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LICENSEE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR SPECIFICATIONS

The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (the Commission) *Licence Compliance and Performance Model*¹ outlines the performance standards and measures that will be utilised to measure the claims, rehabilitation and prevention performance of self-insured licensees in the Comcare scheme.

This document details the specifications of the reporting framework that provides the Commission with an overview of the performance of licensees.

This document replaces the previous specifications document titled *Determining Authority KPI Specifications May 2013*.

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¹ *Licence Compliance and Performance Model*, available from www.srcc.gov.au

INTRODUCTION

Performance reporting and target setting

The performance of licensed self-insurers against the Licensee Key Performance Indicators (LKPIs) is an important component of the *Licence Compliance and Performance Model*.

The Commission has set performance indicators across a number of areas for licensees to meet, as outlined in Section 7 of the model.

Targets are used by the Commission to further encourage improvement in licensee performance.

Frequency and timing of reporting

The Commission considers quarterly performance reports, which amongst other things examine licensee outcomes against the LKPI. These reports are compiled by Comcare from the claims based data submitted to the Commission Data Warehouse (CDW) and information collected directly from licensees (e.g. full time equivalent employee data).

The requirements for data submissions to the CDW are set out in the latest version of the Commission Data Warehouse Specifications which is available on the Commission's website (www.srcc.gov.au).

Enquiries

Further information on LKPI reporting requirements may be obtained from the Self-Insurance team, via selfinsurance@comcare.gov.au

LICENSEE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

LKPI 1 Number of notified fatalities

Description	Number of worker fatalities notified to a licensee's respective Work Health and Safety (WHS) regulator.
Reporting basis	WHS incident notifications for worker deaths made by a self-insured licensee in the reporting period to their respective WHS regulator, irrespective of the date of incident or date of death.
Reporting unit	Number.
Data source	Licensed self-insurers.
Data elements	Number of worker deaths for which a WHS incident notification was received by the relevant WHS regulator in the reporting period.
Data exclusions	Third party fatalities.
Calculation	LKPI 1 = Number of notified fatalities
Data update frequency	Quarterly.

LKPI 2 Number of compensated fatalities

Description	Number of compensated worker fatalities with a date of first determination in the period.
Reporting basis	Claims for workers' compensation under the <i>Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (SRC Act)</i> for worker fatalities, with a date of first determination in the reporting period, irrespective of the date of death or date of receipt of the claim.
Reporting unit	Number.
Data source	Monthly claims data from the Commission Data Warehouse.
Data elements	Number of claims with: > an <i>initial determination date</i> (CDW item C2) in the reporting period; and > a <i>Death due to claim flag</i> (CDW item B22) of Y (yes).
Data exclusions	> Commuting claims. > Claims with a <i>current Determination status</i> (CDW item C3) code other than A (accepted).
Calculation	LKPI 2 = Number of compensated fatalities.
Data update frequency	Monthly.

LKPI 3 Incidence of serious claims

Description	Number of claims in the reporting period with one week or more lost time, per 1000 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees.
Reporting basis	Claims in which the first week of incapacity was determined in the reporting period, irrespective of the date of injury, the date of receipt of the claim, initial determination date, dates of incapacity, subsequent void record/s or redetermination/s or the determination status of the claim.
Reporting unit	Incidence rate.
Data source	Monthly claims data from the Commission Data Warehouse.
Data elements	<p><u>Serious claims</u>: number of claims in which the first week of incapacity (CDW item G7, <i>Incapacity Weeks</i>) was determined in the reporting period.</p> <p><u>FTE employees</u>: number of FTE employees for the relevant reporting period.</p> <p>Note: the incidence of serious claims will be reported based on the most recent FTE employee data available, proportioned to the relevant reporting period.</p>
Sample calculation	<p>To calculate the incidence rate for a given reporting period, both the number of claims that occurred in that reporting period and the relevant FTE employee figure is required.</p> <p>The FTE employee figure for the reporting period is calculated by multiplying the daily FTE figure for the current financial year by the number of days in the reporting period.</p> <p>Example</p> <p>An organisation records 12 serious claims during the first quarter of the 2016–17 reporting period and has an FTE employee number of 1825 for the 2016–17 financial year.</p> <p>The daily FTE employee is obtained by dividing 1825 by the number of days in the 2016–17 reporting year (365). This equates to a daily FTE of five (5).</p> <p>There are 92 days in the first quarter reporting period, so the FTE for the first quarter is $92 \times 5 = 460$</p> <p>Using the calculation below, the incidence rate is the number of claims divided by the FTE Employee figure, multiplied by 1000 to give an incidence per 1000 FTE employees.</p> <p>Incidence rate = $(12/460) \times 1000 = 26.1$ claims per 1000 FTE (rounded to 1 decimal point).</p>
Data exclusions	Commuting claims.
Calculation	$LKPI\ 3 = \frac{\text{Serious claims}}{\text{FTE Employees}} \times 1000$
Data update frequency	Monthly.

