

Workers' compensation - the average weekly earnings figures for 2004 >

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the [Work Health Act](#), the amount to be used for the year 2004 is \$905.80. The annual equivalent is \$47 101.60. 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 \$1 358.70 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		Multiplied by	Multiplied factor
1994	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1994}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{635.10} = 1.4262$
1995	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1995}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{634.70} = 1.4271$
1996	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1996}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{664.70} = 1.3627$
1997	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1997}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{678.50} = 1.3350$
1998	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1998}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{710.00} = 1.2758$
1999	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1999}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{742.00} = 1.2208$
2000	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2000}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{772.40} = 1.1727$
2001	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2001}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{800.10} = 1.1321$
2002	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2002}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{817.60} = 1.1079$
2003	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2003}}$	=	$\frac{905.80}{852.00} = 1.0631$

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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	=	\$452.90
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	\$113.23
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 56.61

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 \$47 101.60 = \$4 710.16

2. *Death Benefits*

260 times average weekly earnings = \$235,508.00

Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = \$90.58 (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 = \$ 94 203.20

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = \$ 188 406.40

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 \$30 616.04 per year.

Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 30.5 cents per kilometre.

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