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In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the *Work Health Act*, the amount to be used for the year 2003 is $852.00. The annual equivalent is $44 304.00. 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 $1 278.00 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		
1993	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1993	=	852.00 / 618.90	=	1.3766
1994	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1994	=	852.00 / 635.10	=	1.3415
1995	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1995	=	852.00 / 634.70	=	1.3423
1996	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1996	=	852.00 / 664.70	=	1.2817
1997	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1997	=	852.00 / 678.50	=	1.2557
1998	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1998	=	852.00 / 710.00	=	1.2000
1999	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 1999	=	852.00 / 742.00	=	1.1482
2000	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 2000	=	852.00 / 772.40	=	1.1030
2001	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 2001	=	852.00 / 800.10	=	1.0648
2002	average weekly earnings 2003 / average weekly earnings 2002	=	852.00 / 817.60	=	1.0420

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Section 65(2) - Minimum long term benefit

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

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	$426.00
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	$106.50
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	$ 53.25

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 $44 304.00 = $4430.40

2. **Death Benefits**

   260 times average weekly earnings = $221 520.00

Section 63 - Dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = $85.20 (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 = $ 88 608.00

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = $ 177 216.00

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 $28 797.60 per year.

Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 30 cents per kilometre.

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