

Use of PRC 85390 'Other Allied Health Services'

Background

The *WorkCover WA Industry Classification Order* provides for the assignment of WorkCover WA Premium Rating classifications (PRCs) to identify an employer's industry.

The system is based on the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006, with variations applied to accommodate specific characteristics of the Western Australian industrial environment (and based on actuarial advice).

The relevant PRC corresponds to or most closely describes the employer's **predominant business activity**. The predominant business activity is the one with the largest aggregate remuneration paid to workers over the policy period.

PRC 85390 'Other Allied Health Services'

WorkCover WA has observed inconsistencies in the use of PRC 85390 'Other Allied Health Services'. This PRC is expected to be used only where there is no other appropriate PRC available.

PRC 85390 applies to businesses providing allied health care services **not elsewhere classified** mainly engaged in the following primary activities:

- Acupuncture service
- Aromatherapy service
- Audiology service
- Clinical psychology service
- Dental hygiene service
- Dietician service
- Hearing aid dispensing
- Herbalist service
- Homoeopathic service
- Hydropathic service
- Midwifery service
- Naturopathic service
- Nursing service
- Occupational therapy service
- Podiatry service
- Speech pathology service
- Therapeutic massage service

However, a recent review of PRC 85390 data suggests that this classification may have been applied inappropriately in some instances. For example:

- some Nursing services that may be more accurately classified under PRC 86010 'Aged Care Residential Services' or PRC 84010 'Hospitals (excluding Psychiatric Hospitals)'

- integrated clinics offering medical and allied health services and disability support services which may be better suited to PRC 87900 'Other Social Assistance Services'
- health recruitment services, which align more closely with PRC 72110 'Employment Placement and Recruitment Services'.

PRCs with n.e.c. (not elsewhere classified)

Stakeholders are reminded that all PRCs with n.e.c. (not elsewhere classified) or 'other' in their titles, such as PRC 85390 should be used only when there is no other suitable PRC available.

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