



# Legislative Changes to South Australia's work injury insurance scheme

There have been some important changes to South Australia's work injury insurance scheme

The parliament of South Australia recently passed the *Return to Work (Employment and Progressive Injuries) Amendment Act 2024*, which amends the *Return to Work Act 2014 (the Act)* with most of the changes expected to come into effect on **1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**.

## Main Changes

The legislation has delivered two key outcomes

Firstly, by extending an employer's obligation to provide injured workers with suitable employment. It also addresses financial consequences for employers who do not comply with this.

Secondly, making it easier for workers suffering from dust diseases and/or a terminal illness resulting from a work injury to access entitlements more quickly by clearly defining when a workers condition has stabilised.

## Self-Insured Employers

As a self-insured employer, the Act includes amendments that affect our businesses, particularly in terms of recovery/return to work services and section 18 obligations where a worker is injured while working for a group insured employer (CCES), now stipulates that the duty to provide suitable employment extends to each related entity in the group.

Should you require further assistance, please contact Catholic Safety & Injury Management [enquiries@csaim.org.au](mailto:enquiries@csaim.org.au) or your Injury Management Business Partner.

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