

## Medical Surveillance Form - Licensed Work

### Guidance on completion of the consent section (page 1 of the MS75)

- An MS75 form should be completed for every medical examination completed for licensed work under the Control of Asbestos Regulations.
- On presenting for medical examination, all asbestos workers of licensed contractors should be asked to read a copy of the accompanying information leaflet. Asbestos workers may keep a copy if they wish, otherwise they should hand this back to you before the medical commences.
- All workers must then indicate whether they consent to being included in the research. In Section B, the workers are asked to confirm that they have read the information leaflet and to consent (or otherwise) by ticking one of the boxes, and in Section C they are asked to sign the consent form.
- You are responsible for ensuring, once a worker has chosen one of the options above at Section B, that the appropriate subsequent sections of the MS75 are completed accurately.
- It would be helpful to the research team if any workers who do not wish to take part still complete Sections 2-5 on page 2 of the MS75. This will allow an assessment of how representative those opting in are of all asbestos workers.
- All MS75 forms - including those for individuals not wishing to take part in the research - should be returned to the research team with an MS21 form when requested. Since April 2013, these requests are made on an ANNUAL basis.
- Copies of the MS75 form and accompanying information leaflets may be downloaded from HSE's website.

### Notes on filling in page 2 of the MS75

- Dates of first exposure to asbestos (Section 3) will often not be known exactly. The dates of the first exposure to asbestos in current employment may lie in the future at the time of the medical. Give approximations as appropriate.
- Section 4 has now been updated in order to be more relevant to current work conditions. Please complete both panels if workers are engaged in both asbestos removal work and other kinds of work with asbestos.
- Respiratory protective equipment codes (Section 4) should be chosen by making reference to List 2 below and the attached illustrations of typical examples of each type.
- For frequency of contact codes (Section 4), interpret 'Daily' as 'on most days'; 'Weekly' as 'most weeks but not most days'; and so on. For example, 3 days per week counts as 'Daily', 2 days per week counts as 'Weekly'.
- Workers who are having a first, pre-exposure medical examination may not be able to give answers to some of the questions in Section 4. When this is the case, complete as much of the section as possible.

## **LIST 1**

### **JOB CODES IN SECTION 4**

#### **Codes relevant to strippers / removal workers:**

- 64 Supervising
- 65 Stripping, encapsulating, removing
- 69 Other exposed workers eg sampler, cleaner, scaffolder, outside man, waste handler (please specify in the questionnaire)

#### **Codes relevant to other kinds of work with asbestos:**

### **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

- 200 Heating engineers
- 201 Asbestos board cutting / fitting
- 202 Asbestos roofing construction and maintenance
- 203 Demolition
- 204 Labourer to building trade craftsman
- 205 Plumber
- 206 Carpenters / joiners
- 207 Electricians
- 208 Analysts / surveyors
- 209 Other building trade craftsman, eg painter (please specify in the questionnaire)

### **MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSES**

- 210 HSE or LA inspectors
- 211 Maintenance / repair of asbestos extraction equipment (eg negative pressure units, type H vacuum cleaners)
- 212 Other exposed workers (please specify in the questionnaire)

## **LIST 2**

### **RESPIRATOR / FACE MASK PROTECTION CODES IN SECTION 4**

- F - Negative pressure, battery power assisted or compressed air supplied full face mask, TH3 battery powered hood, helmet or blouse, and compressed air supplied hood, helmet or blouse.
- H - Negative pressure, battery power assisted or compressed air supplied half face mask, FFP2 / FFP3 filtering facepiece and TH2 'airstream' helmet.
- M - Minimal eg nuisance dust / comfort mask.
- N - No / none

# EXAMPLES OF RESPIRATORS / FACE MASK PROTECTION

## CODE F

**Full mask**



**Power assisted mask**



**Airline full face mask**



**Airline hood**



**Blouse**



**Powered (TH3) hood**



## CODE H

**Filtering facepiece**



**Half mask**



**Airstream helmet (TH2)**



## CODE M

**Nuisance dust mask**



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## Research into the health of people working with asbestos

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read the following information carefully and take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

### Why HSE needs to do research on asbestos workers

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) wants to reduce the risks people face through work activities. Over many years, HSE has aimed to minimise the risk to health caused by asbestos by carefully controlling its use at work. However, it is still very important for HSE to continue to carry out research into the health of workers exposed to asbestos in the past and those exposed to it today.

We would therefore like to invite you to participate in our research. If you agree, the doctor who carries out your examination will supply the research team with information about you and the work you have been doing with asbestos.

### Taking part will not take much of your time

You will not have to do anything more than answer a few additional questions at your asbestos medical examination about the type of work you do, the way in which you do it, and about whether or not you smoke.

### Information about you will only be used for research and no other reason

Information about you will be kept strictly confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. It will only be used by a small team of researchers based at HSE's Epidemiology Unit and in a similar unit in the Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL), a part of the HSE. The information will only be used for the research and not for any other reason.

