



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. 18 of 2019

An Act to amend the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act 1979*

[Assented to 30 May 2019]
[Introduced 13 February 2019]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act 2019*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the day on which the Administrator's assent to this Act is declared.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act 1979*.

4 Section 13 amended (Compensation for loss of earning capacity)

(1) Section 13(5)(a)

omit, insert

(a) a person stops being entitled to benefits under this section:

- (i) if the day of the accident is more than 2 years before the day the person reaches pension age – on the day the person reaches pension age; or

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- (ii) otherwise – 104 weeks after the day of the accident;
- (2) After section 13(5)
- insert*
- (5A) Despite subsection (1), if the person mentioned in that subsection is pension age or older on the day of the accident, compensation is not payable under this section unless the Commission is satisfied that, on the day of the accident, the person was someone who earns income from personal exertion.

5 Part 8, Division 4 inserted

After section 47

insert

Division 4 Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act 2019

48 Definition

In this Division:

commencement means the day on which section 4 of the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act 2019* commences.

49 Application of section 13

- (1) Section 13, as amended by the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act 2019*, applies only in relation to a motor accident that happens after the commencement.
- (2) Section 13, as in force before the commencement, continues to apply in relation to a motor accident that happened before the commencement.

6 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.