



NOTICE TO MARITIME INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE NO 07/2011

INDEXATION OF COMPENSATION BENEFITS (effective 01 July 2011)

1. This Notice revokes and replaces Seacare Notice No. 03/2011 issued on 29 June 2011.
2. 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 sections 23 and 23A of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* (Seafarers Act).
3. 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.
4. The new indexation will come into effect on 1 July 2011. The indexation factors are:
 - 1.038 for subsections 29(3) – 29(5)
 - 1.027 for subsections 30(2), 31(9) – 31(11), 39(9), 41(2), 43(2), 43(3) and 44(1).
5. The amounts applicable effective **from 1 July 2011** are:

Subsection	Nature of Compensation Benefit	Amount (\$)	Indexation Factor
29(3)	Death – dependant/s wholly dependent	458,980.51	WPI – 1.038
29(4)	Death – dependant/s partly dependent – maximum	458,980.51	WPI – 1.038
29(5)	Death – dependent prescribed child – amount per week	126.22	WPI – 1.038
30(2)	Funeral expenses – maximum	10,412.50	CPI – 1.027
31(9)	Incapacity – minimum per week	412.92	CPI – 1.027
31(10)	Incapacity – dependant prescribed person/s – additional amount	102.25	CPI – 1.027
31(11)	Incapacity – dependant prescribed child/children – additional amount	51.09	CPI – 1.027
39(9)	Permanent impairment – maximum	163,535.42	CPI – 1.027

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41(2)	Non-economic loss – formula amount for: degree of permanent impairment degree of non-economic loss	30,662.91 30,662.91	CPI – 1.027
43(2)(a)	Household services – maximum per week	408.83	CPI – 1.027
43(2)(b)	Household services – amount specified in minimum payment provision	817.66	CPI – 1.027
43(4)	Attendant care services – maximum per week	408.83	CPI – 1.027
44(1)	Redemption of compensation ceiling – maximum per week	102.25	CPI – 1.027

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

Seacare Management Section
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