



Duplicate and Potentially Fraudulent Claims



It has come to the attention of the Trustees of the Asbestos Relief Trust and the Kgalagadi Relief Trust that some claimants have lodged duplicate and potentially fraudulent claims.

The rules of the trusts state that an individual may lodge a second enquiry only if their first claim was rejected as being non-compensable and they have now developed a compensable asbestos related disease (ARD), OR if their ARD has progressed to an asbestos related cancer, Certain individuals have lodged a second claim without advising the trusts that they previously lodged an enquiry and/or that their personal details have now changed.

This can result in individuals being compensated for a second time for the same qualifying ARD, which is in contravention of the rules of the trusts and is potentially fraudulent.

The trusts have therefore amended their occupational and environmental enquiry registration forms to include formal confirmation by the claimant that they have not previously lodged an application for compensation with either of the trusts.

Failure to disclose this information may result in them being reported to the SAPS, or foreign equivalent, for potential fraud and their details shared with the Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases (MBOD) and the South African Social Security Agency.