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JURISDICTIONAL POLICY ADVICE NO. 2010/10

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988

AWOTEFA update under subsection 19(5)—effective from 18 November 2010

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this JPA is to inform determining authorities of a change to the figure of 150% Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full time Adults (AWOTEFA).

BACKGROUND

2. Subsection 19(5) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRC Act) sets an upper limit on weekly incapacity payments—after the first 45 weeks of incapacity—determined under subsection 19(3). This limit is set at 150% of the AWOTEFA as published by the Australian Statistician.
3. The AWOTEFA amount for the August Quarter 2010, published on 18 November 2010, is \$1259.40.

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4. The figure required to calculate entitlements under subsection 19(5) of the SRC Act is **\$1889.10**, being 150% of AWOTEFA.
5. This increase is effective from 18 November 2010.
6. The next AWOTEFA figure is expected to be published on 24 February 2011.
7. Determining authorities should have suitable processes and procedures in place to ensure that all calculations of entitlements under subsection 19(5) are increased to this specified amount.

MORE INFORMATION

8. For more information about this advice email Comcare's Strategic Policy Team at strategic.policy@comcare.gov.au or call 1300 366 979.

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