WORK HEALTH

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Workers' Compensation - The average weekly earnings figures for 2002

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the Work Health Act, the amount to be used for the year 2002 is $817.60. The annual equivalent is $42 515.20. This has an effect on the following sections of the Work Health 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 $1 226.40 per week.

SECTION 65(2)(3) LONG TERM INCAPACITY - INDEXING

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
1992	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1992	=	817.60 / 589.30	=	1.3874
1993	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1993	=	817.60 / 618.90	=	1.3211
1994	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1994	=	817.60 / 635.10	=	1.2874
1995	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1995	=	817.60 / 634.70	=	1.2882
1996	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1996	=	817.60 / 664.70	=	1.2300
1997	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1997	=	817.60 / 678.50	=	1.2050
1998	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1998	=	817.60 / 710.00	=	1.1515
1999	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 1999	=	817.60 / 742.00	=	1.1019
2000	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 2000	=	817.60 / 772.40	=	1.0585
2001	average weekly earnings 2002 / average weekly earnings 2001	=	817.60 / 800.10	=	1.0219

SECTION 65(2) MINIMUM LONG TERM BENEFIT

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

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	$408.80
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	$102.20
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	$ 51.10

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 $42 515.20 = $4 251.52

2. **Death Benefits** — 260 times average weekly earnings = $212 576.00

SECTION 63 DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S BENEFITS

10% of average weekly earnings = $81.76 (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 = $ 85 030.40

For injuries and diseases arising after 15/10/91:
Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = $ 170 060.80

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 $27 634.88 per year.

CLAIMANT KILOMETRE ALLOWANCE FOR USE OF OWN VEHICLE

The recommended rate is 29.8 cents per kilometre travelled.

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