LKPI 4 Incidence of accepted claims

Description	Number of claims initially determined in the period, with an initial determination status of accepted, per 1000 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees.
Reporting basis	Claims in which the first liability determination was made in the reporting period, irrespective of the date of injury or the date of receipt of the claim.
Reporting unit	Incidence rate.
Data source	Monthly claims data from the Commission Data Warehouse.
Data elements	<p><u>Accepted claims</u>: number of claims with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > an <i>initial determination date</i> (CDW item C2) in the reporting period, and > an <i>initial determination status code</i> (CDW Item C3) of A (Accepted). <p><u>FTE employees</u>: number of FTE employees for the relevant reporting period.</p> <p>Note: the incidence of accepted claims will be reported based on the most recent FTE employee data available, proportioned to the relevant reporting period.</p>
Sample Calculation	<p>To calculate the incidence rate for a given reporting period, both the number of claims that occurred in that reporting period and the relevant FTE employee figure is required. The FTE employee figure for the reporting period is calculated by multiplying the daily FTE figure for the current financial year by the number of days in the reporting period.</p> <p>Example</p> <p>An organisation initially accepts 25 claims during the third quarter of the 2016–17 reporting period and has an FTE employee number of 2920 for the 2016–17 financial year. The daily FTE employee is obtained by dividing 2920 by the number of days in the 2016–17 reporting year (365). This equates to a daily FTE of eight (8).</p> <p>There are 90 days in the third quarter reporting period, so the FTE for the third quarter is: $90 \times 8 = 720$</p> <p>Using the calculation below, the incidence rate is the number of initially accepted claims divided by the FTE Employee figure, multiplied by 1000 to give an incidence per 1000 FTE employees.</p> <p>Incidence rate = $(25/720) \times 1000 = 34.7$ claims per 1000 FTE</p>
Data exclusions	Commuting claims.
Calculation	$LKPI\ 4 = \frac{\text{Accepted claims}}{\text{FTE Employees}} \times 1000$
Data update frequency	Monthly.

LKPI 5 Median Incapacity

Description	The median (middle point) of incapacity weeks for accepted claims that have had one week or more lost time.
Reporting basis	<p>The median point of incapacity (lost time) for those claims that had one week or more of lost time in the period, with an injury date between 3 and 21 months prior to the reporting period. For example, when reporting the median incapacity for the reporting period ending 30 April 2017, this refers to claims with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > An <i>injury date</i> (CDW item B3) between 1 August 2015 and 31 January 2017 (both dates inclusive); plus > One week or more of lost time (CDW item G7); and > A determination status (CDW item C3) of accepted as at 30 April 2017.
Reporting unit	Number.
Data source	Monthly claims data from the Commission Data Warehouse.
Data elements	<p>Median incapacity weeks for accepted claims with one or more weeks incapacity for claims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > that were accepted as at the end of month date; and > that have one week or more lost time as at the end of month date; and <p>with an injury date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > after the day 21 months prior to the end of month date; and > on or before the day 3 months prior to the end of month date. <p>For example, where the reporting period ends on the 30 June 2017, the date of injury will fall between 1 October 2015 and 31 March 2017.</p>
	<p>The diagram illustrates the relationship between the reporting period and the injury date period. The reporting period is shown as a horizontal bar from Jul 15 to Jun 17. A blue shaded area within this bar represents the injury date period from 1/10/2015 to 31/03/2017. Vertical lines indicate that 1-Oct-15 is 21 months prior to the reporting period end date (Jun 17), and 31-Mar-17 is 3 months prior to the reporting period end date.</p>
Data exclusions	Nil.
Data update frequency	Monthly.

