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## JURISDICTIONAL POLICY ADVICE NO. 2010/09

### *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*

#### AWOTEFA update under subsection 19(5)—effective from 19 August 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 May Quarter 2010, published on 19 August 2010, is \$1256.30.

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4. The figure required to calculate entitlements under subsection 19(5) of the SRC Act is **\$1884.45**. This figure is 150% of AWOTEFA.
5. This increase is effective from 19 August 2010.
6. The next AWOTEFA figure is expected to be published on 18 November 2010.
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](mailto:strategic.policy@comcare.gov.au) or call 1300 366 979.

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