

Asbestos Health Damage Relief

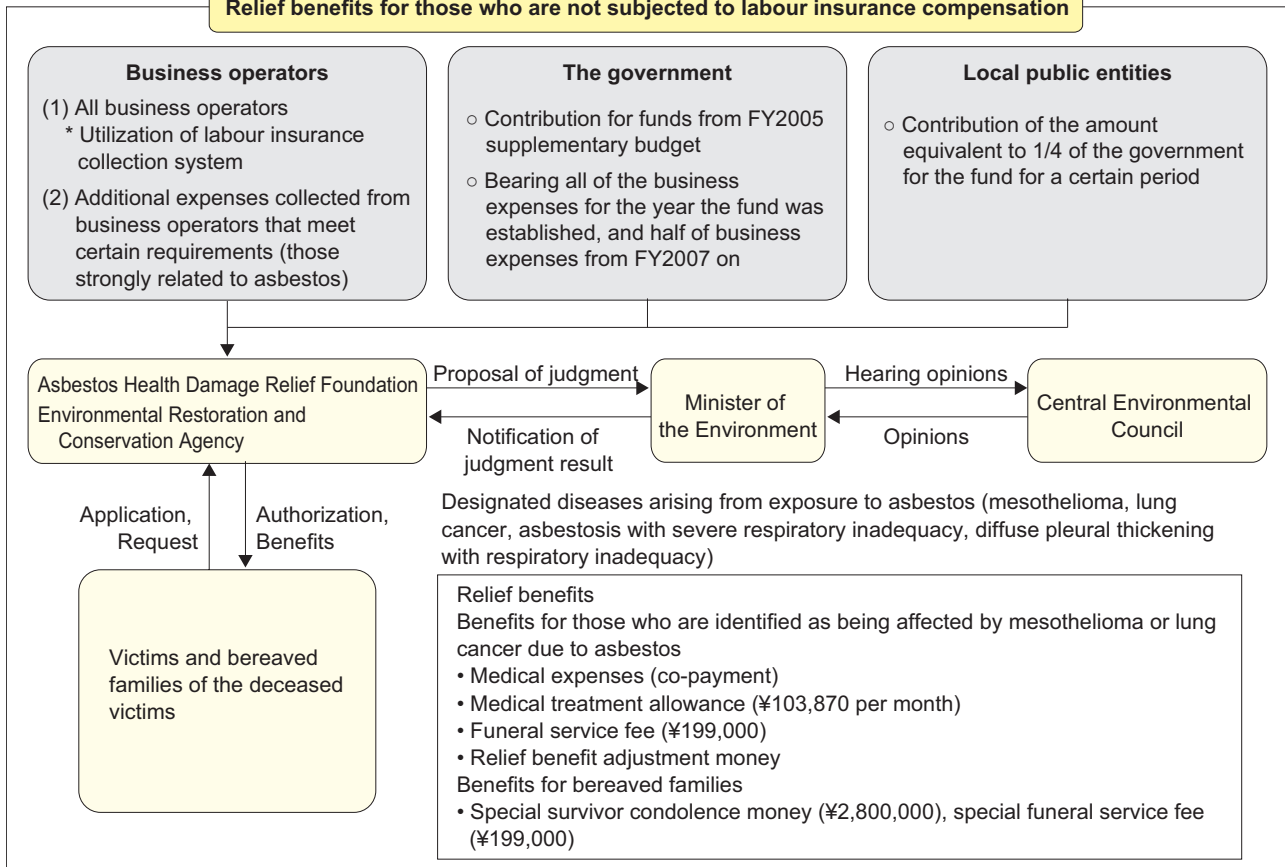
Overview

Outline of the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief

Purpose:	The purpose of this Act is to provide prompt relief to persons who sustain health damage from asbestos, etc. in view of the special characteristics of asbestos health damage.		
Effective date:	Establishment of funds		Feb. 10, 2006
	Provision of relief benefits and special survivor benefits		Mar. 27, 2006
	Collection of expenses from business operators		Apr. 1, 2007
	Extension of payment period of medical expenses, etc.		Dec. 1, 2008
	Addition of designated diseases (revision of Cabinet Order)		July 1, 2010

* The entire system to be reviewed within 5 years.

