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*Accident Compensation Act 1985*  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
ACCIDENT COMPENSATION  
REGULATIONS 1985

Amendments to the *Accident Compensation Act 1985* came into effect on 1 December 1987.

It is proposed to prescribe certain rates, time periods, forms and particulars to give effect to those amendments.

The amendments to the Regulations are proposed to take effect from 4 January 1988 and will:

extend the application of the rate of interest of 20 per cent per annum compound to unpaid death benefits, specified unpaid weekly payments and repayment of compensation wrongly received by a person convicted of an offence;

give effect to the provision of the Act which makes it mandatory for a claim to be accompanied by the medical certificate which is already prescribed;

specify the particulars required to be stated in an offer of employment made under section 112 of the Act;

specify the form of notices which the Accident Compensation Commission or a self-insurer may give to a worker requiring the worker to actively seek employment, to give adequate evidence of an active search for employment or to undertake a suitable training program;

specify the form in which the Victorian Accident Rehabilitation Council will provide a report to the Commission or a self-insurer

on the status of a worker undertaking a rehabilitation program;

specify 20 per cent of the amount of weekly payments accrued to be the amount which may be added to weekly payments due to an injured worker whose claim was disputed in the knowledge that reasonable grounds for the dispute did not exist; and

specify the period within which the Commission must reimburse an employer for compensation paid to a worker and the rate of interest payable on overdue reimbursements.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared as required by the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1962*. The Statement concludes that the benefit from implementing the measures, which are necessary to give effect to the amendments to the *Accident Compensation (Amendment) Act 1985*, justify the making of the amendments to the Regulations.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed amendments to the Regulations are available from the Social Economics Unit, Department of Management and Budget, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne, 3002 (telephone Mr D. Davis (03) 651 5400).

Public comments and submissions are invited and should be lodged in writing at the above address by close of business on 29 December 1987.

Dated 8 December 1987

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