

Respiratory health and workers' compensation information for former Queensland mine and quarry workers

If you are a retired or a former Queensland mine or quarry worker, you may be able to access a free respiratory health assessment.
dnrme.qld.gov.au/miners-health-matters

What is a respiratory health assessment?

A respiratory health assessment includes:

- a respiratory questionnaire
- a chest x-ray that is dual read to the ILO classification by certified B-readers
- lung function testing
- a referral to a respiratory specialist and HRCT, if required.

Your travel costs to attend this assessment may be covered.

How do I check my eligibility?

Contact the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme to check your eligibility, and apply for your assessment on:

☎ (07) 3818 5420

@ formerworker@dnrme.qld.gov.au

What if I am diagnosed?

Take action. Support and treatment is available.

If you are diagnosed with a mine dust lung disease you may be entitled to workers' compensation.

Your insurer can help you navigate this process.

Call:

WorkCover Queensland (07) 3006 6645

BHP Group Limited 1800 469 931

Glencore Queensland Limited (07) 3833 8563

South32 Cannington Limited (07) 3859 5580

How do I apply for compensation?

As soon as possible contact your insurer with:

- a copy of any medical reports
- a medical certificate issued by your GP.

You can ask for your respiratory health assessment results under the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme to be sent to your insurer.

What are my entitlements?

- Weekly compensation.
- Medical and related expenses including counselling.
- Lump sum compensation.
- An additional lump sum may apply if diagnosed with pneumoconiosis.
- Return to work assistance and pulmonary rehabilitation expenses.
- Travel expenses.

More information is available at worksafe.qld.gov.au/claims-and-return-to-work

Workers' Compensation Advisory Service

Free and confidential advice about the workers' compensation system.

☎ 1800 102 166

👉 queenslandunions.org/workers-compensation-advisory-service

Additional support services

Beyond Blue ☎ 1300 224 636
👉 beyondblue.org.au

Lifeline ☎ 13 11 14
👉 lifeline.org.au

Mates in Mining ☎ 1300 642 111
👉 matesinconstruction.org.au/mining

Workers' Psychological Support Service ☎ 1800 370 732
👉 wpss.org.au