Relief benefits for those who are not subjected to labour insurance compensation



Relief measures for bereaved families of workers who died without receiving labour insurance compensation

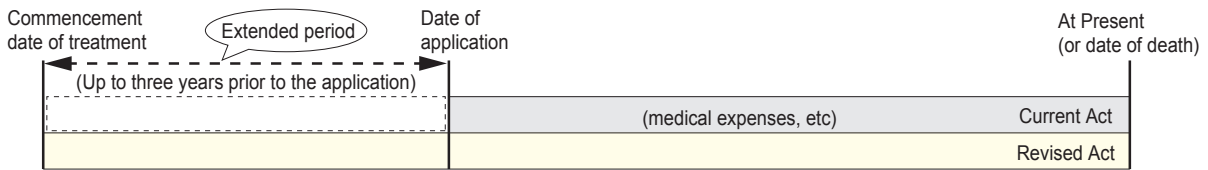
[Provision of special survivor benefits]

- (1) Subjects: The deceased families of deceased workers due to specified diseases, etc. (including special affiliates) that lost their right to receive the compensation benefits for deceased families under the Labour Insurance Act due to the expiration of prescription.
- (2) Amount of benefits: Special survivor pension ¥2.4 million in principle per year
 - * Bereaved families that are not subjected to the provision of special survivor pension are provided with lump sum payment
- (3) Resource: It is burdened by the Accident Account of Special Account for Labor Insurance

Outline of the Act on Partial Revision of the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief

1. Extension of the payment period of medical expenses and medical treatment allowance

<Revised Act> The payment period of medical expenses, etc. will be extended by changing the commencement date of payment from the "date of application" to "commencement date of treatment".

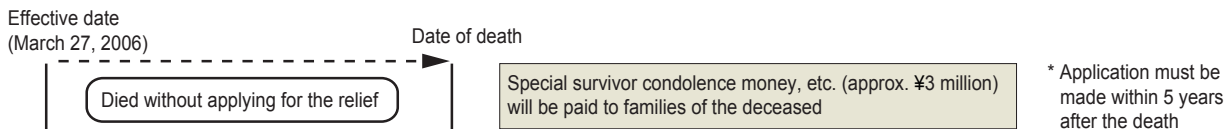


* In case medical expenses, etc. are less than the amount of special survivor condolence money (approx. ¥3 million), the difference is provided as relief benefit adjustment money.

2. Treatment of the deceased persons who have not applied for the relief benefits after the system commenced

<Revised Act> Measures will be taken to enable families of the deceased persons who have not applied for the relief benefits after the effective date to receive relief benefits.

[Current Act] No relief → [Revised Act] Provision of special survivor condolence money, etc. (approx. ¥3 million)



* The cases where diseases were proved to be caused by asbestos by anatomy after death, etc. are assumed.

3. Extension of the period for requesting special survivor condolence money and special survivor benefits

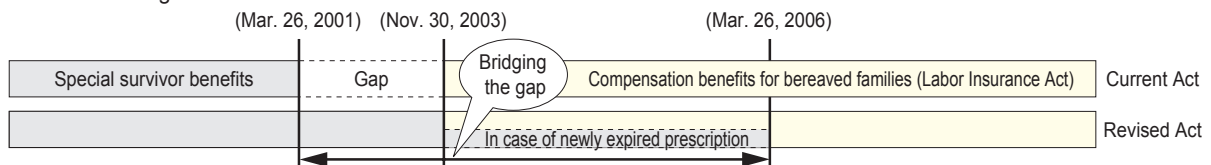
"March 27, 2009 (3 years after the effective date)" → "March 27, 2012 (6 years after the effective date)"

3 year extension

4. Expanded coverage of special survivor benefits

<Revised Act> The coverage of the benefits will be expanded.

Revised coverage based on the date of death of workers



* The deceased families of those who died before March 26, 2006 that lost their right to receive the compensation benefits for deceased families under the Labour Insurance Act due to the expiration of prescription within five years after the effective date will also be covered (new "gap" measures).

5. Others

○ Investigation of offices, etc

The government will thoroughly implement Investigation of offices where asbestos were used and disclosure of the results.

○ Effective date

The Act will come into force as from the date specified by a Cabinet Order within a period not exceeding six months from the day of promulgation.