<u>Industrial Injuries Advisory Council</u> <u>public meeting – online event</u>



Due to technical difficulties we are rescheduling this meeting.

We will advise a new date in due course. Anyone who had a link to join the original meeting will automatically receive a new link.

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) provides advice to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the Department for Communities in Northern Ireland on matters relating to the industrial injuries scheme. In particular, they give advice on which diseases, and the jobs that cause them, should be included in the scheme. The Council is formed of medical, scientific and legal experts, and representatives of employers and employed earners.

The aim of the meeting is to give members of the public, their representatives, and people with a professional interest in occupational diseases, the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the Council's work.

The online event will include:

- describing the Council's role in relation to Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, including a brief overview of its work in the past year
- specific presentations may include:
 - COVID-19 and occupational exposure
 - reviewing the occupational exposure for Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome
 - a review of the prescription for pneumoconiosis and silicosis

There will be opportunities to ask questions at the meeting, but as this meeting is being held online, only questions posted in the meeting Q&A sidebar will be accommodated on the day.

Should anyone wish to send in questions in advance of the meeting, the Council may not be able to address these at the meeting, but written responses will be provided after the meeting. Questions should only pertain to the work of the Council as it cannot respond to questions on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions. IIAC cannot become involved in matters pertaining to individual claims or the decision making process.

It may not be possible to accept all applications if the number of requests is higher than expected.

You can find out more about IIAC on <u>GOV.UK</u>.

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The meeting has been rescheduled. New date to be confirmed.

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