

Concerning All Former and Current Coal Miners - Osteoarthritis of the Knee



In Association with the **General Miners Advice Unit (GMAU)**

Do you suffer with knee problems as a result of your employment within the mining industry?

Do you suffer from swelling, stiffness or restricted movement of the knee?

If so, you could be suffering from the condition commonly known as **OSTEOARTHRITIS** of the knee.

Coal mining is traditionally a physically demanding occupation associated with prolonged and frequent heavy lifting, kneeling and squatting. Such activities can lead to osteoarthritis of the knee through wear and tear and prolonged physical stresses on the knee joint, or via injury to the knee cartilage (meniscus), which in turn renders the joint more vulnerable to wear and tear.

The Government has recently announced that Osteoarthritis of the knee has now been added to the list of 'prescribed diseases' - meaning that sufferers can **NOW** apply for compensation through the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) in the future.

The Government are likely to set a certain criteria for former and current miners to claim IIDB which is as follows:-

If you have worked underground for **TEN YEARS** or more in aggregate in any combination of the following coal mining occupations you may be eligible to make a claim for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) for Osteoarthritis of the knee:

Before 1986, as an underground coal miner;

or After 1985, as

A face worker working non-mechanised coal faces or

A development worker or conveyor belt cleaner or attendant

If you fit into one of the above categories, then you may be eligible to make a claim for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB). Consumers have the option to make claims for benefit independently and without assistance. This advert has been placed by a claims management company.



To register your claim call the
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