

Why You Need Independent Legal Advice

Why you need independent legal advice from an expert TAC lawyer

- The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) has its own lawyers who advise it about its obligations to pay compensation, or not
- The TAC will not provide you with independent legal advice, nor will it automatically pay your full compensation entitlement, it is up to you to consult a TAC lawyer in regard to your TAC claim

It is critical that you obtain independent expert legal advice in the early stages from a TAC lawyer, of the claims process, to ensure:

- You are aware of the total range of TAC benefits and lump sum compensation available
- You are advised as to whether you will qualify for lump sum compensation and the process of obtaining it
- Evidence is collected when it is fresh and available to maximise your TAC claim entitlements
- You obtain the best possible outcome

TAC benefits, you could be entitled to

If you are injured in a transport accident, you could be entitled to a range of benefits, available irrespective of how the accident occurred. These benefits are paid by the TAC, and include:

- Payment of medical expenses
- Income loss payments when you are unable to work due to your injury
- A lump sum for any permanent impairment - the maximum payable is \$264,590

In addition you could claim a further lump sum payment if another party was at fault, or partly at fault for the accident. This is known as a common law claim.

The maximum benefit payable in a common law claim is:

- \$411,050 for pain and suffering compensation
- \$924,900 for financial loss compensation

Slater & Gordon will offer a No Win No Fee™ arrangement

This means you will not be required to pay our professional fees for the services of your TAC lawyer until the successful conclusion of your case. We will also offer to fund out-of-pocket expenses in some cases.

Our TAC lawyers have many years of experience in this area, providing you with personalised service for the best result.

If necessary we can arrange a home or hospital visit for you to talk to a Slater & Gordon TAC lawyer.

To find out what benefits you are entitled to, if the TAC are paying you the right benefits, or if you qualify for a lump sum or common law claim - call our expert TAC lawyers who are ready to advise you.