NOTICE TO MARITIME INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS 
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE NO 01/2013

MAXIMUM LEVEL OF BENEFITS (EFFECTIVE 21 FEBRUARY 2013)

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 published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

3. The latest published AWOTEFA figure (November 2012 reference period) is $1,393.00.

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4. Calculation of entitlements under subsection 31(7) should be made using the amount of $2,089.50.

5. The ABS have advised that the frequency of publication of average weekly earnings will change from quarterly to biannually. The November 2012 reference period is the first produced on a biannual basis.

6. The next AWOTEFA update is expected to be released on 22 August 2013.

7. Any enquiries relating to this notice may be directed to the Seacare Management Section.

Seacare Management Section
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