

# COVID-19 VACCINE INJURY SCHEME EXPLAINED

AHEAD OF THE THIRD WAVE AND IN AN EFFORT TO RAMP UP THE NATIONAL VACCINE DRIVE, ON 22 APRIL 2021, THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED THE COVID-19 VACCINE INJURY NO-FAULT COMPENSATION SCHEME (SCHEME).

The purpose of the Scheme is to provide expeditious and easy access to compensation for persons who suffer harm, loss or damage as a result of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.



## ELIGIBILITY

The Scheme is designed to compensate those who are either:



recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine who have suffered loss, harm or damage; or



the dependent of a deceased person who suffered loss, harm or damage as a result of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

## CRITERIA FOR THE SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS



Claimant is a recipient of the COVID-19 vaccine who suffered loss, harm or damage; or



Claimant is a dependant of a recipient of the COVID-19 vaccine who suffered loss, harm or damage; and



The injury was caused by a COVID-19 vaccine registered or approved by South African Health Products Regulatory Authority;



The COVID-19 vaccine was procured and distributed by government; and



The COVID-19 vaccine was received at a government site.

## QUANTUM AND STRUCTURE OF COMPENSATION

To be determined by the Minister of Health together with the Minister of Finance.

## TYPES OF VACCINE INJURIES COVERED UNDER THE SCHEME



Severe injuries resulting in permanent or significant injury or serious harm to the recipient's health;



Other serious damage; or



Death of the recipient as a result of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Minister of Health together with the Minister of Finance are to determine the vaccine injuries to be covered by the Scheme, the specific vaccines to be covered, the official vaccine administering facilities for purposes of the Scheme, the time lines and duration of the injuries as well as the types of claims that can be made.

## WHO WILL ASSESS THE CLAIM?

A panel of expert(s) will assess the claim and determine if the injury suffered was as a result of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.



## DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THE SCHEME

Until such time as a notice is published by the Minister of Health together with the Minister of Finance, but not until such time as all claims lodged with the Scheme have been finalised and the period for lodgement has expired.

