
[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 108]

ACCIDENT COMPENSATION ACT 2017

**Accident Compensation (Medical Assessment)
(Amendment) Regulations 2018**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 35 of the Accident Compensation Act 2017 and following consultation with the Accident Compensation Commission Fiji, I hereby make these Regulations—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Accident Compensation (Medical Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1 January 2019.

(3) In these Regulations, the Accident Compensation (Medical Assessment) Regulations 2017 is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”.

Regulation 3 amended

2. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 3 and substituting the following—

“Initial medical assessment

3.—(1) A person who suffers a personal injury or from a prescribed disease as a result of an accident must have an initial medical assessment of the personal injury or the disease conducted by a medical practitioner prior to the making of an application claiming compensation for the personal injury or disablement caused by the disease.

(2) A medical practitioner who conducts an initial medical assessment under subregulation (1) must provide a medical report to the person suffering from the personal injury or disease or his or her representative.

(3) Where a medical practitioner finds that—

- (a) a person is suffering from a disease prescribed under Schedule 1 to the Accident Compensation (Employment Accidents) Regulations 2018;
- (b) the disease is causing the person disablement; and
- (c) the disease is due to the nature of the person's employment and was contracted within 24 months before the date of disablement,

the medical practitioner must grant the person or his or her representative a certificate attached to the report under subregulation (2) confirming the facts listed in paragraphs (a) to (c).”.

Made this 23rd day of December 2018.

A. SAYED-KHAIYUM
Attorney-General and Minister responsible for justice