

**BULLETIN**

# The Average Weekly Earnings Figures For 2012

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the [Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act](#), the amount to be used for the year 2012 is \$1 341.20. The annual equivalent is \$69 742.40. These amounts have an effect on the following sections of the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation 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 \$2 011.80 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			
2002	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2002	=	<u>1341.20</u> 817.60	=	1.6404 average
2003	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2003	=	<u>1341.20</u> 852.00	=	1.5742 average
2004	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2004	=	<u>1341.20</u> 905.80	=	1.4807 average
2005	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2005	=	<u>1341.20</u> 966.40	=	1.3878 average
2006	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2006	=	<u>1341.20</u> 1039.00	=	1.2909 average
2007	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2007	=	<u>1341.20</u> 1033.80	=	1.2973 average
2008	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2008	=	<u>1341.20</u> 1058.40	=	1.2672 average
2009	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2009	=	<u>1341.20</u> 1111.80	=	1.2063 average
2010	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2010	=	<u>1341.20</u> 1153.50	=	1.1627 average
2011	<u>average weekly earnings 2012</u> weekly earnings 2011	=	<u>1341.20</u> 1245.30	=	1.0770 average

## Section 65(12) - minimum long term benefit

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

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	\$	670.60
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	\$	167.65
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	\$	83.83

## 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 \$69 742.40 = \$6 974.24

### 2. Death Benefits

260 times average weekly earnings = \$348 712.00

## Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = \$134.12 (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 = \$ 139 484.80

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = \$ 278 969.60

## 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 \$45 332.56 per year.

## Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 37.5 cents per kilometre.

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