



## *Permanent injury claims*

### Workers Comp Fact Sheet 10

#### **How to make a claim if you suffer a permanent injury**

In addition to claiming for the loss of your income and also medical, hospital and treatment expenses such as physiotherapy expenses, you may also be able to make a claim if you have suffered a permanent injury. For example, if you have an operation on your knee and you do not recover the full range of movement then you may be entitled to make a claim for what is known as a permanent impairment.

#### **How do I know if I am eligible to make a claim?**

If you have suffered an injury and the permanent impairment can be determined quickly, such as loss of sight in one eye, or hearing loss or had a partial limb amputation, **you are entitled to make an application for a lump sum immediately.**

If you have a severe back or knee injury then these types of injuries can take up to 12 months to be determined. This is on the basis that certain injuries take this amount of time to stabilise or settle down.

For more information please contact your union. This Literature is recommended as a guide only and is not a substitute for professional or legal advice. If you need clarification or further advice please consult your Union for further information or *Contact the Workers Health Centre. The [Workers Health Centre](#) is a non-profit organisation that has provided workers with quality health and safety services since 1976.*

**If you are an Injured Worker and in need of assistance and support when injured, please contact us**

**The Injured Workers Support Network**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Website:**

**The Injured Workers Support Network is a Not for Profit Organisation.**

**Who can participate?**

- All injured workers
- Any immediate family or support persons of injured workers.

**If interested in further information concerning meetings, membership or other forms of support for the Injured Workers Support Network, please contact us.**