



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

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

NOTICE NO 02/2005

MAXIMUM LEVEL OF BENEFITS

Background

1. Subsection 31(7) of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* provides for a ceiling on weekly incapacity payments after the first 45 weeks.
2. This ceiling is 150% of the Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full Time Adults (AWOTEFA). The AWOTEFA is updated quarterly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
3. The updated AWOTEFA figure is:

Date of Effect	AWOTEFA	150% of AWOTEFA
24/02/2005	\$973.20	\$1,459.80

4. The next increase is expected in May 2005.
5. Calculation of entitlements under subsection 31(7) should be made using the above amount.
6. Any issues relevant to this advice may be directed to:

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