LKPI 6 Timeliness—determination of new claims

Description	The percentage of new claims that were initially determined within set timeframes from the date of receipt by the determining authority of a compliant claim: a) 20 days injury, 60 days disease b) 30 days injury, 75 days disease c) 45 days injury, 90 days disease
Reporting basis	Claims with an <i>initial determination date</i> (CDW item C2) in the reporting period.
Reporting unit	Percentage
Data source	Monthly claims data from the Commission Data Warehouse.
Data elements	<u>Claims determined</u> : number of claims with an <i>initial determination date</i> in the reporting period <u>Within timeframe (injury)</u> : for all injury claims (CDW item B4) with an <i>initial determination date</i> in the reporting period, the number of claims determined within: a) 20 calendar days of the compliance date (i.e. <i>initial determination date</i> minus compliance date ≤ 20 days). b) 30 calendar days of the compliance date. c) 45 calendar days of the compliance date. <u>Within timeframe (disease)</u> : for all disease claims (CDW item B4) with an <i>initial determination date</i> in the reporting period, the number of claims determined within: a) 60 calendar days of the compliance date (i.e. <i>initial determination date</i> minus compliance date ≤ 60 days). b) 75 calendar days of the compliance date. c) 90 calendar days of the compliance date.
Data exclusions	> Claims with a <i>Takeover claim flag</i> (CDW item B33) of Y (yes); and > Claims with a current <i>Determination status code</i> (CDW item C3) of D (deleted) or W (withdrawn).
Calculation	$LKPI\ 6 = \frac{\text{Within timeframe (injury)} + \text{Within timeframe disease}}{\text{Claims determined}} \times 100$
Data update frequency	Monthly.

LKPI 7 Timeliness—decisions on requests for reconsideration

Description	The percentage of reconsideration requests decided, in the reporting period, within set timeframes from the date of receipt of the reconsideration request by the determining authority: a) Within 30 days b) Within 45 days c) Within 90 days
Reporting basis	Reconsiderations with a reconsideration decision (i.e. reviewable decision) date in the reporting period.
Reporting unit	Percentage.
Data source	Monthly claims data from the Commission Data Warehouse.
Data elements	<u>Reconsiderations decided</u> : number of reconsideration requests with a Reconsideration decision date (CDW item H6) in the reporting period <u>Within timeframe</u> for all reconsideration requests with a Reconsideration decision date in the reporting period, the number of reconsideration requests decided within: a) 30 calendar days of the compliance date (i.e. <i>reconsideration decision date</i> (CDW item H6) minus <i>Reconsideration received date</i> (CDW item H3) \leq 30 days). b) 45 calendar days of the compliance date. c) 90 calendar days of the compliance date.
Data exclusions	> Reconsiderations with a <i>Reconsideration initiator code</i> (CDW item H4) of S [self (determining authority)]; and > Reconsiderations with a <i>Reconsideration decision code</i> (CDW item H7) of W (withdrawn) or X (Unknown/Not Applicable).
Calculation	$LKPI\ 7 = \frac{\textit{Within timeframe}}{\textit{Reconsiderations decided}} \times 100$
Data update frequency	Monthly.

IDENTIFICATION OF DATES AND DETERMINATION STATUS CODES

The following table illustrates how the compliance date, initial determination date, initial determination status and current determination status are identified from monthly CDW data.

When a compliant claim is received in the first instance by a licensee, the first *Determination status code* recorded in relation to the claim would be 'U' (undetermined) and the corresponding *Date/time of determination status change* would indicate the compliance date (see Claim A below).

When a non-compliant claim is received, the first *Determination status code* recorded in relation to the claim would be 'N' (non-compliant) (note that a licensee may elect not to report a non-compliant claim to the CDW). If the non-compliance is addressed and a compliant claim subsequently received, a new *Determination status code* of 'U' (undetermined) would be recorded and the corresponding *Date/time of determination status change* would indicate the compliance date (Claim B).

When an initial decision to accept or deny liability has been made in relation to a claim, a new *Determination status code* of either 'A' (Accepted) or 'R' (Rejected) would be recorded, indicating the initial determination status. The corresponding *Date/time of determination status change* would indicate the initial determination date (Claims A and B).

In all cases, even where a decision to accept or deny liability has not yet been made, the current determination status is identified by the latest recorded *Determination status code* in relation to a claim. For example, for a claim that was withdrawn prior to determination, and upon which no further action has occurred, the current determination status would be 'W' (withdrawn) (Claim C).

Claim identifier ¹	Date/time of determination status change ²	Determination status code ³
A	1 Feb 2010 (Compliance date)	'U'
A	4 Feb 2010 (Initial determination date)	'A' (Initial and current determination status)
B	2 Mar 2011	'N'
B	10 Mar 2011 (Compliance date)	'U'
B	28 Mar 2011 (Initial determination date)	'R' (Initial determination status)
B	2 May 2011	'A' (Current determination status)
C	14 Mar 2011	'U'
C	5 Apr 2011	'W' (Current determination status)

1 Refer item C1 in CDW Specifications

2 Refer item C2 in CDW Specifications (date component only)

3 Refer item C3 in CDW Specifications

CALCULATION OF INCIDENCE RATES

In order to calculate LKPI 3 (serious claims) and LKPI 4 (accepted claims), a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employee number is required for each licensee for the corresponding reporting period to calculate the incidence rate per 1000 FTE.

