



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

NOTICE NO 06/2002

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
14/11/2002	\$878.80	\$1,318.20

4. The next increase is expected in March 2003.
5. Calculation of subsection 31(7) should be made using the above amount.
6. Any issues relevant to this advice maybe directed to:

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