

## Rehabilitation and Compensation

### – Workers' Compensation

# The average weekly earnings figures for 2009 >

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the [Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act](#), the amount to be used for the year 2009 is \$1111.80. The annual equivalent is \$57 813.60. These amounts have an effect on the following sections of the Act.

#### Section 65(1) - maximum weekly benefit

The maximum amount payable for a worker after 26 weeks compensation is 150% of average weekly earnings, that is \$1 667.70 per week.

#### Section 65(2)(a) and (3) - long term INCAPACITY - indexing

Persons in receipt of long-term benefits should have their entitlement adjusted on 1 January each year. The multiplying factors are as follows:

Date of Claim		Multiplying factor	
1999	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1999}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{742.00} = 1.4983$
2000	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2000}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{772.40} = 1.4394$
2001	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2001}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{800.10} = 1.3896$
2002	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2002}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{817.60} = 1.3600$
2003	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2003}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{852.00} = 1.3049$
2004	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{905.80} = 1.2274$
2005	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{966.40} = 1.1505$
2006	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2006}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{1039.00} = 1.0700$
2007	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{1033.80} = 1.0754$
2008	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2009}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2008}}$	=	$\frac{1111.80}{1058.40} = 1.0505$

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## Section 65(12) - minimum long term benefit

The basis for calculating the minimum weekly benefit is as follows:

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 555.90
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 138.98
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 69.49

## Section 62, regulation 6 - benefits payable on death

### 1. *Funeral Benefits*

Maximum amount payable is 10% of the annual equivalent of average weekly earnings, that is  
10% of \$57 813.60 = \$5 781.36

### 2. *Death Benefits*

260 times average weekly earnings = \$289 068.00

## Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = \$111.18 (maximum of 10 children)

## Section 71 - permanent impairment

Assessment of permanent impairment benefit.

### *For injuries and diseases arising prior to 15/10/91:*

Maximum payable = 104 times average weekly earnings = \$ 115 627.20

### *For injuries and diseases arising after 15/10/91:*

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = \$ 231 254.40

## Section 3 (10) - worker definition

Persons involved in sporting activities who are paid at a rate of 65% of the annual equivalent of average weekly earnings, or more, are deemed to be workers.

That is, those paid an amount equal to or in excess of \$37 578.84 per year.

## Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 35 cents per kilometre.

## For [historical AWE figures](#):

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	

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