

Serial Number **1954/230****THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ORDER 1954**


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C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington this 15th day of December 1954

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Workers' Compensation Act 1922, 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. (1) This order may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Order 1954.

(2) This order shall come into force on the seventh day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

(3) Except as provided in clause 8 hereof, nothing in this order shall apply with respect to claims for compensation in respect of accidents happening before the date of the commencement of this order.

2. In this order the expression "the Act" means the Workers' Compensation Act 1922.

3. For the purposes of paragraph (a) of section 4 (1) of the Act (as substituted by section 3 (1) of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1953),—

(a) The minimum amount of compensation shall be £850:

(b) The maximum amount of compensation shall be £2,430.

4. For the purposes of paragraph (d) of section 4 (1) of the Act (as substituted by section 3 (2) of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1953), the maximum amount of compensation shall be £2,770.

5. For the purposes of section 54 of the Act (as amended by section 3 (3) of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1953), the maximum amount of compensation shall be £2,770.

6. For the purposes of subsection (8) of section 5 of the Act (as substituted by section 3 (4) of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1953), the maximum amount of compensation shall be £2,430.

7. (1) For the purposes of subsection (5) of section 5 of the Act (as substituted by section 4 (1) of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1953),—

(a) The minimum amount of compensation shall be £2 5s. a week:

(b) The maximum amount of compensation shall be £9 1s. a week.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (6) of section 5 of the Act (as substituted by section 4 (1) of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1953), the maximum amount of compensation shall be £9 1s. a week.

8. This order shall apply with respect to compensation payable after the date of the commencement of this order in respect of accidents happening before or on or after that date.

9. The Workers' Compensation Order 1953\* is hereby revoked.

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

\* Statutory Regulations 1953, Serial number 1953/174, page 828.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order increases the maximum and minimum payments of workers' compensation as a result of the recent general order of the Court of Arbitration increasing rates of remuneration.

The maximum amount of compensation payable on death or incapacity is increased from £2,370 to £2,430, or from £2,700 to £2,770 in cases where weekly payments and a lump sum on death are both paid.

The minimum amount payable on death is increased from £825 to £850.

As regards weekly payments, the minimum amount is increased from £2 4s. to £2 5s. a week, and the maximum amount is increased from £8 16s. to £9 1s. a week.

The increases apply to compensation payable after the date of the commencement of the order (which is the seventh day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*) in respect of accidents happening before or on or after the date of commencement.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Labour.