



Australian Capital Territory

Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2008

A2008-30

An Act to amend the *Workers Compensation Act 1951*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Workers Compensation Amendment Act 2008*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Workers Compensation Act 1951*.

4 New section 70 (1) (aa)

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(aa) in relation to the cost of alteration to the worker's place of residence—the cost of the alteration if—

- (i) the worker has an impairment as a result of the injury; and
- (ii) the worker has received, or is receiving, medical treatment in relation to the injury; and
- (iii) the alteration is reasonably required by the worker in relation to the worker's impairment; and

Note See also s 73A and s 73B.

5 New sections 73A and 73B

insert

73A Working out costs of alterations to residences

The following matters must be considered when working out the amount of compensation payable in relation to a worker under section 70 (1) (aa):

- (a) the likely period for which the alteration will be required;
- (b) any difficulty faced by the worker in gaining access to, or enjoying reasonable freedom of movement in the worker's place of residence;
- (c) if the worker previously received compensation under section 70 (1) (aa) in relation to an alteration to the worker's place of residence and later disposed of the place—whether the value of that place increased as a result of the alteration.

73B Payments for costs of alterations to residences

For section 70 (1) (aa), a regulation may prescribe—

- (a) what is or is not included in the cost of an alteration; and
- (b) when an alteration is or is not reasonably required by a worker in relation to the worker's impairment.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 26 June 2008.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on 13 August 2008.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Workers Compensation Amendment Bill 2008, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 5 August 2008.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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