

Australian Capital Territory

Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2023-37

The Australian Capital Territory Executive makes the following regulation under the [Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12).

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Chief Minister

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Minister



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1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1*)*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This regulation amends the [Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Regulation 2019](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2019-28).

4 New section 26

insert

26 Financial penalties—matters that must be considered—Act, s 394D (1) (c)

(1) The MAI commission must consider the following matters before deciding to impose a financial penalty on a licensed insurer in relation to conduct of the insurer that constitutes a ground for financial penalty:

(a) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on the insurer’s payment of any amount to which a person is entitled, including the payment of defined benefits or an award of damages to a person in a proceeding related to a motor accident claim;

(b) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on a person’s recovery from a personal injury sustained as a result of a motor accident;

(c) whether the insurer reported the conduct to the MAI commission;

(d) any action taken by the insurer to—

(i) investigate the nature and extent of the conduct; and

(ii) remediate the conduct; and

(iii) remove or mitigate the risk of similar conduct happening;

(e) whether the conduct was caused, or likely to have been caused, by a failure of the insurer’s systems or procedures;

(f) whether the insurer has contravened—

(i) a direction given to the insurer under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 394G (Directions to licensed insurers—general) in relation to the conduct or any similar conduct; or

(ii) a direction given to the insurer under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 394I (Directions to licensed insurers—remediation plans) in relation to the conduct or any similar conduct; or

(iii) a remediation plan approved under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 394I (5) (a) in relation to the conduct or any similar conduct;

(g) any effect, or likely effect, of the conduct on the insurer, including—

(i) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, on public confidence in the insurer; and

(ii) any effect, or likely effect, on the operation of the insurer’s business as an MAI insurer; and

(iii) any financial implications, or likely financial implications, for the insurer;

(h) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on competition between MAI insurers;

(i) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on the operation of the Act;

(j) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on public confidence in the operation of the Act;

(k) any similar conduct, including—

(i) whether the insurer reported the similar conduct to the MAI commission; and

(ii) any action taken by the insurer to—

(A) investigate the nature and extent of the similar conduct; and

(B) remediate the similar conduct; and

(C) remove or mitigate the risk of further similar conduct happening;

(l) any other matter the MAI commission considers relevant.

(2) In this section:

similar conduct means any conduct of the licensed insurer that is the same as or similar to the conduct constituting the ground for financial penalty.

Endnotes

1 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14) on 14 December 2023.

2 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/).

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