

## Media Statement

### Recommended premium rates for workers compensation insurance 2026/27

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WorkCover WA has today released the recommended premium rates for workers compensation insurance in Western Australia for 2026/27.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Harris said the recommended rates support a strong and sustainable workers compensation scheme that continues to protect injured workers while providing certainty for employers.

“The average recommended premium rate for 2026/27 is 1.931 per cent of wages, compared with 1.823 per cent in 2025/26,” Ms Harris said.

“The annual review of premium rates helps ensure the scheme remains appropriately funded to meet the cost of claims and to provide timely support and care for injured workers.

This year’s change reflects factors such as higher average claim costs, increased claim volumes, projected wage growth, and the impact of the ATO tax ruling on settlements.”

Ms Harris said maintaining appropriate premium settings is critical to ensuring injured workers receive the care and support they need, while keeping the workers compensation system stable, affordable and sustainable over the long term.

The recommended premium rates are informed by independent actuarial advice from the scheme actuary, Scyne Advisory, and are based on a comprehensive assessment of claims experience, economic conditions and broader scheme cost pressures.

While WorkCover WA sets the recommended premium rates, insurers are not required to charge these rates and may apply discounts or loadings based on individual employer claims experience and commercial considerations.

The full actuarial report underpinning the recommended premium rates is available on the WorkCover WA website.

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