



1. Basis principle	Founded on 24/12/1963 by the Minister of Social Welfare, E. Leburton. Before that time, and from 1927 on, it was another organisation which took care of the occupational diseases.
2. Financial compensation	Yes (occupational diseases)
3. Medical treatment responsibilities	The Fund compensates most of the medical treatment of victims of occupational diseases
4. Prevention responsibilities	The Fund takes actions to prevent the emergence and growth of occupational diseases
5. Research in OS&H issues responsibilities	The Fund strives to be the knowledge centre for occupational diseases in Belgium and therefore conducts research in this field.
6. Rehabilitation of victims of occupational injuries responsibilities	The Fund strives to rehabilitate victims of occupational diseases.
7. Specific insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases	Belgian law makes a distinction between insurance for occupational diseases and accidents at work, although both laws have a number of principles in common.
8. Is this insurance compulsory?	All private companies and provincial/local institutions that pay a contribution to the Belgian social security are insured against occupational diseases.
9. Contributions	Social security contributions The Fund receives money from two other institutions within the Belgian social security system. They obtain their funds by contributions from employers, workers and the state itself.
10. People covered	The Fund insurances private workers and some public workers (provincial/local institutions) Self-employed people are not insured via the FOD.
11. Is the insurance different for accidents at work and for occupational diseases?	Yes (see FAT for accidents at work), although both laws have a number of principles in common.
12. Risks covered	Occupational diseases
13. Others	More information in English about the Fund and the FAT can be found here for example (page 43-48): http://www.socialsecurity.fgov.be/docs/en/alwa2008_en.pdf

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