

## COMPENSATION & CENTRELINK

### What happens if you receive Centrelink and are later granted compensation?

- If you make a claim for lost income and later receive Centrelink payments, then you may need to repay the Centrelink payments.
- If you succeed in your claim for compensation, then in addition to having to repay Centrelink benefits, you may not be able to receive Centrelink payments for a period of time, or Centrelink payments may be reduced because of the compensation payment.
- Separate to the above matters (the requirement to pay back Centrelink in some instances and the loss of eligibility to receive Centrelink benefits for a period of time), in cases where the injured person receives a substantial settlement, she/he may be prevented from receiving Centrelink benefits by reason of the operation of Centrelink's assets test, income test, or both.

### Further information

- If you require further information in relation to Centrelink, you may find the information you require on Centrelink's useful website. Go to [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) and enter into the search engine "compensation kit." This will bring up Centrelink's very informative compensation kit, which is an online booklet.
- If you don't have access to the internet, let us know, and we can print off and send to you a copy of Centrelink's compensation kit.

### WARNING!

Please be aware that if you claim as part of your compensation income loss, then this may have Centrelink implications. We are very familiar with the Centrelink rules that apply and can provide you with further advice if you require it. Please don't hesitate to enquire.

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