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Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023

APPROVED FORM [s. 496]

Dust Disease Medical Panel Determination

In accordance with section 496 of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023*, the approved form for a Dust Disease Medical Panel Determination under section 127 for the purposes of section 123 and 426 of the Act is **Dust Disease Medical Panel Determination** in Appendix 1.

Dust Disease Medical Panel Determination in Appendix 1 is effective 1 July 2024 and registered as WorkCover WA Approved Form DD1 – v1 [D2024/101982].

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DUST DISEASE MEDICAL PANEL DETERMINATION

Purpose of determination

Compensation for dust disease & common law:

Assessment of WPI for common law only:

Panel members

Chairperson:

Member:

Member:

Worker

Name:

Address:

Date of birth:

Phone number:

Email address:

Employer

Name:

Address:

ABN:

Contact person:

Phone number:

Email address:

Claim (if applicable)

Insurer:

Insurer claim number:

Date claim made:

Determination of questions

Diagnosis

Is or was the worker suffering from pneumoconiosis or silicosis, mesothelioma, lung cancer or diffuse pleural fibrosis? Yes No

If yes, specify which disease(s). Provide reasons:

Incapacity for work

Is or was the worker incapacitated for work as a result of the injury by dust disease and, if so, what is or was the extent of the worker's incapacity for work? Yes No N/A

If yes, specify whether total or partial incapacity for work. Provide reasons:

N/A applies if the DDMP was constituted to only determine the questions referred to in section 426(3) of the Act (common law purposes only).

Permanent whole of person impairment

What is assessed to be the degree of permanent whole of person impairment resulting from the injury by dust disease?

The degree of permanent whole of person impairment is: _____ %

Signed: _____

Signed by Chairperson DDMP

Date of determination: _____

Examination/ assessment

Date:

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Location:

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Reports and documents provided:

(List of documents and information provided)

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Narrative history

(As provided by the worker on history of injury, occupational history and exposure, past medical history, smoking history)

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Physical examination:

(State whether worker submitted for physical examination by panel or was examined/ assessed in absentia)

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Diagnostic studies/ scans:

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Diagnosis and impairments:

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Other conditions contributing to worker's incapacity, impairment or death (if any):

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The material findings on diagnosis and incapacity for work are:

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Assessment of the worker's permanent whole of person impairment

Functional impairment

Lung function test:

Lung function test dated (reference values in AMA Guides 5 th ed):			
FEV1:		% predicted normal	<input type="checkbox"/>
FVC:		% predicted normal	<input type="checkbox"/>
DLCO uncorrected:		% predicted normal	<input type="checkbox"/>
VO2max:		% predicted normal	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: DLCO = lung diffusion (CO) = transfer factor; DLCO/VA = KCO (VA= effective alveolar volume)

Select which parameter used for calculation of impairment - tick (X)

Additional lung function values dated:			
Total lung capacity (TLC):		% predicted normal	
DLCO/VA:		% predicted normal	

Impairment rating and rationale

The American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment 5th Edition (AMA 5th ed) apply to the assessment of permanent impairment of the respiratory system, subject to the modifications set out by the WorkCover WA Guidelines for the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment.

The relevant references used in assessing the worker's percentage of permanent whole of person impairment resulting from the injury by dust disease are:

Disease	AMA 5 th ed & WorkCover WA Permanent Impairment Guidelines Source <i>Specify Chapter#/Table#/Figure #</i>	Assessed degree of WPI (%)
Pneumoconiosis or silicosis:		
Mesothelioma:		
Lung cancer:		
Diffuse pleural fibrosis:		

Show how the degree of permanent whole of person impairment was calculated, detail if any combination of disease:

Proportion of permanent impairment due to any previous disease that was not asymptomatic:

Disease	% of permanent impairment
Disease:	%

Statement as to the reasons for arriving at the calculation of the worker's degree of permanent whole of person impairment:
