Rehabilitation and Compensation

– Workers' Compensation

The average weekly earnings figures for 2008 >

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act*, the amount to be used for the year 2008 is $1058.40. The annual equivalent is $55 036.80. These amounts have 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 compensation is 150% of average weekly earnings, that is $1 587.60 per week.

Section 65(2)(a) and (3) - long term INCAPACITY - indexing

Persons in receipt of long-term benefits should have their entitlement adjusted on 1 January each year. The multiplying factors are as follows:

Date of Claim			Multiplying factor		
1998	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 1998	=	1058.40 / 710.00	=	1.4907
1999	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 1999	=	1058.40 / 742.00	=	1.4264
2000	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2000	=	1058.40 / 772.40	=	1.3703
2001	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2001	=	1058.40 / 800.10	=	1.3228
2002	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2002	=	1058.40 / 817.60	=	1.2945
2003	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2003	=	1058.40 / 852.00	=	1.2423
2004	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2004	=	1058.40 / 905.80	=	1.1685
2005	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2005	=	1058.40 / 966.40	=	1.0952
2006	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2006	=	1058.40 / 1039.00	=	1.0187
2007	average weekly earnings 2008 / average weekly earnings 2007	=	1058.40 / 1033.80	=	1.0238

Section 65(12) - minimum long term benefit

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

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	$ 529.20
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	$ 132.30
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	$ 66.15

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 $55 036.80 = $5 503.68

2. Death Benefits

260 times average weekly earnings = $275 184.00

Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = $105.84 (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 = $ 110 073.60

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = $ 220 147.20

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 $35 773.92 per year.

Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 35 cents per kilometre.

For historical AWE figures:

1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

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