

MWPF on a drive to trace members/beneficiaries and pay them their unclaimed benefits



Unclaimed benefits are benefits not paid to a member after they leave the service of their Employer due to resignation, retirement, retrenchment or dismissal and do not claim their Fund benefits. A benefit becomes an unclaimed benefit 24 months after the date of exit.

MWPF is in possession of approximately R2.7 billion of unclaimed benefits belonging to members who left the Fund without claiming their benefits. The Fund together with its Trustees are thus on a mission to significantly reduce this number and as such have collaborated with various stakeholders to ensure that this objective is achieved not only in South Africa but also in the SADC region.

The stakeholders include the Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases (MBOD), Compensation Commissioner (CCOD), Tshiamiso Trust, South African Miners Association (SAMA), Qhubeka Trust, IPC and SARW. In a kick-off meeting that took place on 01 July 2022, the Eastern Cape was identified as the first province that would benefit from this initiative, with unclaimed benefits roadshows earmarked to start towards the end of August 2022. With concerted effort between the stakeholders, the roadshows aim to locate and payout over R300 million of unclaimed benefits to ex miners or beneficiaries in the Eastern Cape.

The stakeholders have joined forces with the Office of the Premier in the Eastern Cape as well as the Eastern Cape Department of Health to make the upcoming roadshow a success.

More information regarding the exact venues will be communicated through various platforms but the areas that have been identified and will be visited by the MWPF are:

- Matatiele
- Ntabankulu
- Mount Frere
- Flagstaff
- Lusikisiki

- Bizana
- Mthatha, Mqanduli
- Libode
- Ngqeleni, and
- Idutywa.

The people who are entitled to come to the roadshows to enquire about unclaimed benefits include the following:

- Former miners who worked in the coal, gold, or platinum mines from 1989 to date
- Retired members of the Mineworkers Provident Fund
- Retrenched members of the Mineworkers Provident Fund
- Former miners who were discharged from mines when they resigned, dismissed or discharged due to medical incapacity or ill-health
- Beneficiaries of members of the Mineworkers Provident Fund who are no longer working or have since passed away.

Anyone who falls within the abovementioned categories may send their Makhulu Skop/ Industry Number, Payslip, last MWPF benefit statement and their contact details to clientservices@mineworkers.co.za / or call 010 100 3000 to find out if they have any benefits due to them. MWPF will be in touch with them to confirm whether there are any benefits due to them and what the next steps of claiming are. Or, anyone listed above can come to the roadshows on the days to be advertised and they will be assisted there.

We also appeal that if you are not a former miner or member of MWPF but you know someone who has previously worked in the mines and may have been an MWPF member, you kindly alert them of the planned roadshow.

Note: No fee is required to check whether one has unclaimed benefits with MWPF.

Contact Mineworkers Provident Fund on 010 100 3001 or visit our website at www.mwpf.co.za for more information.