



INTERIM PIAWE AND PIAWE AGREEMENTS DEFINED

A pre-injury average weekly earnings (PIAWE) agreement is where the employer and worker opt to agree on the PIAWE amount to be used for determining the worker's weekly benefit payments.

For a PIAWE agreement to be considered both the worker and employer are required to seek insurer approval (in writing) for an agreed PIAWE and the application must be received by the insurer within five calendar days of injury notification to be considered

Written **evidence of the agreement** between the parties needs to be provided to EML to support the agreed amount, and includes:

- the PIAWE amount
- the date of the agreement
- the name, injury date and claim number for the worker
- the name of the employer
- the name and contact details of the person authorised by the employer to enter into the agreement
- details of any other employment in which the worker is engaged
- any evidence which supports the agreement (e.g., payslips or contract of employment)
- any other information the employer or worker feels was considered in reaching the agreement
- acknowledgement of consent to the agreement.

If EML is **not able to either approve, or refuses to approve**, an application for agreement **within seven days** from the initial notification of injury, then they may **give effect to the agreed amount as the PIAWE (interim payment decision)**.

This interim payment decision allows EML to make weekly benefit payments based on the agreed amount of PIAWE until the application for approval of the agreement has been determined.

[Click here](#) to access the icare application for approval of a PIAWE form.