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Compensation Fund says it will pay for Covid-19 vaccine injury at work – with conditions

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The Compensation Fund has laid out its requirements before it will accept Covid-19 vaccine injuries as on-the-job injuries, and pay.

Vaccination must be an "inherent" job requirement, says the fund, and it wants to see the employers paperwork around that.

It then wants to see a clear link between the side effects and the vaccination, and may ask for more tests.

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The government's Compensation Fund, which deals with workplace injuries, has laid out its conditions for accepting side-effects from a Covid-19 vaccine as having happened on the job – and so to fall under its mandate.

In a notice in the Government Gazette on Friday, the fund said it would treat vaccine claims under its usual rules for compensation after injury, illness, or death, but only after half a dozen requirements are met.

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clinical signs". Those symptoms must be "generally recognised as side effects of Covid-19 vaccine".

The fund may then still require further tests, "to assess the presence of abnormalities of any organ affected".

But before getting to such evaluations, the Compensation Fund has to be convinced that an employer demanded the Covid-19 vaccination in the first place, and had reason to do so.

"The vaccination must be regarded as an inherent requirement of the job as determined by the employer's risk assessment," said the fund in its notice, and it wants to see that Risk Assessment and Vaccination Plan.

South Africa formally established a [Covid-19 Vaccine Injury No-Fault Compensation Scheme in April this year](#), to shift liability for side effects from vaccine manufacturers to the state.

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