

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Regulation 7(1) provides that, for the purpose of these Regulations, a person's injury may only be considered to be caused by a Troubles-related incident if it is suffered by that person when -

- (a) present at a Troubles-related incident;
- (b) present in the immediate aftermath of a Troubles-related incident in which a loved one died or suffered an injury;
- (c) responding, in the course of employment, to a Troubles-related incident, in which the person reasonably believed a loved one had died or suffered significant injury.

## TROUBLES RELATED INCIDENT

"an incident involving an act of violence or force carried out in Ireland, the United Kingdom or anywhere in Europe for a reason related to the constitutional status of Northern Ireland or to political or sectarian hostility between people there."

## INJURY ON DUTY PENSIONS

Applicants in receipt of an IOD pension may still apply under the scheme.

Regulation 9, on the death of a person entitled to victims' payment (such entitlement found at a panel determination), a nominated person may receive such payments for a period of 10 years beginning with the date of death of the applicant.

Please note, you do not need a paid representative such as a solicitor to apply to this Scheme. If you choose paid representation, the Benevolent Fund cannot meet the cost of this, and you will have to pay these costs yourself.



## HOW TO APPLY

The Scheme opened for applications on 31 August 2021 and will close on 31 August 2026 (or a later date if the Secretary of State for NI extends the Scheme).

Applications can be made online at [www.victimspaymentsboard.org.uk](http://www.victimspaymentsboard.org.uk)

The RUCGC/PSNI Benevolent Fund have a dedicated support caseworker available to assist you with applications. Initial consultation will be conducted by phone with follow up home visits or other venues by arrangement to complete the applications.

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# Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme

## INFORMATION LEAFLET 2023

Have you been permanently disabled/injured as a direct result of a Troubles related incident?

If you were, you may be eligible to apply to the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme.

## ABOUT THE SCHEME

The Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme is administered by the Victims' Payments Board. It seeks to acknowledge the harm suffered by those permanently injured in the Troubles and promote reconciliation between people in connection with Northern Ireland's troubled past.

It recognises the implications of living with a permanent disablement including the financial impact on individuals and their families.

The Scheme provides payments to those who currently suffer from permanent disablement (either physical or psychological) as a result of an injury caused, through no fault of their own, in an incident related to the NI Troubles.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

You may be considered for a payment under the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme if:

You continue to suffer from permanent physical or psychological injury (or both) as a result of a Troubles-related incident.

The Troubles-related incident must have:

- occurred in the United Kingdom (UK), or anywhere in Europe.
- taken place on or after 1 January 1966, But before 12 April 2010.

The Victims Payments Board may apply discretion if the incident took place outside of these dates.

An injury is considered to be caused by a Troubles-related incident if a person was:

- present at a Troubles-related incident or;
- present in the immediate aftermath of a Troubles-related incident in which a loved one died or suffered an injury or;
- responding, in the course of employment, to a Troubles-related incident, in which the person reasonably believed a loved one had died or suffered significant injury.

## CAN AN APPLICATION BE MADE ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE WHO HAS DIED?

Yes, a posthumous application can be made on behalf of someone who has died in some circumstances. If you were the spouse, civil partner, co-habiting partner or carer of an individual who suffered permanent disablement as a result of the Troubles and who has since passed away, you may submit an application on their behalf.

## WHAT PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME?

The level of payment will depend on the extent of the permanent disablement. Current payments range from £2,298 to £11,490 per year.

Applications submitted on or before 31st August 2024 may also be entitled to a payment backdated to 23 December 2014.



*...all things to all people*

## TRANSFER OF PAYMENTS

You may nominate your spouse, civil partner, co-habiting partner or carer to receive payments for up to 10 years after your death.

## WHAT EVIDENCE DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

It is important to provide all of the details and information requested on the application form. The Victims' Payments Board will attempt to gather information and evidence on your behalf. However, where this is not possible, you may be required to provide this information in support of your application.

## MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

The medical records of all applicants will provide the Victims' Payments Board with background information in respect of the permanent disablement. However, you may also be required to attend a medical assessment as part of this process.

Further information on all aspects of the Scheme can be found on the VPB website at:

[www.victimspaymentsboard.org.uk](http://www.victimspaymentsboard.org.uk)

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