For example, to calculate LKPI 4—Incidence rate of accepted claims, the following calculation is used:

$$\frac{\text{Number of claims}}{\text{Employer FTE}} \times 1000 = \text{Incidence per 1000 FTE}$$

When calculating incidence rates, the FTE figure is proportioned for the relevant reporting period—this is in order to provide a comparable incidence rate for the relevant period.

For example, when compiling reports for the first quarter of a reporting year (July through September), the equivalent of the first three months' worth of the FTE is used to calculate the incidence rate. The FTE for the quarter is calculated based on the number of calendar days in the period, rather than simply dividing the annual FTE figure by four.

When reporting on the financial year to date as at the end of a reporting quarter, the FTE for the relevant period is utilised to calculate incidence rates—for example, when reporting on the financial year to December, the combined daily FTE for the period 1 July through 31 December is used as the base FTE figure.

Sample FTE calculation

An organisation has an estimated FTE for the full 2016–17 financial year of 1460, and wants to calculate the FTE for the first quarter of 2016–17 (July through September).

The first step is to calculate the estimated daily FTE for 2016–17. This is done by dividing the total FTE by the number of days in the full year:

$$\frac{\text{2016–17 full year FTE}}{\text{Number of days in 2016–17}} = \text{Estimated daily FTE for 2016–17}$$
$$\frac{1460}{365} = 4 \text{ (Estimated daily FTE for 2016–17)}$$

This is then multiplied by the number of days in the relevant reporting period to provide the FTE used in calculating incidence rates for that period. In this case, there are 92 calendar days in the first quarter of 2016–17.

$$\text{Estimated daily FTE} \times \text{Days in reporting period} = \text{Estimated FTE for the reporting period}$$

In this example:

$$4 \times 92 = 368 \text{ (Estimated FTE for the first quarter of 2016–17)}$$

GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Accepted Claim	A claim for compensation where liability has been accepted under the SRC Act.
CDW	The Commission Data Warehouse (CDW) is a data repository for unit claims data provided by determining authorities (i.e. Comcare and licensed self-insurers). The <i>Commission Data Warehouse Specifications</i> describe the requirements for determining authorities under the SRC Act to submit data to the CDW.
Claim	Any compliant claim for compensation, for example, the initial liability claim, claim for payment of medical expenses, claim for impairment payments, claim for cost of services rendered or claim for incapacity benefits.
Commuting	Travel to or from work as defined in section 6 of the SRC Act. This does not include travel associated with employment. That is where travel is part of an employee's duties or where the cost of travel is met by the employer.
Commuting claim	A claim for an injury sustained when travelling to or from work, as defined in section 6 of the SRC Act (see commuting). Commuting claims are identified by a Duty status code of 'O4' (Travelling to or from work) (refer Item B10 in the CDW Specifications).
Compliance date	In relation to a new claim, the date on which the claim, being compliant with legislative requirements, was received by the determining authority. This is identified by the earliest <i>Date/time of determination status change</i> in relation to a claim where the corresponding Determination status code is 'U' (Undetermined), 'A' (Accepted) or 'R' (Rejected) (refer Items C2 and C3 in the CDW Specifications). Also see note on page 15.
Current determination status	The current decision regarding liability for compensation in relation to a claim. This is identified by the Determination status code that corresponds to the latest Date/time of determination status change in relation to a claim (refer Items C2 and C3 in the CDW Specifications). Also see note on page 10.
Date of injury	For an injury, the date on which the injury as defined by Section 6 of the SRC Act occurred; or for a disease, the date when medical treatment was first sought, or first resulted in incapacity or impairment (disease) as defined by Section 7(4) of the SRC Act (refer Item B3 in the CDW Specifications)
Death due to claim flag	A flag that identifies whether the worker died as a result of the claimed injury/disease (refer Item B22, CDW Specifications).
Determination	A decision regarding liability for compensation or rehabilitation under the SRC Act. For a new claim, determination means the initial decision regarding liability.
Determination date	The date on which the determination status of a claim has been changed (refer item C2 in the CDW Specifications).
Determination status code	A code that identifies the determination status of a claim (refer item C3 in the CDW Specifications).
Disease	From 13 April 2007, any ailment suffered by an employee, or the aggravation of such an ailment, that is contributed to, to a significant degree, by the employee's employment.
Disease claim	As specified by the Nature of injury/disease code (e.g. for claims coded in accordance with TOOCS3.1, claims with a Nature of injury/disease code between 401 and 949 inclusive) (refer Item B4 in the CDW Specifications).