The only reason the researchers need to know personal details like your name, date of birth and address is so that they can ask the National Health Service Health and Social Care Information Centre (NHS HSCIC) to notify them in the event of the demise or diagnosis of cancer of participants included in the database. By doing this for as many asbestos workers as possible, the research team can assess asbestos risks on a long-term basis. This will help ensure that risks to current and future asbestos workers are properly controlled.

We must publish the findings of our research if they are to help improve health and safety. But personal information that could be linked to you, as an individual, will not be made public.

Please note:

- The results of your asbestos medical examination (including information about your health) are kept confidentially by the examining doctor in their private records and will NOT be forwarded to HSE/HSL for research purposes. Only information on your identity (if you have given your consent), type of work and smoking habit (if applicable), will be passed from the doctor to HSE/HSL. This will be used only for the purpose described above and kept strictly confidential by the research team.
- If you have previously had an asbestos medical examination and you completed a survey questionnaire, HSE will probably have some existing information about you. They would still like to have details as recorded at your latest examination, in order to keep our information about you and your work with asbestos up-to-date.

- Although the law requires you to have a medical examination, your agreement to be included in HSE's research is entirely voluntary. The doctor will issue you with a certificate of medical examination, whether or not you agree to be included in the research study.

### **Who has reviewed this study?**

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the National Research Ethics Service Committee North West - Greater Manchester Central (Reference 14/NW/1041). The role of the committee is to protect the interests of study participants.

### **Confidentiality**

This research is part of an ethically approved study and any information you provide, or any health information sent to the researchers will be treated as strictly confidential. HSE's research is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998 and your personal data will be protected by this law and by other laws protecting the privacy of information obtained through the NHS.

HSE may seek the help of other expert researchers with our research. Other expert researchers may ask HSE for permission to use the information we have collected about you. However, we will not pass to anyone, other than those mentioned above, any information that can be linked to you as an individual unless you have given us your permission to do so.

### **If you change your mind or have any questions**

If you agree to take part you can still ask to withdraw from the research at any point in the future by contacting the researchers using the details given below. Please also feel free to get in touch if you have any questions about the research.

Address: Asbestos Workers Survey  
Health and Safety Laboratory  
Harpur Hill  
Buxton  
Derbyshire  
SK17 9JN

Tel: 01298 218609

Email: [asbestos.workers@hsl.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:asbestos.workers@hsl.gsi.gov.uk)

# Medical Surveillance and Consent Form

- Please read the HSE information leaflet about the research before completing this form

## Section A

- The objective of the asbestos workers research is to monitor the health of current and past asbestos workers within Great Britain in order to inform future policy decisions regarding regulations for working with asbestos.
- All of the information gathered in these forms is for research purposes only and will be kept in strictest confidence. It will be used only for the purpose stated, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Personal identifiable data will only be used to link details of health outcomes (recorded on the National Health Service Health and Social Care Information Centre's database) with information about your work and smoking habits so that general conclusions about the health of different groups of people working with asbestos can be drawn. Your information will not be used for any other reason.
- No information about you will be identifiable in the results of the research.

## Section B

Please choose **ONE** of the following two options (*please tick*)

1. Yes - I confirm that I have read and understood the HSE information leaflet and I would like to take part in the asbestos workers research study.

I understand that the information held and maintained by The Health and Social Care Information Centre and other central UK NHS bodies may be used to provide information about my health status.

I understand my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, without my rights being affected.

**Thank you - the doctor will now complete side 2**

2. No - I confirm that I have read and understood the HSE information leaflet and I do not wish to take part in the asbestos workers research study.

**It would still be useful to the researchers if you would complete the reverse of the MS75 form WITHOUT GIVING YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS in Section 1. This will help the researchers assess the validity of the research by checking that the working practices and smoking habits of those who do take part are representative of all asbestos workers.**

Thank you

## Section C

Signed

Date

Print name

Date of birth

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the National Research Ethics Service Committee North West - Greater Manchester Central (Reference 14/NW/1041).



Dr's PIN number

Section 1 - Personal details

NI number, Date of birth, NHS No, Forename, Surname, Maiden/Previous Name, GP's name, Place of birth, Worker's address

Section 2 - Worker details/exam date

Is this a pre-employment medical? Yes No Current age Sex Date of current examination

Section 3 - Asbestos Exposure details

Date of first exposure in current employment, IF DIFFERENT, date of first ever occupational exposure, Total time not in asbestos work between these dates

Section 4 - Job details (Please complete the boxes below about the work you do)

In this box, please provide details of any asbestos stripping or removal work that you do. Please give details of any other work you do involving asbestos which is not actually stripping or removing asbestos.

Section 5 - Smoking details

(1) Are you a current smoker (S), ex-smoker (X) or never smoked (N)? (2) At what age did you first smoke regularly? (3) Do/did you smoke mainly cigarettes? (4) IF MAINLY A CIGARETTE SMOKER; how many cigarettes do you smoke per day? (5) IF EX- SMOKER; at what age did you last smoke?