WorkHealth information bulletin

BULLETIN NO. 1.7

COMPENSATION: THE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNING FIGURES FOR 1998

In accordance with the definition of Average Weekly Earnings in the ***Work Health Act*** the amount to be used for **1998** is **$710.00**. The annual equivalent is $36,920.00

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 = $1065.00

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 1 January each year. The multiplying factors are as follows:

DATE OF CLAIM					MULTIPLYING FACTOR
1988 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1988	=	710.00 / 484.30	=	1.4660
1989 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1989	=	710.00 / 493.60	=	1.4384
1990 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1990	=	710.00 / 515.70	=	1.3768
1991 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1991	=	710.00 / 551.40	=	1.2876
1992 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1992	=	710.00 / 589.30	=	1.2048
1993 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1993	=	710.00 / 618.90	=	1.1472
1994 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1994	=	710.00 / 635.10	=	1.1179
1995 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1995	=	710.00 / 634.70	=	1.1186
1996 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1996	=	710.00 / 664.70	=	1.0682
1997 -	Average Weekly Earnings 1998 / Average Weekly Earnings 1997	=	710.00 / 678.50	=	1.0464

DARWIN
Minerals House
66 The Esplanade
GPO Box 2010
Darwin NT 0801
Phone: 8999 5010
Fax: 8999 5141

ALICE SPRINGS
Peter Sitzler Building
North Stuart Highway
PO Box 8193
Alice Springs NT 0871
Phone: 8951 8682
Fax: 8951 8681

KATHERINE
Government Centre
First Street
PO Box 529
Katherine NT 0850
Phone: 8973 8520
Fax: 8973 8544

Toll Free No: 1800 019 115

ISSN1031-6647

NT Government

Current as at December '97

SECTION 65 (12) MINIMUM LONG TERM BENEFIT

Minimum Weekly Benefit. Basis for calculating benefit:-

Worker	50% Average Weekly Earnings	=	$355.00
Dependent Spouse	12.5% Average Weekly Earnings	=	$88.75
Prescribed Child	6.25% Average Weekly Earnings	=	$44.38

SECTION 62/REGULATION 6 BENEFITS PAYABLE ON DEATH

(1) Funeral Benefits - Maximum amount payable is 10% of the Annual Equivalent ($36,920.00) = $3692

(2) Death Benefits - 156 time Average Weekly Earnings = $110,760.00

SECTION 63 DEPENDENT CHILDRENS' BENEFITS

10% of Average Weekly Earnings = $71.00 (Maximum of 10)

SECTION 71 PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT

Assessment of permanent impairment benefit.

For injuries and diseases arising prior to 15/10/91:
Maximum amount payable = 104 times average weekly earnings = $73,840.00

For injuries and diseases arising after 15/10/91:
Maximum amount payable = 208 times averages weekly earnings = $147,680.00

SECTION 3 (10) WORKER DEFINITION

Persons involved in sporting activities who are paid at a rate of 65% of the annual equivalent or more.

This includes sports persons being paid:

(1) $23,998.00 or more per year, or

(2) at a rate of $461.50 per week or more, are workers.

CLAIMANT KILOMETRE ALLOWANCE FOR USE OF OWN VEHICLE

The recommended rate per kilometre travelled is 26.7 cents.

For further information contact the Work Health Authority.