# **Submission form: Seeking feedback on the proposed additions to Schedule 2 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001**

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) would like your feedback on the proposed additions to Schedule 2, the list of occupational diseases in the *Accident Compensation Act 2001*. Please provide your feedback by 5pm, on 27 November 2024

When completing this submission form, please be as specific as possible with your feedback on the proposed additions to Schedule 2. Your feedback will help inform our final policy advice on updates to Schedule 2 to the Minister for ACC. We appreciate your time and effort taken to respond to this consultation.

## **Instructions**

**To make a submission, you will need to:**

1. Fill out your name, email address, phone number, and organisation (where applicable).
2. Fill out your responses to the discussion document questions. You can answer any or all of the questions provided in this form. Where possible, please provide us with reasoning to support your views. Examples can include references to independent research, and personal or professional experience.
3. **If your submission has any confidential information:**
	1. Please state this in the email accompanying your submission, and set out clearly which parts you consider should be withheld and the grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Official Information Act) that you believe apply. MBIE will take such objections into account and will consult with submitters when responding to requests under the Official Information Act.
	2. Indicate this on the front of your submission (e.g. the first page header may state “In Confidence”). Any confidential information should be clearly marked within the text of your submission (preferably as Microsoft Word comments).
	3. Note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and may, therefore, be released in part or full. The Privacy Act 2020 also applies.
4. **How to submit your feedback:**
	1. As a Microsoft Word document by email to: **ACregs@mbie.govt.nz** with the subject line: *Consultation: feedback on recommended additions to Schedule 2.*
	2. Or, by mailing your submission to:

The Manager, Accident Compensation Policy
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473

Wellington 6140
New Zealand

## **Submitter Information**

MBIE would appreciate if you would provide some information about yourself. If you choose to provide information in the section below it will be used to help MBIE understand the impact of potential additions to Schedule 2 on different occupational groups. Any information you provide will be stored securely.

**Your name, email address, phone number and organisation**

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## **Proposed additions we are seeking your feedback on**

(Please note the numbering below correlates to the numbering in the discussion document).

### **Erionite and Mesothelioma**

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| **Question 5.1.1**Do you agree or disagree that *mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposure to erionite* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.1.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposure to erionite* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.1.3**How could the inclusion of *mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposure to erionite* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Infrared radiation and heat-induced cataracts**

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| **Question 5.2.1**Do you agree or disagree that *heat-induced cataracts of the eye diagnosed as caused by exposure to infrared radiation* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.2.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *heat-induced cataracts of the eye diagnosed as caused by exposure to infrared radiation* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.2.3**How could the inclusion of *heat-induced cataracts of the eye diagnosed as caused by exposure to infrared radiation* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Nickel and nasal cancer**

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| **Question 5.3.1**Do you agree or disagree that *nasal cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to nickel fumes, dusts, or mists* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.3.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *nasal cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to nickel fumes, dusts, or mists* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.3.3**How could the inclusion of *nasal cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to nickel fumes, dusts, or mists* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Ammonia and chronic corneal ulcer**

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| **Question 5.4.1**Do you agree or disagree that *chronic corneal ulcer diagnosed as caused by exposure to ammonia* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.4.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *chronic corneal ulcer diagnosed as caused by exposure to ammonia* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.4.3**How could the inclusion of *chronic corneal ulcer diagnosed as caused by exposure to ammonia* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **1,2 dichloropropane and cholangiocarcinoma**

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| **Question 5.5.1**Do you agree or disagree that *cholangiocarcinoma diagnosed as caused by exposure to 1,2 dichloropropane* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.5.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *cholangiocarcinoma diagnosed as caused by exposure to 1,2 dichloropropane* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.5.3**How could the inclusion of *cholangiocarcinoma diagnosed as caused by exposure to 1,2 dichloropropane* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Butadiene and leukaemia**

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| **Question 5.6.1**Do you agree or disagree that *leukaemia diagnosed as caused by exposure to butadiene* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.6.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *leukaemia diagnosed as caused by exposure to butadiene* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.6.3**How could the inclusion of *leukaemia diagnosed as caused by exposure to butadiene* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Trichloroethylene and kidney cancer**

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| **Question 5.7.1**Do you agree or disagree that *kidney cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to trichloroethylene* is appropriate for inclusion in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.7.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *kidney cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to trichloroethylene* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.7.3**How could the inclusion of *kidney cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to trichloroethylene* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Welding and ocular melanoma**

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| **Question 5.8.1**Do you agree or disagree that *ocular melanoma diagnosed as caused by occupational welding* is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.8.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *ocular melanoma diagnosed as caused by occupational welding* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.8.3**How the inclusion of *ocular melanoma diagnosed as caused by occupational welding* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Firefighting and mesothelioma**

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| **Question 5.9.1**Do you agree or disagree that *mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.9.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.9.3**How the inclusion of *mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Potroom emissions and asthma**

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| **Question 5.10.1**Do you agree or disagree that amending entry 37 to include *potroom emissions, including, but not limited to, fluorine and aluminium* as causes for occupational asthma is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.10.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *potroom emissions, including, but not limited to, fluorine and aluminium* as causes for occupational asthma in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.10.3**How could amending entry 37 to include *kidney cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to trichloroethylene* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Asbestos and laryngeal cancer**

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| **Question 5.11.1**Do you agree or disagree that amending entry 2 to include *laryngeal cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to asbestos* is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.11.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *laryngeal cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to asbestos* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.11.3**How could amending entry 2 to include *laryngeal cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to asbestos* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Asbestos and ovarian cancer**

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| **Question 5.12.1**Do you agree or disagree that amending entry 2 to include *ovarian cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to asbestos* is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.12.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *ovarian cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to asbestos* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.12.3**How could amending entry 2 to include *ovarian cancer diagnosed as caused by exposure to asbestos* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Vinyl chloride and hepatocellular carcinoma**

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| **Question 5.13.1**Do you agree or disagree that amending entry 21 to include *hepatocellular carcinoma diagnosed as caused by to vinyl chloride* is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.13.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *hepatocellular carcinoma diagnosed as caused by to vinyl chloride* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.13.3**How could amending entry 21 to include *hepatocellular carcinoma diagnosed as caused by to vinyl chloride* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Firefighting and bladder cancer**

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| **Question 5.14.1**Do you agree or disagree that amending entry 33 to include *bladder cancer diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* is appropriate for Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.14.2**Do you agree or disagree that it is practical to include *bladder cancer diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* in Schedule 2? Please provide reasons for your view. This can refer to the practicality of making a claim or the practicality of managing such claims.

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| **Question 5.14.3**How could amending entry 2 to include *bladder cancer diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* in Schedule 2 impact on different occupations and/or affect awareness of the occupational exposure risks faced by Aotearoa New Zealand’s workforce?

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### **Inclusion of an occupation and process**

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| **Question 5.15.1**If *ocular melanoma diagnosed as caused by occupational welding* and/or *bladder cancer and mesothelioma diagnosed as caused by exposures faced in occupational firefighting* were included in Schedule 2, these would be the first entries that specify a process and occupation (respectively) rather than an agent, dust, compound, substance, radiation, or thing. How do you think this would affect access to AC Scheme cover for people working in Aotearoa New Zealand? Please provide reasons for your view.

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