



## WorkCover WA Bulletin for Approved Insurers (6/2011)

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**SUBJECT: NOISE INDUCED HEARING LOSS (NIHL) CLAIMS**

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### ***Purpose***

To provide clarification about the process for claiming for gradual onset NIHL and the relevant forms to be submitted.

### ***Information***

Claims for gradual onset NIHL cannot be initiated until a worker has undergone WorkCover WA approved audiometric tests to determine potential compensable NIHL.

Following audiometric testing, a worker who is found to have a compensable NIHL will be sent a Form 2C or Form 2CA (Election For Lump Sum Compensation for Noise Induced Hearing Loss) by WorkCover WA so the worker can initiate the process to claim workers' compensation for gradual onset NIHL from his or her current employer.

If an insurer receives a claim for gradual onset NIHL the claim form should be returned to the worker and the worker requested to contact the NIHL Unit, WorkCover WA on 1300 794 744. The NIHL Unit will then initiate further audiometric testing to determine whether the worker may pursue a claim.

Claims for sudden hearing loss due to an accident such as an explosion or head trauma can be claimed by a worker submitting a Form 2B (Workers' Compensation Claim Form) to their employer with a First Medical Certificate.

### ***Additional References***

For further information see the [Hearing Loss](#) page under the Workers section on the WorkCover WA website at [www.workcover.wa.gov.au](http://www.workcover.wa.gov.au).

### ***Approval***

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