

The outline of Asbestos Health Damage Relief System

Objective: Taking into account the particularities of health damage by asbestos, the Bill aims to provide swift relief to those who suffer from health damage caused by asbestos.

Date of enforcement:

Creation of the Fund: Feb. 10, 2006

Provision of relief benefit/specified benefit to family members of those who died: March 27, 2006

Collection of levy from business operators: April 1, 2007

Relief benefit for those who are not covered by workers' compensation and others

Business operators

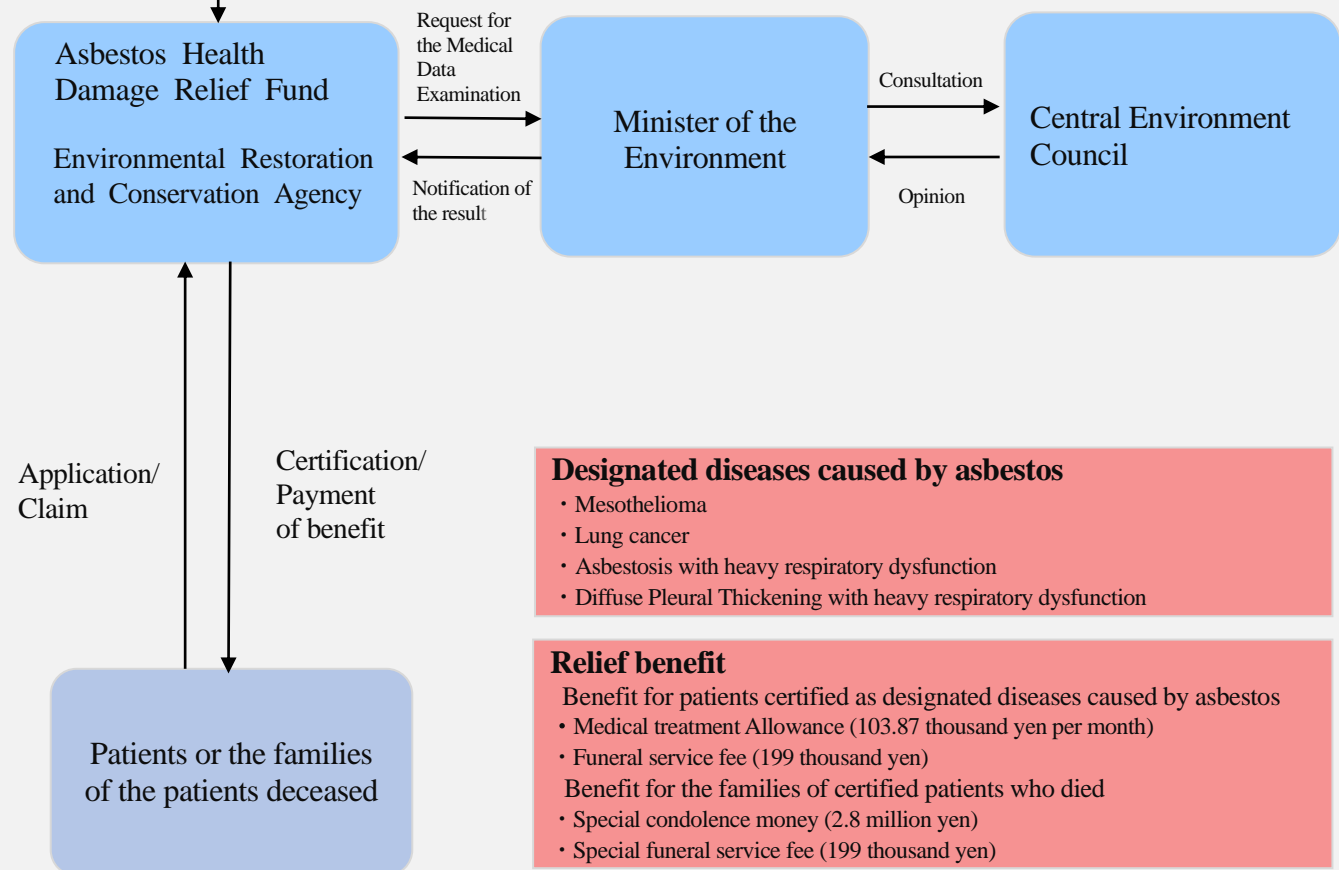
- A) All business operators
* Utilize the Labour Insurance Premium Collection System.
- B) Collect additional cost from business operators that fall under certain conditions (whose business is closely related to asbestos).

National Government

- Contribution to the Fund is allocated from FY 2005 supplementary budget. (About 38.6 billion yen)
- Government have borne the total operating cost at the launch of the Fund, and bears half of the operating cost after FY 2007.

Prefectures

- Prefectures have contributed 1/4 of the cost borne by the Government, from FY 2007 to FY 2016. (920 million yen per year)



Asbestos Health Damage Relief Fund
Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency

Request for the Medical Data Examination
Notification of the result

Minister of the Environment

Consultation
Opinion

Central Environment Council

Application/ Claim

Certification/ Payment of benefit

Patients or the families of the patients deceased

Designated diseases caused by asbestos

- Mesothelioma
- Lung cancer
- Asbestosis with heavy respiratory dysfunction
- Diffuse Pleural Thickening with heavy respiratory dysfunction

Relief benefit

- Benefit for patients certified as designated diseases caused by asbestos
 - Medical treatment Allowance (103.87 thousand yen per month)
 - Funeral service fee (199 thousand yen)
- Benefit for the families of certified patients who died
 - Special condolence money (2.8 million yen)
 - Special funeral service fee (199 thousand yen)