



New South Wales

Victims Support and Rehabilitation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Rule 2007

under the

Victims Support and Rehabilitation Act 1996

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Rule under the *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Act 1996*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Rule is to amend the *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Rule 1997* as a consequence of amendments made to the *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Act 1996* (**the Act**) by the *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Amendment Act 2006*. In particular, this Rule:

- (a) provides that applications for statutory compensation for prescribed expenses under the Act must include full particulars of the expenses incurred, and
- (b) limits the amount that may be awarded as compensation for the cost of counselling services, and
- (c) makes other miscellaneous amendments.

This Rule is made under the *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Act 1996*, including sections 18, 34 and 87 (the general rule-making power).

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1 Name of Rule

This Rule is the *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Rule 2007*.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences on 16 February 2007.

3 Amendment of Victims Support and Rehabilitation Rule 1997

The *Victims Support and Rehabilitation Rule 1997* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 3)

[1] Clause 7A

Insert after clause 7:

7A Details of prescribed expenses

An application for statutory compensation for prescribed expenses as referred to in section 14A of the Act is to include full particulars of the expenses for which compensation is sought, including receipts, invoices or other forms of substantiation of the expenditure incurred as the Director approves.

[2] Clause 10A

Insert after clause 10:

10A Maximum amount for counselling services

- (1) For the purposes of section 18 (3A) of the Act, the maximum amount that may be awarded as compensation for counselling services (other than counselling services to which Division 3A of Part 2 of the Act applies) is the amount calculated in accordance with the scale set out in the Table to this clause in respect of the relevant class of counsellor providing the service.
- (2) Compensation is not payable in respect of more than 22 hours of counselling sessions.
- (3) Despite subclause (2), compensation may be awarded for further periods of counselling (exceeding the 22 hour limit) if considered appropriate by a compensation assessor or the Tribunal, but only if the same type of counselling is not (in the opinion of a compensation assessor or the Tribunal) available under the approved counselling scheme set out in Division 3A of Part 2 of the Act.

Table

(1)	Social workers	\$77 per hour
(2)	Psychologists (including clinical psychologists)	\$99 per hour
(3)	Psychiatrists	\$121 per hour

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Schedule 1 Amendments

[3] Clause 13 Standard conditions of awards of compensation

Omit the clause.

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