

Changes to Weekly payments

Weekly payments now provide 95% of your pre-injury average weekly earnings during the first 13 weeks.

The new entitlements are dependent on:

- the period for which you have been receiving weekly payments
- your capacity for work – **as assessed by the insurer** – and your work status.

0–13 weeks	95% of pre injury earnings See A below	
14 weeks– 2.5 years	If you're working 15 or more hours per week	If you're not working 15 or more hours per week
	95% of pre injury earnings See A below	80 per cent of pre injury earnings See B below

Note: after 1 year, overtime and shift allowance are excluded from pre-injury average weekly earnings.

2.5–5 years	If you have no work capacity indefinitely, or If you're working 15+ hours and earning \$155+ per week, and are unable to increase how much you work/earn indefinitely	If you have some work capacity but are not working 15+ hours and earning \$155+ per week, or If you could increase how much you work/earn
	80 per cent of pre injury earnings see B below	Your weekly payments cease

Note: there is some special compensation for incapacity resulting from injury-related surgery available from 144 weeks.

5+ years	If you are 'seriously injured' (30+% permanent impairment), or If you have 21–30% permanent impairment and either: have no work capacity, or are working 15+ hours and earning \$155+ per week	If you have 20% or less permanent impairment, or If you have 21–30% permanent impairment and some work capacity but are not working 15+ hours and earning \$155+ per week
	See B below	Your weekly payments cease

A

You are entitled to the lesser of:

- 95 per cent of your pre-injury average weekly earnings, less any current weekly earnings and the value of any non-pecuniary benefits – eg motor vehicle use provided by your employer
- the maximum weekly compensation amount*, less any current weekly earnings and the value of any non-pecuniary benefits

B

You are entitled to the lesser of:

- 80 per cent of your pre-injury average weekly earnings, less any current weekly earnings and the value of any non-pecuniary benefits – eg motor vehicle use provided by your employer
- the maximum weekly compensation amount*, less any current weekly earnings and the value of any non-pecuniary benefits

*The maximum compensation amount from 1/10/2012–31/3/2013 is \$1868.50.

Once you reach Commonwealth retirement age, you are no longer entitled to weekly payments.

Note: if you made your claim prior to 1 October 2012, then your entitlement to weekly payments will continue under the old system until the insurer conducts a work capacity assessment and makes a work capacity decision. Following that, your claim will transition to the new system, with a 'transitional amount' (which is \$920.90 at 1 January 2013, indexed bi-annually) used as your deemed pre-injury average weekly earnings.