FTE Employee	<p>Full Time Equivalent Employee</p> <p>The total number of FTE employees who worked in the reporting period is defined as the total hours worked by all employees in the reporting period divided by the average/standard hours worked in full-time jobs.</p>
Incapacity	<p>A diminished ability to earn. The amount of lost time in relation to a claim is identified by the total Incapacity weeks (refer Item G7 in the CDW specifications).</p> <p>A period over which an employee works his or her normal pre-injury weekly hours, but is in receipt of incapacity payments due to “make-up pay”, is not considered as lost time. Accordingly, determining authorities should ensure that, where an incapacity determination is reported to the CDW in relation to an employee who is working his or her normal weekly hours, while all data fields are still required, the Incapacity weeks should be reported as zero.</p>
Incapacity benefit	<p>A payment made by a determining authority, directly or indirectly, by way of income maintenance.</p>
Incident notification	<p>A written or verbal report made to a Work Health and Safety Regulator of an injury, illness or disease that meets the notification criteria provided by the relevant legislation and/or regulations.</p> <p>Further information regarding incident notification under the Comcare scheme can be obtained from Comcare’s website www.comcare.gov.au</p>
Initial determination date	<p>In relation to a new claim, the date upon which the first decision was taken to accept or deny liability for compensation. Also referred to as an ‘original determination’.</p>
Initial determination status	<p>In relation to a new claim, the first decision taken to accept or deny liability for compensation. This is identified by the ‘A’ (accepted) or ‘R’ (Rejected) Determination status code in relation to a claim with the earliest corresponding Date/time of determination status change (refer Items C2 and C3 in the CDW Specifications).</p> <p>This is identified by the earliest <i>Date/time of determination status change</i> in relation to a claim where the corresponding <i>Determination status code</i> is ‘A’ (Accepted) or ‘R’ (Rejected) (refer Items C2 and C3 in the CDW Specifications).</p>
Injury	<p>Refers to either an injury or disease (unless otherwise specified). An injury can be a physical or mental injury and includes aggravation of a pre-existing ailment.</p>
Injury claim	<p>As specified by the <i>Nature of injury/disease code</i> (e.g. for claims coded in accordance with TOOCS3.1, claims with a <i>Nature of injury/disease code</i> between 101 and 399 or 951 and 999 inclusive) (refer Item B4 in the CDW Specifications).</p>
New claim	<p>A claim that complies with the requirements of section 54 of the SRC Act.</p>
Original determination	<p>Any decision made by a delegate in respect of compensation or rehabilitation that is capable of being the subject of a reconsideration. An initial determination is also an original determination.</p>
Reconsideration	<p>An employee or employer, who is dissatisfied with a decision made by a determining authority, may ask for that decision to be reviewed by an officer not involved in the making of the decision in question. The result of such a review is called a reviewable decision.</p>
Reconsideration decision code	<p>A code that identifies the outcome of a reconsideration (refer Item H7 in the CDW Specifications).</p>

Reconsideration decision date	The date a decision in writing (i.e. reviewable decision) was made in relation to a reconsideration. This is identified by the Reconsideration decision date (refer Item H6 in the CDW Specifications).
Reconsideration initiator	A code that identifies the party that initiated a reconsideration (refer Item H4 in the CDW Specifications).
Reconsideration received date	<p>The date a request for reconsideration is received by the determining authority. This is identified by the Reconsideration request received date (refer Item H3 in the CDW Specifications).</p> <p>Where the claimant or employer requests a reconsideration, and seeks an extension of time to supply additional information, or indicates that further information will be forthcoming, the date of receipt may be taken to be the date when all additional information is received from the claimant or employer. In these cases, the Reconsideration request received date should reflect the date the additional information was received. There is no scope to adjust the date of receipt if information is sought by the determining authority from either the employer or the employee.</p>
Reviewable decision	A flag that identifies claims for which the determining authority has taken over liability from another body (refer Item B33 in the CDW Specifications).
Serious claim	A claim which has reached one or more weeks of lost time (a week being equal to the normal weekly hours for the worker).
SRC Act	<i>Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988.</i>
Takeover claim flag	A flag that identifies claims for which the determining authority has taken over liability from another body (refer Item B33 in the CDW Specifications).
TOOCS	The Type of Occurrence Classification System (TOOCS) provides a system for coding the circumstances surrounding an injury/disease occurrence. The current classification system in use is the 3rd edition, revision 1 (TOOCS3.1).
WHS Act	<i>Work Health and Safety Act (Cwth) 2011.</i>

VERSION CONTROL

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1.0	July 2017	Original version