



Workers Compensation Commission E-Bulletin

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Updated Form 2 and Guide to completing Form 2

The Form 2 Application to Resolve Dispute (ARD) and Guide to completing a Form 2 have been revised.

The Form and Guide have been updated to reflect the current venue policy and should be followed for all new applications using Form 2.

Applicant solicitors are asked to nominate on the Form 2 whether the matter needs to be listed outside of Sydney in the event that it proceeds to a conciliation/arbitration. ARDs that do not nominate an alternative venue will default to Sydney as the location.



Form 2



Guide to completing



VenuePolicyJuly2009

ApplicationtoResolveForm 2 - July11 v2.px

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Queries in relation to the Form and the Guide can be directed to the Commission on 1300 368 040.

New Commission website

The Commission will be launching our new website on 30 April 2012. While the address remains the same (www.wcc.nsw.gov.au), the site will have a new look and feel and improved navigation.

The site's search engine will also make it easier to identify Arbitrator, Medical Appeal Panel and Cost Assessor decisions by subject matter, keywords and decision maker.

Initially, all 2012 decisions will be available on the new website, with access to older decisions being provided via a link to the previous website. The decisions will be progressively migrated to the new site over coming months.

Approved Medical Specialist Recruitment 2012

The 2012 Approved Medical Specialist recruitment process is currently underway. Applications close on 31 May 2012 and the process is expected to be completed by the end of October 2012. Information packs and application forms in word version can be found under what's new on the home page of the Commission's website at <http://www.wcc.nsw.gov.au>

Member Update

Mr Craig Tanner will be finishing as a full time Arbitrator with the Commission on 27 April 2012. Mr Tanner is leaving the Commission to take up practice at the NSW Bar. We wish Mr Tanner well in his future endeavours.

Ms Annette Simpson resigned her appointment as a sessional Arbitrator on 2 April 2012. Ms Simpson has been an Arbitrator with the Commission since its commencement in 2002. I thank Ms Simpson for her contribution to the Commission over many years.

Delays in Teleconference listings

Due to a significant increase in lodgements in February/March combined with some reduction in the availability of Arbitrators, the Commission is currently experiencing some departures from our target timeframes.

New applications requiring a teleconference are likely to be allocated a date approximately 7-8 weeks from lodgement, rather than the usual 5 weeks. The Commission thanks our users for their patience while we work to restore listings to our usual time targets.

Regional Venues

The Commission remains committed to offering conciliation/arbitrations in regional areas where appropriate. We maintain a list of approved venues in some 20 regional locations. The suitability of regional venues remains under constant review and we welcome feedback from our users about the suitability of facilities for conciliation/arbitrations. Suggestions may be forwarded to registry@wcc.nsw.gov.au

Judge Greg Keating
President