

Workers' compensation - the average weekly earnings figures for 2007 >

In accordance with the definition of average weekly earnings in the [Work Health Act](#), the amount to be used for the year 2007 is \$1033.80. The annual equivalent is \$53 757.60. These amounts have 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 \$1 550.70 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		Multiplied by	Multiplied by	Multiplied by
1997	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1997}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{678.50}$	= 1.5237
1998	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1998}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{710.00}$	= 1.4561
1999	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 1999}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{742.00}$	= 1.3933
2000	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2000}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{772.40}$	= 1.3384
2001	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2001}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{800.10}$	= 1.2921
2002	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2002}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{817.60}$	= 1.2644
2003	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2003}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{852.00}$	= 1.2134
2004	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2004}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{905.80}$	= 1.1413
2005	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2005}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{966.40}$	= 1.0697
2006	$\frac{\text{average weekly earnings 2007}}{\text{average weekly earnings 2006}}$	=	$\frac{1033.80}{1039.00}$	= 0.9950

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Section 65(12) - minimum long term benefit

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

Worker	50% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 516.90
Dependent spouse	12.5% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 129.23
Prescribed child	6.25% average weekly earnings	=	\$ 64.61

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 \$53 757.60 = \$5 375.76

2. **Death Benefits**

260 times average weekly earnings = \$268 788.00

Section 63 - dependent children's benefits

10% of average weekly earnings = \$103.38 (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 = \$ 107 515.20

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

Maximum payable = 208 times average weekly earnings = \$ 215 030.40

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 \$34 942.44 per year.

Claimant kilometre allowance for use of own vehicle

The recommended rate is 33.5 cents per kilometre.

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