



Australian Government
**Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation
and Compensation Authority**

**NOTICE TO MARITIME INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

NOTICE NO 01/2009

INDEXATION OF COMPENSATION BENEFITS (effective 1 July 2009)

1. Section 23 of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* provides for the relevant amounts specified in the subsections listed below to be indexed on 1 July of each year derived from movements over a 12 month period in the all Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI), being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities, published by the Australian Statistician at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
2. The movement from the quarterly index of December 2007 to the quarterly index of December 2008, was **1.037**.
3. The amounts applicable effective **from 1 July 2009** are:

Sub-Section	Nature of Compensation Benefit	Amount (\$)
29(3)	Death – dependant/s wholly dependent	233,907.92
29(4)	Death – dependant/s partly dependent – maximum	233,907.92
29(5)	Death – dependent prescribed child – amount per week	77.94
30(2)	Funeral expenses – maximum	5399.49
31(9)	Incapacity – minimum per week	393.73
31(10)	Incapacity – dependant prescribed person/s – additional amount	97.50

31(11)	Incapacity – dependant prescribed child/children – additional amount	48.72
39(9)	Permanent impairment – maximum	155,938.61
41(2)	Non-economic loss – formula amount for:	
	- degree of permanent impairment	29,238.51
	- degree of non-economic loss	29,238.51
43(2)	Household services – maximum per week	389.84
43(4)	Attendant care services – maximum per week	389.84
44(1)	Redemption of compensation ceiling – maximum per week	97.50

4. Entitlements should be calculated under these sections using the above amounts.
5. Any enquiries relating to this notice may be directed to the Secretariat & Seacare Management Section.

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