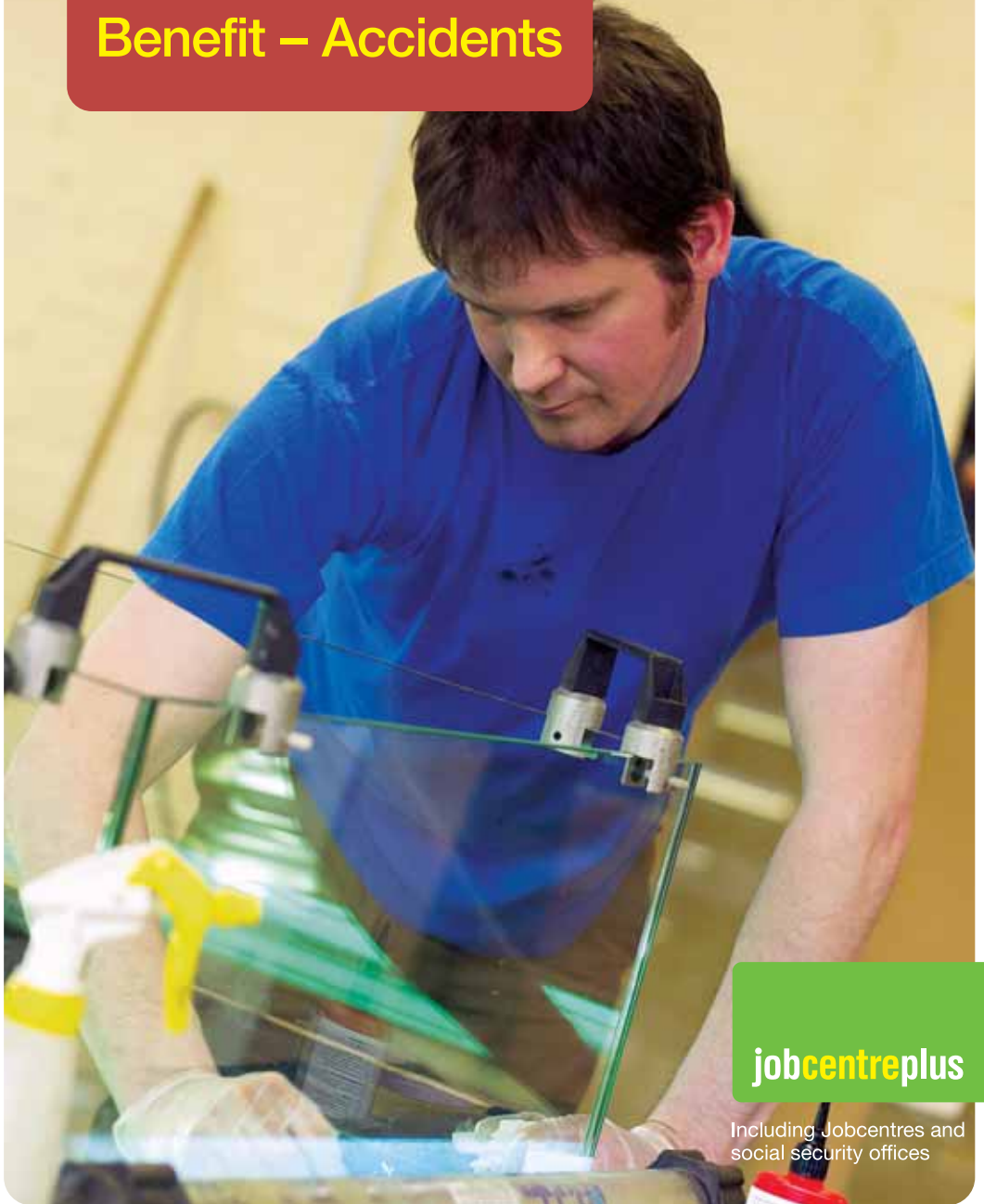


# Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit – Accidents



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# What is Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB)?

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit is a payment for people who are ill or disabled as a result of an accident, disease or event that happened at work – or in connection with work.

We use accident to mean any incident or series of incidents at work which were not deliberate and which resulted in personal injury.

## Am I eligible?

You may be entitled to the benefit if you are disabled because of an accident at work.

The accident must have happened as a result of your work, and it must usually have happened in Great Britain.

We will not pay Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit if you were self-employed when the accident happened.

The amount you get depends on how serious your disability is. We may need you to have a medical examination. The doctor will give us advice about how severely disabled you are and how long your disability is expected to last.

You can only get Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit if you became disabled because of work done for an employer on or after 5 July 1948. If your accident was caused by work before 5 July 1948, contact:

**Pneumoconiosis and Workmen's Compensation Section**

Phoenix House  
Stephen Street  
Barrow-in-Furness  
Cumbria  
LA14 1BY.  
Phone: 01229 842841



## **What else do I need to know?**

There may be other help you can get.

### **Analogous Industrial Injuries Scheme (AIIS)**

If you are a trainee and you have an accident or develop a disease during the course of a work-based training programme, you cannot get Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

However, you may be able to get help under the Analogous Industrial Injuries Scheme.

For more information contact:

### **Analogous Industrial Injuries Scheme**

Bridge House

28 Wheldon Road

Castleford

WF10 2JG.

Phone: 01977 464094

### **Reduced Earnings Allowance (REA)**

If you cannot do your usual job or work with similar pay because of an accident or disease caused by work, and you are suffering from an illness or disability (which began before 1 October 1990), you may be entitled to claim REA.

### **Retirement Allowance (RA)**

If your Reduced Earnings Allowance is £2 or more a week when you reach state pension age and you are not in regular employment, it will be replaced by another benefit called Retirement Allowance.

### **Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA)**

If you get Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit at the 100% rate and need daily care and attention, you may get Constant Attendance Allowance. For more information, read the 'Attendance Allowance' leaflet. You can get this at [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk) or from your local Jobcentre Plus office.

### **Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance (ESDA)**

If you get one of the two higher rates of Constant Attendance Allowance and you need permanent, constant care and attention, you may also get Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance.



## What do I do next?

### Reporting an accident

If you have an accident at work, you should tell your employer or someone else in authority at once, even if the accident does not seem serious at the time. If you do not report the accident straight away, it may be more difficult for you to claim for it later.

Most employers have an accident book. You should record the details of the accident in the book as soon as you can. If there is no accident book, you can tell your employer about the accident, face to face, by phone or by letter. You must tell them:

- your name and address
- your job
- the cause and nature of your injury, and
- the date, time, and place of the accident.

If you cannot report the accident yourself, you should ask someone else to do it for you.

You can apply at any time for a decision on whether your accident was an industrial accident. This is not a claim for benefit. However, it may help if you decide to claim benefit in the future because of your accident.

## **Claiming Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit**

If you become disabled as a result of an accident, you should claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit as soon as possible. However, you will not be entitled to benefit for the first 90 days after the accident. If you delay, you may lose some benefit.

Contact your local Jobcentre Plus office for a claim form. You can find contact details for your nearest office in the local phone book, at [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk), or by calling the Benefit Enquiry Line (details below). If you are in a trade union, your union representative may be able to help with your application.

### **Benefit Enquiry Line**

Phone: 0800 88 22 00

Textphone: 0800 24 33 55



Remember this leaflet is only a general guide and not a full and authoritative statement of the law. We have made every effort to make sure that the information in this leaflet is correct at the date shown below. However, changes in the law may make the leaflet become gradually less accurate. For up-to-date information please contact your local Jobcentre Plus office.

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