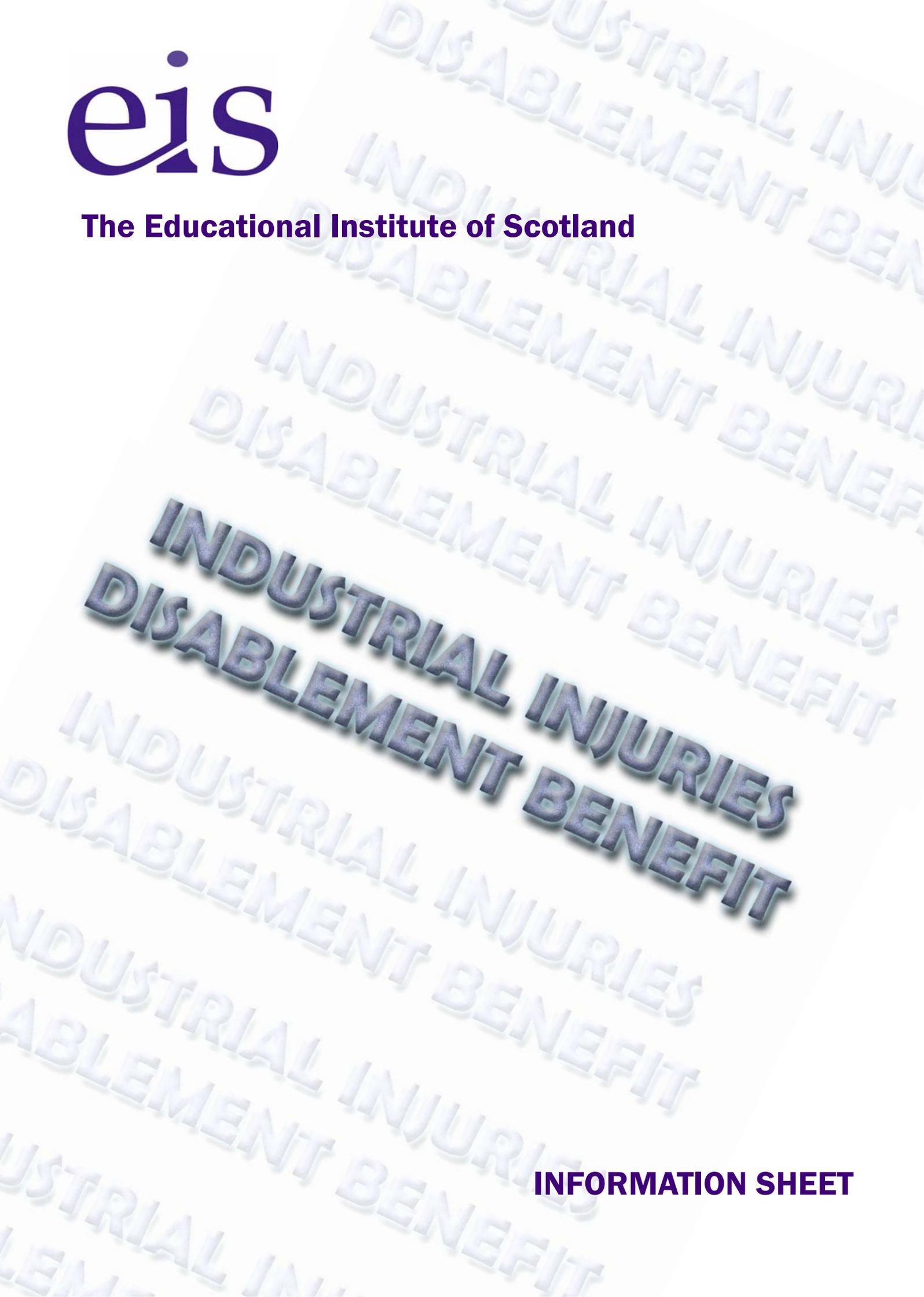




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# INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

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You are entitled to Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) if you are disabled as a result of an accident at work or from industrial disease or deafness. The level of the benefit is dependent on the extent of the disablement.

### Questions & Answers

**Q: What level of disability qualifies me for IIDB?**

A: IIDB is normally paid if the disability is assessed at 14% or more. For example loss of an index finger or big toe would count as 14% disability. Total loss of sight, hearing or loss of both hands would each count as 100% disability. You will be required to undergo a medical assessment to determine the extent of your disability.

**Q: What do I have to do to claim IIDB?**

A: Contact your local Jobcentre Plus or Social Security Office and complete the form provided.

**Q: When should I make a claim?**

A: You can claim when **two months** have passed since you became disabled as a result of an accident. In the case of industrial disease you can claim immediately.

**Q: Will the claim be back dated?**

A: Yes. The claim will be back dated but only by one month.

**Q: How much will I get from IIDB?**

A: The weekly payments range depending on the extent of disability, eg from £29.16 - £145.80 (at 2010 rates).

**Q: Can I receive IIDB whilst receiving sick pay?**

A: Yes. IIDB can be received whilst off sick whether or not you are in receipt of sick pay.

**Q: Can I receive IIDB when I return to work?**

A: Yes. IIDB is paid on top of any earnings and it is a non-means tested benefit.

**Q: Do I pay tax on IIDB?**

A: No. It is a tax free benefit.

**Q: Will claiming IIDB affect my compensation claim?**

A: No. Claiming IIDB will have no affect on your claim.

**Q: How can I get further information on IIDB?**

A: For further information contact your local Jobcentre Plus or Social Security Office or go to [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk).

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