

Media Statement

WorkCover WA announces recommended premium rates for 2025-26

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WorkCover WA's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Rebecca Harris, announced the 2025-26 recommended premium rates for workers compensation insurance in Western Australia.

The recommended premium rates are set annually by WorkCover WA and apply to compulsory workers compensation insurance in Western Australia.

Ms Harris said the average recommended premium rate for 2025-26 is set at 1.823% of total wages. This represents a 5.3% increase from the 2024-25 rate of 1.732% of total wages.

"Each year, the Western Australian recommended premium rates are reviewed to ensure sufficient premium is collected to meet the costs of workers compensation claims. Higher average claim size, claim numbers and projected wages are key drivers for the 2025-26 increase," she said.

The increase is inclusive of a once-off retrospective allowance due to benefit changes introduced by the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023* for payments made from 1 July 2024 onwards related to claims arising from policies underwritten on or before 30 June 2024.

The rates are based on independent assessments by the scheme actuary, Scyne Advisory, and consider the number and cost of workers compensation claims, together with external impacts such as movements in interest rates and wages.

While WorkCover WA sets the recommended premium rates, insurers can vary premiums, including discounts, according to individual claim experience and other factors.

The full report detailing the recommended premium rates is available on the WorkCover WA website.

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