

Workers' compensation - the average weekly earnings figures for 2005 >

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the [Work Health Act](#), the amount to be used for the year 2005 is \$966.40. The annual equivalent is \$50 252.80. 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 \$1 449.60 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 by	Multiplied by
1995	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1995}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{634.70}$	= 1.5226
1996	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1996}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{664.70}$	= 1.4539
1997	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1997}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{678.50}$	= 1.4243
1998	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1998}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{710.00}$	= 1.3611
1999	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1999}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{742.00}$	= 1.3024
2000	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2000}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{772.40}$	= 1.2512
2001	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2001}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{800.10}$	= 1.2078
2002	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2002}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{817.60}$	= 1.1820
2003	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2003}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{852.00}$	= 1.1343
2004	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}$	=	$\frac{966.40}{905.80}$	= 1.0669

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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	=	\$ 483.20
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 120.80
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 60.40

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 \$50 252.80 = \$5 025.28

2. *Death Benefits*

260 times average weekly earnings = \$251 264.00

Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = \$96.64 (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 = \$ 100 505.60

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = \$ 201 011.20

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 \$32 664.32 per year.

Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 31.0 cents per kilometre.

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