



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

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

**NOTICE NO 04/2009**

**INCREASED DEATH BENEFITS**  
(effective 4 June 2009 to 30 June 2009)

1. Section 29 of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* (Seafarers Act) provides for the payment of compensation to the dependants of an employee where work related injuries result in death.
2. The benefits for dependants under s29 have been increased with effect from 4 June 2009 following proclamation of the *Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Act 2009*.
3. Entitlements should be calculated using the following amounts:

<b>Subsection</b>	<b>Nature of Compensation Benefit</b>	<b>4 June 2009- 30 June 2009</b>
29(3)	Death – dependant/s wholly dependent	\$412,000.00
29(4)	Death – dependant/s partly dependent – maximum	\$412,000.00
29(5)	Death – dependent prescribed child – amount per week	\$113.30

4. These benefits will again increase from 1 July 2009 as a consequence of the new s23A of the Seafarers Act, which provides for their indexation using the movement in the Wage Price Index (WPI), rather than as previously the Consumer Price Index (CPI). See Notice No 5/2009.
5. Any enquiries relating to this notice may be directed to the Secretariat & Seacare Management Section.

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