WORK HEALTH
NORTHERN TERRITORY

INFORMATION BULLETIN

INSURANCE AND COMPENSATION

THE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS FIGURES FOR 1991

These figures give benefit changes due to Work Health Act amendments, effective from 15/10/1991.

In accordance with the definition of Average Weekly Earnings in the Work Health Act the amount to be used for 1991 is $551.40. The annual equivalent is $28,672.80.

This has an effect on the following sections of the Act.

Section 3(1)/Regulation 4/Worker Definition

Domestic employees - persons paid at a rate of 13% of the annual equivalent or more.

Therefore, domestic workers paid:

(1) $3,727.46 or more per year, or

(2) at a rate of $71.68 per week or more, are workers.

Persons involved in Sporting Activities - paid at a rate of or more than 65% of the annual equivalent or more.

Therefore sports persons being paid:

(1) $18,637.32 or more per year, or

(2) at a rate of $358.41 per week or more, are workers.

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Section 62/Regulation 6/Benefits Payable on Death

(1) Funeral Benefits - Maximum amount payable is 10% of the Annual Equivalent. (28,672.80) = $2,867.28

(2) Death Benefits - 156 times Average Weekly Earnings = $86,018.40.

Section 63 - Dependents Children's' Benefits

10% of Average Weekly Earnings = $55.14 (Maximum of 10).

Section 65 (1) - Maximum Compensation Benefit.

The maximum amount payable for a worker after 26 weeks of compensation - 150% of Average Weekly Earnings = $827.10

Section 65 (2) (3) - Calculation of loss of earning capacity - indexing factor. Persons on long term benefits should have their entitlement adjusted on the 1 January each year. The multiplying factors are as follows:

DATE OF CLAIM	MULTIPLYING FACTOR
1987 -	$\frac{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1991}}{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1987}} = \frac{551.40}{450.90} = 1.223$
1988 -	$\frac{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1991}}{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1988}} = \frac{551.40}{484.30} = 1.139$
1989 -	$\frac{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1991}}{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1989}} = \frac{551.40}{493.60} = 1.117$
1990 -	$\frac{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1991}}{\text{Average Weekly Earnings 1990}} = \frac{551.40}{515.70} = 1.069$

Section 71 - Assessment of permanent impairment benefit. Maximum amount payable = 104 times average weekly earnings = $57,345.60.

Injuries or Diseases arising after 15/10/1991.

Maximum amount payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = $114,691.20

Information provided in these bulletins is done so in good faith and is believed to be accurate, however, some matters could be subject to legal questions.