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Accident Compensation Act 1985

MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 119L

I, Robert Graham Cameron, Minister for WorkCover, hereby issue the attached Ministerial Directions under section 119L of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**.

BOB CAMERON MP Minister for WorkCover Dated 5 August 2002

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 119L

Objective

- 1. The objective of these Directions is to amend the Principal Directions to
 - (a) widen the categories of persons from whom financial advice may be received; and
 - (b) include payment as an alternative to reimbursement of a worker's reasonable costs in obtaining financial and legal advice before applying for a settlement.

Authorising Provision

2. These Directions are issued under section 119L of the Accident Compensation Act 1985.

Principal Directions

3. In these Directions, the Directions issued under section 119L of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** and published in the Government Gazette on 28 February 2002 (Gazette No. S 39), as amended by the Directions issued under section 119L of the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** and published in the Government Gazette on 14 June 2002 (Gazette No. S 99), are called the Principal Directions.

Commencement

4. These Directions take effect on the day after the day on which they are published in the Government Gazette.

Categories of persons from whom financial advice may be received

- 5. In Direction 12(b) of the Principal Directions, for sub-paragraph (iii) substitute:
 - "(iii) a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia; or
 - (iv) a member of the National Institute of Accountants.".
- 6. In the Notes after Direction 12, after note (3), **insert**
 - "(4) The National Institute of Accountants has information on persons who are members of the Institute. The Institute may be contacted on its web site at www.nia.org.au or on (03) 8665 3100.".

Payment or reimbursement for obtaining financial and legal advice

- 7. In the heading before Direction 18 of the Principal Directions, before "reimbursement" insert "Payment or".
- 8. In Direction 18 of the Principal Directions, after "pay" **insert** "or reimburse".
- 9. In Direction 19 of the Principal Directions after "seek" **insert** "payment or".
- 10. In Direction 20 of the Principal Directions
 - (a) before "reimburse" insert "pay or"; and
 - (b) before "reimbursement" (wherever occurring) **insert** "payment or".
- 11. In Direction 21 of the Principal Directions, after "Such" insert "payment or".

BOB CAMERON Minister for WorkCover

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