

To make a claim you will need to:

1. Complete a **Western Australia Police Former Officers Medical & Other Expenses Claim Form**.
2. Attach all relevant information including a completed **Police (Medical & Other Expenses for Former Officers) Medical Certificate** from your doctor.
3. Send or deliver to WA Police Health and



Where to get the forms?

Forms are available from the WA Police Union Office, WA Police Health and Welfare Services or online at:

www.icwa.wa.gov.au
www.police.wa.gov.au
www.wapolun.org.au

What happens when you apply?

Your application is forwarded to the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA) by WA Police Health and Welfare Services for their assessment and decision. If you are successful ICWA will arrange the payment directly.

What is the purpose of the scheme?

The scheme will enable former officers to access payment for medical and other expenses incurred on or after **1 July 2007**. The expenses have to relate to a work-related injury or disease sustained during their employment by WA Police.

When does the scheme begin?

The scheme will commence on 1 July 2009. You will be able to lodge your claim from this date.

What if I was injured at work but not received any medical treatment - do I need to claim?

No, you can only claim for the incurred cost for medical treatment related to an injury or illness.

Where to lodge the completed forms?

**WA Police
Health & Welfare Services
Law Chambers Building
Level 5, 573 Hay Street
PERTH WA 6000**

Further information available at:

**WA Police Health & Welfare Services
Ph: 08 9268 7781
www.icwa.wa.gov.au
www.police.wa.gov.au**



Western Australia Police (Medical and Other Expenses for Former Officers) Scheme



☰ All information you need to know before lodging a claim...

Who is entitled to the scheme?

Former Western Australia Police Officers and APLOs who have suffered work-related injury or illness regardless of how they separated.

Who is responsible for managing the scheme?

The scheme is managed by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA) for the initial period of three years - after that period to be reviewed. After the claim is assessed and accepted ICWA will be the first point of contact regarding reimbursements, sending invoices or any disputes.

Can I claim if my work-related injury is not recorded?

Yes, as long as you can provide enough supporting information for Health and Welfare Services to verify your claim, such as witness details, detailed description of the incident etc...

Is there a limit to what I am entitled to be paid?

Yes all reimbursements are in line with *The Worker's Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*.



How far back can I claim my medical bills?

The scheme will enable former officers to be paid for their medical expenses incurred after **1 July 2007**, irrelevant of when their work-related injuries or illness occurred.

What will be covered under medical expenses?

The following examples of medical and other expenses when reasonable can be claimed :

- General Practitioners (GPs)
- Medical Specialists
- Physiotherapists/Chiropractors
- Ambulance
- Pharmaceuticals expenses
- Psychological expenses
- Dental
- Hydrotherapy
- Occupational Therapists
- Osteopaths

Where to send accounts for payments?

Once the claim has been accepted accounts can be sent directly to the Insurance Commission at the following address:

Former Police Officers and Other Expenses Scheme
Insurance Commission of Western Australia
GPO Box K837
PERTH WA 6000

Do I need to supply original invoices and receipts to be compensated?

Yes, to avoid delays in payment original accounts and receipts are required.

How much can I claim?

The maximum prescribed amounts that can be currently claimed are:

- \$53,414 (indexed annually)
- Up to a further \$50,000 subject to agreement or by applying to WorkCover
- Up to a further \$250,000 by applying to WorkCover and agreement by the Commissioner of Police.

What if I was previously compensated?

You are not entitled to claim benefits under *The Police (Medical and Other Expenses for Former Officers) Act 2008*, if you have previously received compensation for medical expenses for the same injury/illness.

Is there an appeal process if my claim is rejected?

Yes you can lodge an appeal for a review with Work Cover WA - Dispute Resolution Directorate (DRD) who is responsible for arbitrating disputes between parties within the workers' compensation system.

