

DEFENCE FORCE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

DETERMINATION NO. 22 OF 1999

CLEARANCE DIVING ALLOWANCE

The Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal makes the following Determination under section 58H of the *Defence Act 1903*:

Commencement

1. This Determination is to be taken to have commenced on 9 December 1999.

Amendment

2. Determination No.5 of 1998, Clearance Diving Allowance, as amended, is amended as set out in this Determination.

Clause 3 (Definitions)

- 3.1 After the definition of “dangerous substance” insert:

“decompression illness” means the illness caused by gases, which have been dissolved under pressure in the bloodstream, returning to their natural state;

“deep dive” means a dive to a depth greater than 54 metres, whether in seawater or in a recompression chamber.

- 3.2 After the definition of “qualified clearance diver”, insert:

“recompression chamber” means a hyperbaric chamber constructed specifically for the purpose of replicating the pressure found at a given depth of water.

- 3.3 After the definition of “the CDF”, insert:

“therapeutic treatment” means treatment provided to prevent or alleviate the symptoms of decompression illness.

New clause 6A

4. After clause 6, insert:

Clearance Diving Allowance (Disability) – additional allowance for deep diving

“6A.1 A qualified clearance diver whose duties are described in item 2 or 3 of Part 2 of the Schedule and who performs a deep dive (other than an experimental dive under a Defence Force Trial Directive) is entitled to an additional amount of Clearance Diving Allowance (Disability) equal to the sum of:

(a) \$185.00 for each dive; and

(b) \$19.00 for each hour or part hour of the dive, up to a maximum of 5 hours.

“6A.2 Payment of the hourly rate under paragraph 6A.1 (b) includes any period the member is required to undergo therapeutic treatment for decompression illness in a recompression chamber after performing a deep dive.

“6A.3 The CDF may extend a time limit for payment mentioned in this clause for a period that the CDF considers reasonable, having regard to:

(a) the nature of the dive;

(b) the severity of any decompression illness;

(c) the circumstances of any therapeutic treatment; and

(d) any other factor relevant to the dive”.

Clause 10 (Allowance not payable)

5. Subclause 10.1

Omit “Submarine Escape Training Facility Allowance”, substitute “Submarine Escape Allowance”.

Dated this sixteenth day of December nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

The Hon. Justice A J Boulton
President

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Air Vice Marshal F D Cox, AO (Retd)
Member

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