

## Victoria - WorkCover FAQs

### Who is entitled to WorkCover compensation?

All workers are entitled to workers compensation for work injuries / disease.

These include:

- Full-time, part-time and casual workers
- Permanent and temporary workers
- Many self-employed contractors
- Owner-drivers
- Out workers, working from home

If you work for the Commonwealth Government your work injury claim will be covered under Comcare rather than WorkCover. If you are a proprietor of a small business which is incorporated you may be able to make a claim against your own company. If your business is not incorporated, Slater & Gordon can help with investigating alternative legal remedies.

### What kind of injuries does WorkCover give compensation for?

WorkCover provides compensation for:

- Injuries sustained at work, including during lunch and other breaks
- Pre-existing injuries aggravated by work
- Diseases or medical conditions made worse by work
- Injuries sustained at work functions
- Injuries sustained during work training sessions
- Injuries sustained while travelling in the course of work

### What if I am injured interstate or overseas?

If you are working away from your usual workplace and you are injured you may be covered.

### What if I am injured travelling between home and work?

If you are travelling between home and work and are injured you are not usually covered. However, if you are injured in a transport accident you may be entitled to compensation from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

### What about illnesses?

Diseases and medical conditions which may be covered by WorkCover include:

- Heart attack

- Stroke
- Cancer
- Lung conditions
- Dermatitis
- Psychiatric conditions

Work does not have to be the sole or major contributing factor to your injury.