



HEARING TEST & CLAIM PROCEDURE



Free Hearing Tests

If you are over 40 years of age and worked in the building industry, it is likely that you have suffered hearing loss.

Compensation for Hearing Loss

Under the Workers Compensation Act there is provision for compensation for compensation to workers who have suffered hearing loss due to noise at the workplace

Compensation for hearing loss is not payable unless hearing loss is six percent binaural or more which is equivalent to 3% whole person impairment. For injuries sustained before 1 January 2007, 6% hearing loss entitles you to claim \$3,750.00. For injuries sustained after 1 January 2007, 6% hearing loss entitles you to claim \$4,125.00. A binaural hearing loss of 18.4% or more would entitle you to claim an additional amount of for pain and suffering. This compensation is non-taxable and the hearing test and legal work is done free for financial union members. On the back of this leaflet is a schedule outlining the rates of compensation payable for hearing loss.

If you require a hearing aid, a quote will be obtained and a claim submitted on your behalf. This cost is payable by the insurance company. This is payable in addition to any compensation settlement you receive.

If your employer has paid workers compensation top-up union insurance you may receive an additional compensation payment.

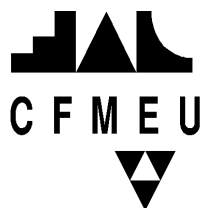
What you should do?

Contact the CFMEU on ph (02) 9749 0480 for more information and to organise a hearing test.

Union solicitors can also advise you about compensation for other past injuries. It is possible you have claims you are probably unaware of. This expert advise and assistance is provided free of charge.

On-Site Testing

The CFMEU can also organise testing on site for a group of workers. Contact the CFMEU Counter Organiser for information in respect of on-site testing on phone 9749 0400



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**BENEFITS PAYABLE FOR PERMANENT INJURIES RECEIVED
ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2002 TO 31 DECEMBER 2006**

(Note 8) (Section 66 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987)

Maximum amount payable for multiple injuries (Note 9)						\$200,000	
Maximum amount payable for back impairment (See Note 8)						\$210,000	
Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit	Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit	Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit	Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit
0%	\$0	19%	\$26,000	38%	\$72,000	57%	\$137,000
1%	\$1,250	20%	\$27,000	39%	\$75,000	58%	\$140,500
2%	\$2,500	21%	\$30,000	40%	\$77,500	59%	\$144,000
3%	\$3,750	22%	\$32,500	41%	\$81,000	60%	\$147,000
4%	\$5,000	23%	\$35,000	42%	\$84,500	61%	\$151,000
5%	\$6,250	24%	\$37,500	43%	\$88,000	62%	\$154,500
6%	\$7,500	25%	\$40,000	44%	\$91,500	63%	\$158,000
7%	\$8,750	26%	\$42,500	45%	\$95,000	64%	\$161,500
8%	\$10,000	27%	\$45,000	46%	\$98,500	65%	\$165,000
9%	\$11,250	28%	\$47,500	47%	\$102,000	66%	\$169,500
10%	\$12,500	29%	\$50,000	48%	\$105,500	67%	\$172,000
11%	\$14,000	30%	\$53,500	49%	\$109,000	68%	\$175,500
12%	\$15,500	31%	\$55,000	50%	\$112,500	69%	\$179,000
13%	\$17,000	32%	\$57,500	51%	\$116,000	70%	\$182,500
14%	\$18,500	33%	\$60,000	52%	\$119,500	71%	\$186,000
15%	\$20,000	34%	\$62,500	53%	\$123,000	72%	\$189,500
16%	\$21,500	35%	\$65,000	54%	\$126,500	73%	\$193,000
17%	\$23,000	36%	\$67,500	55%	\$130,000	74%	\$196,500
18%	\$24,500	37%	\$70,000	56%	\$133,500	75%	\$200,000

**BENEFITS PAYABLE FOR PERMANENT INJURIES RECEIVED
ON OR AFTER 1 JANUARY 2007**

(Notes 11 & 10) (Section 66 of Workers Compensation Act 1987)

Maximum amount payable for multiple injuries (Note 12)						\$22,000	
Maximum amount payable for back impairment (see Notes 10 & 11)						\$230,000	
Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit	Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit	Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit	Degree of permanent impairment	Benefit
0%	\$0	19%	\$28,600	38%	\$79,750	57%	\$150,700
1%	\$1,375	20%	\$30,250	39%	\$82,500	58%	\$154,550
2%	\$2,750	21%	\$33,000	40%	\$82,250	59%	\$158,400
3%	\$4,125	22%	\$35,750	41%	\$89,100	60%	\$162,250
4%	\$5,500	23%	\$38,500	42%	\$92,950	61%	\$166,100
5%	\$6,875	24%	\$41,250	43%	\$96,800	62%	\$169,950
6%	\$8,250	25%	\$44,000	44%	\$100,650	63%	\$173,800
7%	\$9,625	26%	\$46,750	45%	\$104,500	64%	\$177,650
8%	\$11,000	27%	\$49,500	46%	\$108,350	65%	\$181,500
9%	\$12,375	28%	\$52,250	47%	\$112,200	66%	\$185,350
10%	\$13,750	29%	\$55,000	48%	\$116,050	67%	\$189,200
11%	\$15,400	30%	\$57,750	49%	\$119,900	68%	\$193,050
12%	\$17,050	31%	\$60,500	50%	\$123,750	69%	\$196,900
13%	\$18,700	32%	\$63,250	51%	\$127,600	70%	\$200,750
14%	\$20,350	33%	\$66,000	52%	\$131,450	71%	\$204,600
15%	\$22,000	34%	\$68,750	53%	\$135,300	72%	\$208,450
16%	\$23,650	35%	\$71,500	54%	\$139,150	73%	\$212,300
17%	\$25,300	36%	\$74,250	55%	\$143,000	74%	\$216,150
18%	\$26,950	37%	\$77,000	56%	\$146,850	75%	\$220,000