WorkHealth information bulletin

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THE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS FIGURES FOR 1993

In accordance with the definition of Average Weekly Earnings in the Work Health Act the amount to be used for **1993** is **$618.90**. The annual equivalent is $32,182.80.

This has 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 of compensation - 150% of Average Weekly Earnings = $928.35

Section 65 (2) (3) - Long Term Incapacity

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 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1993 / Average Weekly Earnings 1987 = 618.90 / 450.90 = 1.372
1988 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1993 / Average Weekly Earnings 1988 = 618.90 / 484.30 = 1.278
1989 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1993 / Average Weekly Earnings 1989 = 618.90 / 493.60 = 1.254
1990 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1993 / Average Weekly Earnings 1990 = 618.90 / 515.70 = 1.200
1991 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1993 / Average Weekly Earnings 1991 = 618.90 / 551.40 = 1.122
1992 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1993 / Average Weekly Earnings 1992 = 618.90 / 589.30 = 1.050

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Section 65 (12) - Minimum Long Term Benefit.

Minimum Weekly Benefit. Basis for calculating benefit:-

Worker 50% Average Weekly Earnings = $309.45

Dependent Spouse 12.5% Average Weekly Earnings = $ 77.36

Prescribed Child 6.25% Average Weekly Earnings = $ 38.68

Section 62/Regulation 6/ - Benefits Payable on Death

(1) Funeral Benefits - Maximum amount payable is 10% of the Annual Equivalent. ($32,182.80) = $3,218.28

(2) Death Benefits - 156 times Average Weekly Earnings = $96,548.40.

Section 63 - Dependent Children's' Benefits

10% of Average Weekly Earnings = $61.89 (Maximum of 10).

Section 71 - Permanent Impairment

Assessment of permanent impairment benefit. Maximum amount payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = $128,731.20.

Injuries or Diseases arising prior to 15/10/1991

Maximum amount payable = 104 times average weekly earnings = $64,365.60.

Section 3(10) - Worker Definition

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) $20,918.82 or more per year, or

(2) at a rate of $402.28 per week or more, are workers.

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

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