

## COVID-19: WORKERS COMPENSATION REGULATORY RESPONSE

STATE	REGULATOR	GUIDANCE ON COMPENSATION LIABILITY FOR COVID-19 CLAIMS	REGULATORY CHANGES	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES OR FORECAST CHANGES	PAYMENT CODE CHANGES	GUIDANCE ON MEDICAL EXAMINATION
<b>ACT</b>	WorkSafe ACT	No guidance from Regulator and as of 31 March 2020 no reported cases. HWL Ebsworth advice - should be determined on the medical and factual evidence and in line with the <i>Workers Compensation Act 1951</i> (ACT).	NIL	There is presently no legislative changes in the ACT. However, with the increase of COVID-19 cases, the ACT might well introduce similar changes like the <i>COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Act 2020</i> in New South Wales.	NIL	NIL but some have been either postponed until later in the year or by video conference.
<b>NSW</b>	SIRA	<a href="https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/news/bulletins/workers-compensation-bulletin-issue-88-march-2020">https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/news/bulletins/workers-compensation-bulletin-issue-88-march-2020</a>	The <i>COVID-19 Legislative Amendment (Emergency Measures) Act 2020</i> - Allows for a degree of flexibility for certification.	NIL	<a href="https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/resources-library/list-of-sira-publications/coronavirus-covid-19/workers-compensation/health-care-practitioner-questions/what-are-the-new-payment-classification-codes-for-telehealth-services">https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/resources-library/list-of-sira-publications/coronavirus-covid-19/workers-compensation/health-care-practitioner-questions/what-are-the-new-payment-classification-codes-for-telehealth-services</a>	Encouragement of Telehealth Consultations and review of appropriateness of appointments.
<b>NT</b>	NT WorkSafe	<a href="https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/">https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/</a> <a href="https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/workers-compensation/covid-19-faqs">https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/workers-compensation/covid-19-faqs</a>	NIL	NIL	NIL	Guidance in relation to this can be found at: <a href="https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/workers-compensation/covid-19-faqs">https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/workers-compensation/covid-19-faqs</a>

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<b>QLD</b>	WorkSafe QLD	<a href="https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/claims-and-return-to-work/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-faqs">https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/claims-and-return-to-work/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-faqs</a>	NIL	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
<b>SA</b>	Return to Work Corporation SA	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	Postponed assessment of WPI.
<b>TAS</b>	WorkCover Tasmania	<a href="https://www.business.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/226378/Workers_Compensation_-_COVID-19_Fact_Sheet.pdf">https://www.business.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/226378/Workers_Compensation_-_COVID-19_Fact_Sheet.pdf</a>	The regulator has advised - "current legislative requirements remain in force; however, if you are unable to meet your regulatory obligations because of COVID-19 then we will take a reasonable and proportionate response."	NIL.	NIL.	If worker requested to attend an IME and has concerns about attending, they should contact the person who arranged the appointment.
<b>VIC</b>	Victorian WorkCover Authority	<a href="https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/minimising-spread-coronavirus-covid-19-working-home">https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/minimising-spread-coronavirus-covid-19-working-home</a>	NIL.	NIL.	<a href="https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/resources/worksafe-item-codes-telehealth-now-available">https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/resources/worksafe-item-codes-telehealth-now-available</a>	By telehealth where possible.
<b>WA</b>	WorkCover WA	<a href="https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au/news/workers-compensation-coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au/news/workers-compensation-coronavirus-covid-19/</a>	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	At discretion of provider.