Raad & Ors v The Cosmetic Institute & Ors, NSW Supreme Court case number: 2017/279308 Representative proceedings – Settlement Distribution Scheme

# NOTICE TO GROUP MEMBERS OF 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

You are receiving this notice because you are a registered group member. This notice is about the next steps in the <u>settlement distribution scheme</u>:

**STEP 1**  $\rightarrow$  Assessing the <u>eligibility</u> of registered group members to participate in the <u>scheme</u>.

**STEP 2**  $\rightarrow$  Assessing the <u>compensation entitlement</u> of eligible, registered group members.

## STEP 1: ASSESSING YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

To take part in the court approved distribution scheme, you must proactively engage with the <u>distribution scheme</u> process. It is your duty to inform yourself of all updates which should be read in conjunction with the <u>scheme</u>, which will come to you by email and be available online, and provide any information in the timeframe required. Check your emails and the <u>website</u> regularly.

## **Eligibility criteria**

To be eligible to participate in the distribution scheme, you must have undergone your TCI breast augmentation surgery on or before 29 October 2017 at any of the TCI premises, by one of the TCI surgeons and have suffered an injury as a result. You must not have opted out, entered into a deed of release with the defendant/s or received a payment of damages in the past. Refer to clauses 5.1 and 5.2 of the <u>scheme</u>.

## Your secure File Transfer Link

A secure File Transfer Platform Link and directions about how to use it, will be emailed to you separately, by 6 September 2024. This is a secure document sharing platform, facilitated by Law in Order. Documents uploaded will be confidential. Only documents submitted to your individual secure File Transfer Platform will be assessed for the purpose of the settlement distribution scheme.

#### What you need to do

To have your **eligibility** assessed, you must upload the following via your secure designated File Transfer Platform:

Your completed <u>Statutory Declaration</u>. A blank Statutory Declaration for your completion is <u>attached</u>. Once you are satisfied it is accurate, swear or affirm it and upload it via your secure File Transfer Link for assessment. The Statutory Declaration will also be used for the purpose of assessing your compensation entitlement, if you are deemed to be eligible.

#### Time frame

You must upload your Statutory Declaration by 31 December 2024. We may ask you to upload more documents in the future.

#### What if I am assessed as 'eligible'?

If you are assessed as eligible, we will notify you and your compensation entitlement will be assessed: **Step 2**. Also see cl. 6 of the <u>settlement distribution scheme</u>.

## What if I am assessed as 'non-eligible'?

You will be notified, and have a right to a review of the decision.

# STEP 2: ASSESSING YOUR COMPENSATION ENTITLEMENT

If you are assessed as eligible to participate, your compensation entitlement will then be assessed and notified to you. Your compensation entitlement will be based on various criteria, including the severity of your injuries.

You can begin the process of collecting and uploading documents for assessment of your compensation entitlement now.

## **CHECKLIST - DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ASSESSMENT**

To have your **compensation entitlement** assessed, upload the following via your secure File Transfer Link.

1.	Any further medical or ancillary records*, for consideration by Turner Freeman Lawyers, that you have <u>not</u> already provided – within reason - to evidence your:	
	Injuries and disabilities suffered as a result of your initial TCI BAS (refer clauses 5 and 6).	
	Treatment expenses, for treatment received in the past, or treatment which you will need to undergo in the future, as reasonably required to treat injuries sustained as a result of your initial TCI BAS (clause 11, Schedule 1 of the Scheme).	
	> Any other material as may be relevant to an assessment of the effects of the TCI BAS on you.	
	Excessive records may not be accepted. Refer to cl. 6.4 of the scheme.	
	*Records submitted may include: medical records that evidence the injuries you have suffered as a result of your TCI breast augmentation surgery, records that evidence the treatment that you have had or that you require in the future, including revision surgery records, reports of treating surgeons or medical practitioners, medical records, clinical records, treating hospital records, imaging reports, specialist reports, an independent health expert report, pharmacy records, treatment invoices, bank statements and/or receipts for your treatment expenses such as surgery by an independent plastic surgeon (including mastopexy), and GP records or reports (if relevant) (cl 6 of <u>scheme</u> ).	
2.	Any pre/post-surgical photographs, and/or current photographs, you wish to be considered by Turner Freeman Lawyers which evidence your injury, that you have <u>not</u> already provided.	
3.	A copy of your <b>Photographic ID</b> such as current Drivers Licence or Passport (mandatory requirement).	
4.	A copy of your <b>Medicare card</b> (mandatory requirement).	

## TIME FRAME

You must send any documents required for assessment of your compensation entitlement, by 31 January 2025. The ability to upload documents via your designated secure File Transfer Platform, is intended to close on 31 January 2025. We may ask you to submit more documents in the future.

You must use your designated secure File Transfer Platform to upload your documents.

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