Workers' compensation - the average weekly earnings figures for 2006 >

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the *Work Health Act*, the amount to be used for the year 2006 is $1039.00. The annual equivalent is $54 028.00. 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 $1 558.50 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		
1996	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 1996	=	1039.00 / 664.70	=	1.5631
1997	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 1997	=	1039.00 / 678.50	=	1.5313
1998	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 1998	=	1039.00 / 710.00	=	1.4634
1999	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 1999	=	1039.00 / 742.00	=	1.4003
2000	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 2000	=	1039.00 / 772.40	=	1.3452
2001	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 2001	=	1039.00 / 800.10	=	1.2986
2002	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 2002	=	1039.00 / 817.60	=	1.2708
2003	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 2003	=	1039.00 / 852.00	=	1.2195
2004	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 2004	=	1039.00 / 905.80	=	1.1471
2005	average weekly earnings 2006 / average weekly earnings 2005	=	1039.00 / 966.40	=	1.0751

Section 65(12) - minimum long term benefit

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

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	$ 519.50
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	$ 129.90
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	$ 64.94

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 $54 028.00 = $5 402.80

2. Death Benefits

260 times average weekly earnings = $270 140.00

Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = $103.90 (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 = $ 108 056.00

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = $ 216 112.00

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 $35 118.20 per year.

Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 31.5 cents per kilometre.

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