



Benefits for dependants

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Eligibility for dependants

icare Dust Diseases Care provides compensation payments to eligible families.

If you are a dependent spouse, you will continue to receive support for life, or until you remarry or enter into a de facto relationship.

Eligible dependants include:

- spouses
- children aged up to 16 years
- full time students aged up to 21 years.

Other family members such as grandparents, parents or siblings may be considered dependants in certain circumstances.

Calculating your benefits

Your compensation benefit can come in two forms, a lump sum payment and compensation payments paid fortnightly. How much compensation you receive is calculated based on your individual circumstances. Your icare Case Manager can help you understand how compensation has been determined for you.

The compensation you are eligible to receive is influenced by the following factors:

- the extent to which you and any children were financially dependent on your late family member, if at all
- whether your family member passed away due to a dust disease
- how much of their exposure to hazardous dust happened during their employment in NSW
- your family member's age at the time of their death.

Your compensation payments are automatically adjusted twice a year on 1 April and 1 October. We will contact you whenever an adjustment is made to your payment.

Taxation of compensation benefits

Fortnightly compensation payments from us are defined as income by the Australian Taxation Office and you must declare these payments in your income tax return. We will send you a Payment Summary at the end of each financial year showing the amount of payments made to you and any tax deducted.

Will my Centrelink or Veterans Affairs pension be affected?

Your Dust Diseases Care compensation payment will be taken into account by other agencies. You may find that your pension payments are reduced when you receive compensation payments from us.

You should discuss the possible impact on your pension with Centrelink or Veterans Affairs.



When to contact us

You must contact us when any of the following events occur:

- You change your residential or postal address.
- You change the bank account into which we pay your compensation.
- You decide to remarry or enter into a defacto relationship.
- A full-time student aged between 16 and 21 years for whom you receive an allowance completes their education.

Your privacy

icare takes its privacy obligations seriously and understands the important role we play in safeguarding the information we hold. icare is bound by the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act) and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (HRIP Act) in the way we collect, use, store and disclose this information.

icare collects the personal and health information we need to provide you with our services. You can learn more about how we collect and manage this information, by referring to the icare privacy website.

Would you like more information?

We are here to help you understand your compensation payments. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us so we can help you. You can learn more about Dust Diseases Care and our services by visiting our [website](#).

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