

Permanent impairment claim – exempt workers



State Insurance
Regulatory Authority

Workers Compensation Act 1987

Claimant name

Date of Injury

Claim number

Only complete this form if you are an exempt injured worker (such as – a police officer, paramedic, firefighter, volunteer bush fire fighter, emergency service volunteer or coal miner).

This form should be submitted to make a claim for workers compensation for permanent impairment.

This claim can only be made where the maximum medical improvement has been reached.

This is considered to occur when the worker's condition has stabilised and is unlikely to change substantially in the next year with or without medical treatment.

Help with completing this form

For injured workers: contact the insurer in the first instance, or alternatively the Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) on 13 94 76.

For employers, insurers and other stakeholders: contact SIRA on 13 10 50.

Section 1: Have you previously submitted a *Worker's injury claim form* in respect of this injury?

Yes No If no, this claim form must also be completed.

Section 2: Worker's details

Title Family name

Given names

Street address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Section 3: Insurer details

Claim number, if known

Insurer

Section 4: Injury details

Do not complete if the claim relates to noise induced hearing loss. Go straight to section 6.

Date of injury (DD/MM/YYYY)

Clarification of date of injury if required (for example where the injury is a disease of gradual process)

Body system affected by the injury is

Percentage whole person impairment
claimed or percentage loss is

%

Section 5: Previous injury(ies) or pre-existing conditions

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Are there any previous injury(ies) or pre-existing conditions to which any proportion of the impairment may be due?

Yes No

If Yes, give details of any such previous injury(ies) or pre-existing conditions.

Is there any previous employment to which any proportion of the impairment may be due?

Yes No

If Yes, give details of such employment. Include employer's name, address, occupation period of employment and if a compensation claim was made.

Have you received any lump sum workers compensation for your impairment due to your current or previous employment?

Yes No

If Yes, give details of workers compensation received. Include the date of injury, body system/part, % whole person impairment or loss, insurer, claim number and amount of compensation received.

Section 6: Hearing loss claims

Complete if the claim is for noise induced hearing loss

Employers details. The employer to who notice of injury is given.

Business or company name

Street address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Business activity

If you are no longer employed by the above employer, what was your last day of employment with that employer? (DD/MM/YYYY)

Employment history – Occupation

Give details of work history in any noisy workplace in Australia or overseas over the five-year period preceding this claim. You should include any work as an employee, in self-employment, partnership, military service or otherwise. Even if you are unsure how noisy the work may have been, include these details. Provide details of the employer/business/other name, address, occupation and period of employment.

Have you been paid any compensation for loss of hearing in Australia or elsewhere?

Yes No

If Yes, please give details

Section 7: Pain and suffering

An exempt injured worker may receive a separate payment for pain and suffering where:

- An injury sustained before 1 January 2002 results in a permanent loss or losses of 10% or more of the maximum amount referred to in the Table of Disabilities applicable at 31 December 2001 – refer to *SIRA workers compensation benefits guide*
- An injury sustained on or after 1 January 2002 results in a level of permanent impairment at or above 10% (or 15% for a primary psychological injury).

If you are claiming compensation under section 67 of the historic version of the 1987 Act as at 26 June 2012 please provide details of the pain and suffering resulting from the permanent impairment or treatment including impact on work, domestic and leisure activities.

Amount claimed for pain and suffering \$

which is % of the maximum amount claimable under section 67 for a most extreme case)

Section 8: Documents attached in support of claim

This claim must be supported by a medical report from a medical specialist.

- If the injury was sustained before 1 January 2002 the medical report must support the amount of loss claimed
- If the injury was sustained on or after 1 January 2002, the medical report must be from a permanent impairment assessor listed on the SIRA website as trained in the assessment of the part or body system being assessed. This may be the worker's own treating specialist. The names of these specialists can be found on www.sira.nsw.gov.au
- If the claim relates to hearing loss a copy of the audiogram used by the medical specialist in preparing the report must also be attached

List the document, author and date

Section 9: Declaration

I, _____ (print name)
have read the information provided in this form. I declare that the information I have supplied in this form, and any attachment to this form, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the making of a false or misleading claim or a false or misleading statement in support of the claim is punishable by law and that if I make such a statement I may be prosecuted.

Signature of injured worker

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)