



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

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

NOTICE NO 03/2010

INDEXATION OF COMPENSATION BENEFITS (effective 1 July 2010)

1. The purpose of this advice is to inform maritime industry organisations and other interested parties about the new indexation factors to be applied in accordance with section 23 and 23A of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* (Seafarers Act).
2. Section 23 of the Seafarers Act requires the movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Wage Price Index (WPI) be measured from one December quarter to the next December quarter. This movement is applied to nominated sections of the Seafarers Act and may result in an increase in entitlements. The increase, if any, applies from 1 July the following year.
3. The new indexation will come into effect on 1 July 2010. The indexation factors are:
 - 1.029 for subsections 29(3) – 29(5)
 - 1.021 for subsections 30(2), 31(9) – 31(11), 39(9), 41(2), 43(2), 43(3) and 44(1).
4. The amounts applicable effective **from 1 July 2010** are:

Subsection	Nature of Compensation Benefit	Amount (\$)	Indexation Factor
29(3)	Death – dependant/s wholly dependent	442,177.76	WPI – 1.029
29(4)	Death – dependant/s partly dependent – maximum	442,177.76	WPI – 1.029

29(5)	Death – dependent prescribed child – amount per week	121.60	WPI – 1.029
30(2)	Funeral expenses – maximum	5,513.67	CPI – 1.021
31(9)	Incapacity – minimum per week	402.06	CPI – 1.021
31(10)	Incapacity – dependant prescribed person/s – additional amount	99.56	CPI – 1.021
31(11)	Incapacity – dependant prescribed child/children – additional amount	49.75	CPI – 1.021
39(9)	Permanent impairment – maximum	159,236.05	CPI – 1.021
41(2)	Non-economic loss – formula amount for: degree of permanent impairment degree of non-economic loss	29,856.78 29,856.78	CPI – 1.021
43(2)(a)	Household services – maximum per week	398.08	CPI – 1.021
43(2)(b)	Household services – amount specified in minimum payment provision	796.16	CPI – 1.021
43(4)	Attendant care services – maximum per week	398.08	CPI – 1.021
44(1)	Redemption of compensation ceiling – maximum per week	99.56	CPI – 1.021

5. Entitlements should be calculated under these sections using the above amounts.
6. Any enquiries relating to this notice may be directed to the Secretariat & Seacare Management Section.

Secretariat and Seacare Management Section
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