



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

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

NOTICE NO 08/2009

MAXIMUM LEVEL OF BENEFITS (effective 19 November 2009)

1. Subsection 31(7) of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* provides for a ceiling on weekly incapacity payments after the first 45 weeks.
2. This ceiling is 150% of the Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full Time Adults (AWOTEFA). The AWOTEFA is published quarterly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).
3. The latest published AWOTEFA figure (August Quarter 2009) is \$1,201.90:

Date of Effect	AWOTEFA	150% of AWOTEFA
19 November 2009	\$1,201.90	\$1,802.85

4. Calculation of entitlements under subsection 31(7) should be made using the above amount.
5. The next AWOTEFA update is expected to be released on 25 February 2010.
6. Any enquiries relating to this notice may be directed to the Secretariat & Seacare Management Section.

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