



Renewing ACTPS workers' compensation arrangements

The ACT Government is self-insured for workers' compensation for ACTPS employees under the *Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRC Act). Our self-insurance licence expires in February 2027 and we are seeking an extension to continue as a self-insurer.

This fact sheet provides information about workers' compensation, our self-insurance and licence arrangements and how you can find information and provide feedback about the licence renewal as we progress.

Workers' compensation for our employees

Workers' compensation in the ACTPS supports employees who have a work-related injury or illness to recover, remain in, or return to work.

More information about workers' compensation for ACTPS employees is on the act.gov website and the [ACTPS Rehabilitation Management System](#) (internal site for current ACTPS employees).

The licence renewal process does not affect workers' compensation entitlements, rights or obligations for ACTPS employees.

You will still be able to **apply for workers' compensation** as usual during this process.

If you are **receiving workers' compensation it is business as usual** during the licence renewal: nothing will change for you. You should contact your ACTPS rehabilitation case manager if you have any questions or concerns.

Being a self-insurer means:

- the ACTPS manages workers' compensation claims and associated costs
- we manage workers' compensation activities for our employees, including managing injuries, rehabilitation and return to work
- we report to the [Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission](#) and Comcare on our workers' compensation performance.

Our self-insurance licence

The SRC Act enables employers to have a licence to self-insure for workers' compensation.

Self-insurance licences are granted by the Australian Government's [Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission](#) (the SRCC) and managed by [Comcare](#).

The ACT Government has had a licence that covers ACTPS employees since March 2019.

The [Work Safety Group](#) in CMTEDD manages the workers compensation self-insurance arrangements for the ACTPS.

The Public Sector Workers' Compensation Fund Act 2018 provides for the management of the funds for workers compensation purposes and is managed by the Public Sector Workers Compensation Commissioner, with an advisory committee with employer and union representatives, providing oversight and guidance.

The ACT government engages a provider (called a Third-Party Administrator) to provide claim management services (EML Solutions).

Benefits of self-insurance

Self-insurance has given the Territory the flexibility to develop innovative and employee-centred services that suit our workforce and achieve better outcomes for our people and value for money.

Since moving to self-insurance in 2019 the services and supports we provide to ill and injured employees have expanded.

We have:

- developed [early intervention programs and services](#) to support employees early when ill or injured to prevent further harm
- supported employees to [seek treatment early by covering their costs](#) from the time they make their claim until a decision is made (preliminary treatment)
- made claiming simpler and payments faster for some groups of employees through [presumptive cover](#)
- established our own team of work rehabilitation services to provide timely services.

Improved performance

As a self-insurer we:

- provide workers' compensation cover to approximately 31,000 ACT public servants
- receive and manage more than 700 new claims each year
- support more than 1,300 employees with an active claim at any one time.

Through our focus on prevention and early treatment support our workers' compensation performance has improved.

The [Public Sector Workers' Compensation Scheme Annual Report](#) (part of the CMTEDD Annual Report) has information about the scheme, its performance and financial statements.

Renewing our licence

We are preparing for our licence renewal and will submit our application to the SRCC in June 2026. The SRCC will consider our application in September 2026. If approved, our new licence will commence from March 2027.

Providing feedback

You can provide feedback about the renewal of the ACT government's self-insurance licence. Feedback we receive and how we have responded to it forms part of our application. All feedback will be confidential.

To provide feedback:

- complete the [feedback form to provide feedback anonymously](#)
- send an email to:
ACTPSworkerscompensation@act.gov.au

Feedback about self-insurance and the ACTPS work rehabilitation arrangements is welcome at any time. This [fact sheet provides information about how you can provide feedback or make a complaint](#).

More information

Information about the licence renewal and updates as we work through the process are available on the [Renewing ACTPS workers' compensation arrangements](#) site.

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