



**THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (INCREASED AMOUNTS)  
ORDER 1976**

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DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General  
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 12th day of April 1976

Present:

THE HON. B. E. TALBOYS PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Accident Compensation Act 1972, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following order.

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**ORDER**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This order may be cited as the Accident Compensation (Increased Amounts) Order 1976.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 27th day of January 1976.

**2. Interpretation**—In this order the expression “the Act” means the Accident Compensation Act 1972.

**3. Increase in relevant earnings**—In any case where relevant earnings have been ascertained or are to be ascertained in respect of incapacity as a result of an accident that occurred before the 27th day of January 1976, and the incapacity commences or continues on or after that date, the amount for the time being of the relevant earnings ascertained or to be ascertained under the provisions of section 104 of the Act (which was substituted by section 11 of the Accident Compensation Amendment Act 1975) is hereby increased by 6 percent in relation to the period commencing on the 27th day of January 1976 or on the date on which the incapacity commences, whichever is the later:

Provided that the maximum amount of the increase shall be \$3.60.

**4. Increase in earnings related compensation**—(1) In any case where earnings related compensation is payable under any of the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of section 123 (1) of the Act as the result

of the death of a person occurring on or before the 26th day of January 1976, and the compensation commences or continues to be payable on or after that date, the amount of the compensation is hereby increased, in relation to the period commencing on the 27th day of January 1976 or on the date on which the compensation commences to be payable, whichever is the later, as follows:

(a) In the case of earnings related compensation payable to a widow or widower under section 123 (1) (a) of the Act, by an amount of \$1.50 a week:

(b) In the case of earnings related compensation payable to a child under section 123 (1) (b) of the Act, by an amount of 50 cents a week:

Provided that the total amount of the increase payable in respect of all the children of any one deceased person shall not exceed \$1.50 a week:

(c) In the case of earnings related compensation payable under section 123 (1) (c) of the Act:

(i) To a dependant who was a *de facto* spouse of the deceased person, by an amount of \$1.50 a week:

(ii) To all other dependants, by an amount of 50 cents a week.

(2) In any case where the total amount of the increase payable under paragraph (b) of subclause (1) of this clause would (apart from the proviso to that paragraph) exceed \$1.50 a week, the amount payable under that paragraph shall abate equally so as to reduce the total amount of the increase to \$1.50 a week.

P. G. MILLEN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order is made pursuant to sections 104 (8) and 114 (9) of the Accident Compensation Act 1972 (as now amended), and provides for increases on and after 27 January 1976 in the amounts of relevant earnings and earnings related compensation in the circumstances specified in clauses 3 and 4.

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Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 14 April 1976.

This order is administered by the Accident Compensation Commission.