

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Health Department to commence with compensation for ex-miners who suffered health injuries**

**Pretoria:** The Department of Health will this week ( Monday, 23 January to 04 February) commence with the programme of screening, verification, medical examination and payment of benefits to eligible former mine workers who contracted Tuberculosis (TB) or Silicosis diseases while working for certain mines in the country during a period between March 1965 and December 2019.

This countrywide programme will kick-off in the northern parts of KwaZulu-Natal before moving to other provinces, and department is calling upon all former miner workers or their dependants to visit their nearest lodgement site in their areas. The claimants are urged to bring along relevant documents such as; a valid South African ID or SADC passport, industry card, service records from the mine they worked at, any available medical records, deceased mineworker's death certificate and, an autopsy report, if available.

The compensation amount will depend on a number of factors including the severity of the permanent respiratory impairment suffered by the mineworkers and their employment history at qualifying and non-qualifying mines.

However, in the case where the mine worker has passed on, the dependants are urged to submit the relevant documents including a death certificate. A claim for a mineworker who died before 10 December 2019 will only be eligible if the main cause of death is attributed to silicosis or TB, or there is an approved Occupational Diseases in Mines & Works Act (ODMWA) certificate or other exceptions.

**A list of qualifying gold mines and periods is accessible here.**

<https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/schedule-f-qualifying-mines-and-qualifying-periods-in-respect-to-qualifying-mines-06072020.pdf>

**Compensation claims can be lodged or made at the following sites:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Claims Venues</b>
23-24 January	8h00 – 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Vryheid Hospital</b> to service local communities</li><li>– <b>Dumbe Community Health Centre</b></li></ul>
26 – 27 January	8h00 – 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Nkonjeni Hospital</b> to service communities around Ulundi</li></ul>
30 Jan – 04 Feb	8h00 – 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Itshelejuba Hospital</b> to service people from Pongola and surrounding communities.</li><li>– <b>Benedictine Hospital</b> to service people from Nongoma, Usuthu and surrounding communities.</li></ul>
01 February	8h00 – 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Benedictine Hospital</b> to service people from Mandlakazi and local communities</li></ul>
02 February	8h00 – 16h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Benedictine Hospital</b> to service people from Matheni and local communities</li></ul>

**NB:** To check if you may have a potentially valid claim, please contact the Tshiamiso Call Centre on 080 1000 240 within South Africa borders or send WhatsApp message on 078 504 9004 or email to [info@tshiamisotrust.com](mailto:info@tshiamisotrust.com). Those outside South Africa can call 00 27 10 500 6186.

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