disease to which the Order applies, or to dependants of persons who were so disabled before they died.

These Regulations amend the Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 (S.R. 1988 No. 242) to increase the amounts payable under the Order. The increase in each case is 1.7 per cent, rounded up or down to the nearest £1 as appropriate.

By virtue of regulation 1(2), the amendments made by these Regulations apply only in relation to any case in which a person first fulfils the conditions of entitlement to a payment under the Order on or after the day on which these Regulations come into operation.

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