

**Minimum Weekly Compensation Estimate for Certain Injuries**  
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<b>Bodily Location And Injury Type</b>	<b>Minimum Estimate</b>
<b>GROUP 1: HEAD</b> (includes cranium, eye, ear, mouth, nose and face)	
Fracture of skull (without brain injury)	6 weeks
Fracture of jaw (without dislocation)	6 weeks
Fracture-dislocation of jaw	12 weeks
Concussion	1 week
Serious head injuries (including closed/open head and brain injuries, severe facial injuries involving face, nose and/or ear)	Refer to Chapter J
<b>Eye</b>	
Major burn/thermal injury	26 weeks
Moderate thermal or chemical burn	6 weeks
Foreign body (corneal) and abrasions	2 weeks
Foreign body (intraocular)	6 weeks
Conjunctivitis/chemical irritation	1 week
Contusions/bruising	1 week
Retinal detachment	6 weeks
<b>Ear</b>	
Perforated ear drum	2 weeks
<b>GROUP 2: NECK</b>	
Whiplash associated disorder (WAD) without radicular pain	4 weeks
Whiplash associated disorder (WAD) with radicular pain	12 weeks
Contusion/bruising/sprains	4 weeks
<b>Fracture:</b>	
to vertebral body	12 weeks
to spinous or transverse process	6 weeks
Fracture – dislocation	26 weeks
Fracture with spinal cord injury	Refer to Chapter J/Q
<b>GROUP 3: TRUNK</b> (includes upper/lower back, chest, abdomen and pelvic region)	
Acute or recurrent back pain (non-radicular)	4 weeks
Radicular back pain	12 weeks
<b>Fracture:</b>	
of vertebral body	12 weeks
of transverse or spinous process	6 weeks
of sacrum	4 weeks
of coccyx	4 weeks
Contusion/bruising (upper/lower back)	4 weeks
<b>Chest/thorax:</b>	
Closed rib fracture	4 weeks
Fracture with complications (eg: pneumothorax)	12 weeks
Contusion	1 week
Strain – intercostal muscles	1 week
<b>Abdomen and pelvic region</b>	
Hernia with repair by suture	8 weeks
Hernia with tension free or laparoscopic repair	4 weeks
Fracture of pelvis (without surgery)	12 weeks
Fracture of pelvis (with surgery)	26 weeks

<b>GROUP 4: UPPER LIMB</b> (including shoulder)	
<b>Shoulder:</b>	
Dislocation/subluxation (initial)	6 weeks
Dislocation/subluxation (recurrent)	10 weeks
Rotator cuff /scapular muscle (cumulative injury)	8 weeks
Rotator cuff/scapular muscles (traumatic injury)	12 weeks
Synovitis/tendonitis/ligament sprain	6 weeks
Other sprains/strains/contusions	4 weeks
Fracture – simple	8 weeks
Fracture – complex (no surgery)	12 weeks
Fracture – complex (with surgery)	16 weeks
Bursitis/impingement syndrome	8 weeks
Traumatic arthritis (acute)	6 weeks
<b>Upper arm</b>	
Fractured humerus	8 weeks
Tendon rupture	12 weeks
Tendonitis/sprain/contusion	6 weeks
<b>Elbow</b>	
Epicondylitis/bursitis/sprains	6 weeks
Fracture – simple	8 weeks
Complex fracture/fracture-dislocation	12 weeks
Ulnar nerve entrapment	12 weeks
Traumatic arthritis (acute)	6 weeks
<b>Forearm</b>	
Fracture – proximal radius/ulna	8 weeks
Sprain/contusion	4 weeks
Wrist flexor/extensor tendon rupture	12 weeks
<b>Wrist</b>	
Tenosynovitis/sprain/contusion	6 weeks
Fracture – scaphoid	12 weeks
Fracture – carpal (not scaphoid)	8 weeks
Carpal tunnel syndrome	8 weeks
Fracture-dislocation	12 weeks
Traumatic arthritis (acute)	6 weeks
<b>Hands/fingers/thumb</b>	
Fracture – simple (metacarpals/phalanges)	6 weeks
Fracture – complex with surgery	12 weeks
Sprain/contusion – finger/thumb	4 weeks
Tenosynovitis/De Quervain syndrome	6 weeks
Tendon rupture	12 weeks
Traumatic amputation - finger	12 weeks
<b>GROUP 5: LOWER LIMB</b> (including hip)	
<b>Hip</b>	
Fracture/dislocation (no surgery)	12 weeks
Fracture/dislocation (with surgery)	20 weeks
Tendonitis/bursitis	6 weeks
Traumatic arthritis (acute)	6 weeks
Sprain/contusion	4 weeks
Total hip replacement	26 weeks
<b>Upper leg</b>	
Thigh muscle strain	2 weeks
Fractured femur	12 weeks
Traumatic amputation	Refer to Chapter J/Q

<b>Knee</b>	
Fracture – simple	8 weeks
Fracture – complex (with surgery)	26 weeks
Dislocation (patella)	8 weeks
Knee replacement	26 weeks
Sprain/contusion (collateral ligaments)	4 weeks
Cruciate ligament sprain	6 weeks
Cruciate ligament rupture (with surgery)	12 weeks
Meniscus injury with surgery	6 weeks
Patella tendonitis	4 weeks
Patella bursitis	8 weeks
Patella disorders	5 weeks
Traumatic arthritis (acute)	6 weeks
<b>Lower leg</b>	
Tendonitis –(including Achilles tendonitis)	6 weeks
Fracture – tibia	12 weeks
Fracture – fibula	8 weeks
Achilles rupture	20 weeks
<b>Ankle</b>	
Fracture – simple	8 weeks
Fracture – complex (with/without dislocation)	12 weeks
Sprain/contusion	4 weeks
Traumatic arthritis (acute)	6 weeks
<b>Foot/toes</b>	
Fracture – tarsal/metatarsal	8 weeks
Fracture – phalanges	6 weeks
Sprain/contusion	4 weeks
Plantar fasciitis	6 weeks
Traumatic arthritis	6 weeks
Traumatic amputation – toe	12 weeks
<b>GROUP 6: NON-PHYSICAL LOCATIONS</b>	
<b>Psychological system</b> (including: Anxiety-related disorders; Depressive disorders; Adjustment disorders)	12 weeks
<b>GROUP 7: OTHER INJURIES/DISEASES</b>	
<b>Toxic reactions</b> (e.g.: bee sting)	1 week
<b>Paraplegia</b>	Refer to Chapter J/Q
<b>Quadriplegia</b>	Refer to Chapter J/Q
<b>Skin diseases</b> (e.g.: reactive dermatitis)	4 weeks
<b>Burns</b> (localised on limb/hand/foot/trunk/face)	
First degree	4 weeks
Second degree	6 weeks
Third degree	26 weeks
Severe burns (multiple locations)	Refer to Chapter J/Q
<b>Peripheral nerve injuries</b>	12 weeks
<b>Lacerations/puncture wounds</b>	
Simple	1 week
Complex (nerves or tendons involved)	12 weeks
<b>Infection</b>	
Superficial	2 weeks
Deep	8 weeks