

FORMER POLICE OFFICERS' MEDICAL BENEFITS SCHEME

Cover for your work-related medical expenses in your post-police life

Who is covered?

Former police officers and Aboriginal police liaison officers (APLOs) who have suffered a work-related illness or injury. How you left the Western Australia Police Force does not affect this.

What can you claim?

Payments are made for reasonable medical and other expenses related to a work-related injury that occurred while working for the WA Police Force, regardless of whether you reported it at the time. Providing evidence for the Health Welfare and Safety Division to verify that your claim relates to your duties performed as a police officer or APLO – things like witness details, detailed description of the incident, and medical reports – will assist in your claim being assessed quickly.

What expenses are covered?

All reasonable medical expenses incurred since 1 July 2007, such as fees from your GP, medical specialist, physiotherapist, chiropractor, dentist, hydrotherapist, occupational therapist, osteopath and others. Also, ambulance costs, pharmaceuticals, reasonable travel expenses, and similar are covered.

This scheme is only for medical expenses you have incurred. If you did not incur a cost for medical treatment, there is no capacity to claim under this scheme.

If you're not sure if an expense is covered, please ask.

Is there a limit to what can be paid?

Yes. All reimbursements are in line with the *Worker's Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981 (WA)* which sets a prescribed amount that is indexed annually. To view the current prescribed amount visit <https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au/resources/rates-fees-payments/#indexation> (then click to open the latest indexation document).

Upon application and subject to agreement, consideration may be given to release a sum of up to \$50,000 above the prescribed limit. Applications will take into account social and financial circumstances and can only be approved to support a defined treatment program that will assist recovery from your work-related injury.

In exceptional circumstances, upon application to WorkCover WA, a further additional sum to support operative or post-operative treatment may be provided. This application must be lodged within five years of lodging the original claim.

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What if your claim is rejected?

You can lodge an appeal for review with WorkCover WA's Dispute Resolution Directorate.

How do you apply?

Complete a [WA Police Former Officers' Medical and other Expenses Claim form](#), also available from icwa.wa.gov.au, police.wa.gov.au, wapolun.org.au

Attach your medical certificates, receipts or accounts, witness statements, and any other relevant documentation.

Send your claim form and associated documents to the WA Police Force Health, Welfare and Safety Division email Claims.WR@police.wa.gov.au or by mail to

WA Police Force
Health, Welfare and Safety Division
Locked Bag 35
PERTH BUSINESS CENTRE 6849

Health, Welfare and Safety Division will send your application to the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA). If ICWA accepts your claim, it will pay you directly.

Once your claim has been accepted, you can send further original accounts or invoices directly to ICWA for reimbursement,

Insurance Commission of Western Australia
GPO Box L920
PERTH WA 6842

Or scans of invoices and accounts to
<https://www.icwa.wa.gov.au/reimbursements>

More information

Call us on
08 6229 5615

Email
PoliceSeparationandTransitionSMail@police.wa.gov.au

Or visit
<https://www.icwa.wa.gov.au/other-insurance/police-medical-and-other-benefits-for-former-officers>



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