

# Commonwealth Employees' Compensation

No. 96 of 1967

An Act to increase certain amounts of Compensation payable to Employees of the Commonwealth and to amend the *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1964* in relation to Decimal Currency

[Assented to 9 November 1967]

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1967*.

(2.) The *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1964*\* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930-1967*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Medical benefits.

3. Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2B.) the words "Five hundred pounds" and inserting in their stead the words "One thousand dollars".

Compensation for certain injuries.

4. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:—

"(1.) Subject to this Act, where an employee sustains, by accident arising out of or in the course of his employment, any of the injuries specified in Part I. of the Third Schedule to this Act, the compensation payable shall, when the injury results in incapacity other than total and permanent incapacity for work, be the amount of Ten thousand dollars.

"(1AA.) Subject to this Act, where an employee sustains, by accident arising out of or in the course of his employment, any of the injuries specified in the first column of Part II. of the Third Schedule to this Act, the compensation payable shall, when the injury results in incapacity other than total and permanent incapacity for work, be the amount equal to such percentage of the amount specified in the last preceding sub-section as is specified in the second column of that Part opposite the specification of the injury in the first column."

Maximum compensation.

5. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words "Four thousand three hundred pounds" and inserting in their stead the words "Ten thousand dollars".

\* Act No. 24, 1930, as amended by No. 8, 1944; No. 61, 1948; No. 80, 1950; No. 27, 1951; No. 15, 1954; No. 93, 1956; No. 98, 1959; No. 94, 1962; and No. 101, 1964.

6. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended as set out in the following table:—

First Schedule.

Provision amended	Omit—	Insert—
Paragraph (1.) (a) (i) ..	Four thousand three hundred pounds	Ten thousand dollars
Paragraph (1.) (a) (iii) ..	Sixty pounds	One hundred and twenty dollars
Paragraph (1.) (b) ..	Eleven pounds eleven shillings	Twenty-five dollars thirty-five cents
Paragraph (1.) (b) (i) ..	Two pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence	Six dollars
Paragraph (1.) (b) (ii) ..	One pound two shillings and sixpence	Two dollars forty-five cents
Paragraph (1.) (c) (i) ..	Eleven pounds eleven shillings	Twenty-five dollars thirty-five cents
Paragraph (1A.) (a) (ii) ..	Seven hundred pounds	One thousand six hundred and fifty dollars
Paragraph (1A.) (b) (iii) ..	Eight pounds thirteen shillings and threepence	Nineteen dollars
	Eleven pounds eleven shillings	Twenty-five dollars thirty-five cents
Paragraph (9A.) ..	than One hundred pounds and One hundred pounds	than Two hundred dollars and Two hundred dollars

7. The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the Schedule set out in the Schedule to this Act inserted in its stead.

Third Schedule.

8.—(1.) Where, immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, a person was receiving weekly payments under the *Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act* 1912 or was receiving, or was entitled to receive, weekly payments in accordance with the First Schedule to the Principal Act, he is, from and including that date, entitled to receive weekly payments in accordance with the Principal Act as amended this by Act.

Adjustment of weekly payments, &c., under prior Acts.

(2.) Where, before the date of commencement of this Act, an employee sustained an injury or contracted a disease in respect of which weekly payments in accordance with the First Schedule to the Principal Act would have been payable immediately before that date but for the fact that he was not then incapacitated for work, and on or after that date he becomes incapacitated for work as a result of the injury or disease, weekly payments in respect of that incapacity shall be in accordance with the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

(3.) Where, on or after the date of commencement of this Act, death results from an injury or a disease that was sustained or contracted before that date and in respect of which compensation was payable under the Principal Act, compensation shall be paid in respect of that death in accordance with the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

(4.) Where, immediately before the date of commencement of this Act, an employee was receiving, or was entitled to receive, weekly payments in accordance with the First Schedule to the Principal Act in respect of an injury or injuries sustained or a disease contracted before that date, the provisions of section 13 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act apply in relation to the injury, injuries or disease.

(5.) The amendments made by sections 4 and 7 of this Act apply in relation to an injury sustained on or after the date of commencement of this Act notwithstanding that the accident or disease that caused the injury occurred before that date.

## THE SCHEDULE

Sections 4 and 7.

SCHEDULE INSERTED IN THE PRINCIPAL ACT BY THIS ACT

## THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 12.

## PART I.

INJURIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION SPECIFIED IN  
SECTION 12 (1.) IS PAYABLE

Loss of both eyes  
 Loss of an only useful eye, the other being blind or absent  
 Loss of both hands  
 Loss of hand and foot  
 Loss of both feet

## PART II.

INJURIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH A PERCENTAGE OF THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION SPECIFIED IN  
SECTION 12 (1.) IS PAYABLE

First Column Nature of Injury	Second Column Percentage
Loss of one eye, with serious diminution of the sight of the other .. .. .	75
Loss of one eye .. .. .	40
Loss of hearing .. .. .	70
Complete deafness of one ear .. .. .	20
Loss of right arm or greater part of right arm .. .. .	80
Loss of left arm or greater part of left arm .. .. .	72
Loss of lower part of right arm, right hand or five fingers of right hand .. .. .	70
Loss of lower part of left arm, left hand or five fingers of left hand .. .. .	63
Loss of right thumb .. .. .	30
Loss of left thumb .. .. .	27
Loss of right forefinger .. .. .	20
Loss of left forefinger .. .. .	18
Loss of right middle finger .. .. .	16
Loss of left middle finger .. .. .	15
Loss of right ring finger .. .. .	14
Loss of left ring finger .. .. .	13
Loss of right little finger .. .. .	13
Loss of left little finger .. .. .	12
Loss of total movement of joint of right thumb .. .. .	14
Loss of total movement of joint of left thumb .. .. .	13
Loss of distal phalanx or joint of right thumb .. .. .	16
Loss of distal phalanx or joint of left thumb .. .. .	15
Loss of portion of terminal segment of right thumb involving one-third of its flexor surface without loss of distal phalanx or joint .. .. .	14
Loss of portion of terminal segment of left thumb involving one-third of its flexor surface without loss of distal phalanx or joint .. .. .	13
Loss of two phalanges or joints of right forefinger .. .. .	12
Loss of two phalanges or joints of left forefinger .. .. .	11
Loss of two phalanges or joints of right middle or ring finger .. .. .	11
Loss of two phalanges or joints of left middle or ring finger .. .. .	10
Loss of two phalanges or joints of right little finger .. .. .	10
Loss of two phalanges or joints of left little finger .. .. .	9
Loss of distal phalanx or joint of right forefinger .. .. .	10
Loss of distal phalanx or joint of left forefinger .. .. .	9
Loss of distal phalanx or joint of other finger of right hand .. .. .	8
Loss of distal phalanx or joint of other finger of left hand .. .. .	7
Loss of leg above knee .. .. .	75
Loss of leg below knee .. .. .	65
Loss of foot .. .. .	60
Loss of great toe .. .. .	20
Loss of any other toe .. .. .	8
Loss of two phalanges or joints of any other toe .. .. .	7
Loss of phalanx or joint of great toe .. .. .	10
Loss of phalanx or joint of any other toe .. .. .	6