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**WORK INJURY COMPENSATION ACT  
(CHAPTER 354)**

**WORK INJURY COMPENSATION  
(WORKERS' FUND) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2013**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Work Injury Compensation Act, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Senior Minister of State, charged with the responsibility of the Minister for Manpower, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Work Injury Compensation (Workers' Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st July 2013.

**Amendment of regulation 5**

2. Regulation 5 of the Work Injury Compensation (Workers' Fund) Regulations (Rg 2) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(a) financial assistance may be granted to an employee or, in the event of his death, any of his dependants if —
- (i) a claim for work injury compensation under the Act in respect of the employee has failed; and
  - (ii) the employee or his dependant, as the case may be, is in financial difficulties;
- (b) financial assistance may be granted to an employee or, in the event of his death, any of his dependants, to defray medical expenses incurred by or on behalf of the employee on or after 1st July 2013 in respect of an

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occupational disease specified in the Schedule contracted by the employee if —

- (i) a claim for work injury compensation under the Act has failed by reason only that the employee had contracted the occupational disease after the expiry of the limitation period for that occupational disease under section 4(1)(b) of the Act read with the Second Schedule to the Act; and
  - (ii) the employee or his dependant, as the case may be, does not qualify for financial aid under paragraph (a);
- (ba) pending the decision of the Commissioner on any dispute over a claim for work injury compensation under the Act in respect of an employee, an advance may be granted to the employee or, in the event of his death, any of his dependants if he or his dependant, as the case may be, is in financial difficulties;”.

### **Amendment of regulation 6**

3. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) An application for financial assistance under regulation 5(a) or (b) or an advance under regulation 5(ba) shall be made to the Commissioner in such form and manner as the Commissioner may determine.”; and

(b) by deleting the word “relief” in the regulation heading and substituting the words “financial assistance”.

### **Deletion and substitution of Schedule**

4. The Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

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“THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 5(b)

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES  
CONTRACTED AFTER LIMITATION PERIOD

1. Asbestosis
2. Diseases caused by ionizing radiation
3. Dysbaric osteonecrosis
4. Liver angiosarcoma
5. Mesothelioma
6. Occupational skin cancers
7. Silicosis
8. Poisoning by cadmium.”.

Made this 13th day of August 2013.

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Ministry of Manpower,  
Singapore.*

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