

**Operational
Policy**Section
Occupational DiseasesSubject
Laryngeal Cancer-Asbestos/Nickel Exposure

Policy

Laryngeal cancer in workers exposed to nickel aerosol in specific industrial processes is accepted as an occupational disease under sections 2(1) and 15 of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* as peculiar to and characteristic of such processes.

Guidelines

Entitlement criteria

Workers with claims for laryngeal cancer are entitled to benefits if the following criteria are met

Duration of exposure (cumulative minimum)	Inception period (minimum interval between first exposure and diagnosis of laryngeal cancer)
Nickel 15 years exposure to nickel aerosols through any process in the nickel industry which produces nickel in aerosol dispersion, in combined or elemental form, including <ul style="list-style-type: none">• roasting• smelting• refining• welding• electroplating.	20 years
Nickel & Asbestos 7.5 years nickel aerosols AND 5 years asbestos	15 years

For claims involving asbestos exposure, see 23-02-02, Laryngeal cancer and asbestos exposure.

Application date

This policy applies to all accidents. Benefits are payable from the date of accident, which is the date of diagnosis, or the first date that related symptoms are medically documented, whichever is earlier.

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References

Legislative Authority

Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997, as amended
Sections 2(1), 15, 119

Minute

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