



Heads of Workers' Compensation Authorities

Australia and New Zealand

National Self-Insurance Harmonisation Projects

Project status

Since the HWCA's October 2007 meeting the National Self Insured Working Group has proceeded with the implementation of the following projects, previously endorsed by HWCA:

1. Common set of financial indicators
2. Multi-state financial application process
3. Dispute management process
4. Bank guarantees and security requirements.
5. National OHS Audit Tool (NAT)

A summary of each project's status is outlined below:

Project	Status	Implementation Status / Timeframe
Dispute Management	Implemented	Completed.
Bank Guarantee	New template in use	Completed.
Security Requirements	Implemented	From year end balance dates of 31 December 2006.
Primary Financial Indicators	Currently in use	Completed.
Multi-state application	Available for use by employers who apply for self-insurance across a number of jurisdictions at the same time	Completed.
National Audit Tool (NAT)	Each jurisdiction has implemented the NAT	<p>VIC – The NAT has been applied to all new applicants for self-insurance since 1 July 2007. It will be used for all OHS audits for self-insured renewals from 1 January 2009.</p> <p>NSW – The NAT has been applied to all new applicants for self insurance and existing self insurers on the standard 3 year audit cycle since the 1 January 2008. There are transitional arrangements in place for existing self insurers on the reduced audit cycle until they return to the standard 3 year audit cycle.</p> <p>SA – The NAT has been available from 1 July 2007 for use for any audit (new application or renewal) when its use is requested by the self-insurer.</p> <p>TAS – All new Self Insurers Insure will be assessed against the NAT from 30 September 2009. Existing self insurers will be required to be fully compliant with the NAT as at 30 September 2010.</p> <p>QLD – The NAT has been used for all audits conducted from 1 July 2007.</p> <p>NT, ACT and WA – The NAT is now used for all audits conducted.</p>