



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

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

NOTICE NO 02/2006

INDEXATION – INCREASE IN BENEFITS FROM 1 JULY 2006

1. Section 23 of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* provides for the relevant amounts specified in subsections 29(3),(4) or (5), 30(2), 31(9),(10) or (11), 39(9), 41(2), 43(2) or (4) or 44(1) to be indexed on 1 July of each year, based on variations in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous December to December period.
2. The relevant percentage change from the December quarter 2004 to the December quarter 2005, as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, reflected an increase of 2.8% in the All Groups CPI.
3. The amounts applicable effective **from 1 July 2006** are:

Sub-Section	Nature of Benefit	Amount (\$)
29(3)	Death – lump sum	212 026.74
29(4)	Death – lump sum	212 026.74
29(5)	Death – dependent child (per week)	70.65
30(2)	Funeral expenses	4 894.39
31(9)	Incapacity – minimum earnings	356.90
31(10)	Incapacity – minimum earnings - prescribed person allowance	88.37
31(11)	Incapacity – minimum earnings - dependent child	44.16
39(9)	Permanent impairment	141 351.15

41(2)	Compensation for non-economic loss: - Impairment component - Non – economic loss component	26 503.36 26 503.36
43(2)	Household services	353.37
43(4)	Attendant care services	353.37
44(1)	Redemption ceiling	88.37

4. Entitlements should be calculated under these sections using the above amounts.
5. Any issues relevant to this notice may be directed to:

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