



RiskChase Premium Discount Advisers

What is the Premium Discount Scheme?

The Premium Discount Scheme (PDS) is a method of rewarding organisations that implement an Occupational Health & Safety & Injury Management System. The discount is based on a percentage of their Workers Compensation premium. Since the implementation of the Occupational Health & Safety & Injury Management System is aimed at reducing claims a participating organisation can also reduce future costs due to reduced claims and have a double win.

The scheme is open to all NSW employers and is aimed at employers paying in excess of \$20,000 per annum. A different scheme is aimed at smaller employers.

How does your organisation receive the discount?

To obtain the discount you must renew on or after 4.00 p.m. on 30 June 2001, enter into an agreement with a WorkCover approved Premium Discount Adviser (PDA) and pass a preliminary audit of your system to demonstrate commitment to the process. Your discount will be confirmed by a second audit in the 1st year and each subsequent year of the 3 years the above scheme will apply to any organisation.

Are all Premium Discount Advisers allowed to offer the same level of discount?

No.

The level of discount varies according to the level of experience of the PDA. Some PDA's can offer 5%. RiskChase has been assessed at 15% which is the maximum discount allowed for the 1st year. Subsequent year's discounts are based on a maximum of 10% and 5% for the 2nd and 3rd years. The Premium Discount Advisers cannot offer a lower or higher discount during the audit than the figure they have been given by WorkCover.

You will therefore need to be careful to select your Adviser based ,at least in part, on their % discount rate since your discount will ultimately depend on this not how good you are in Occupational Health & Safety.

What cost is involved in obtaining the discount?

The cost of obtaining the discount will vary according to the size of the organisation and the amount of work required to improve the system. Your PDA should review the work required and give you an estimate based on the audit and other activities required. Since an organisation must pass 2 audits in the first year there must be a commitment to carrying this initial cost up-front of the discount. This means that organisations must feel confident of working with the PDA and achieving a satisfactory level of improvement.

The scheme is not just an audit process. If you choose a PDA unwisely you may be involved in significant up-front costs and find that you do not achieve the benchmarks required to obtain the discount.

Why choose RiskChase?

The RiskChase team of Occupational Health & Safety & Injury Management advisers have a track record of implementing and auditing Occupational Health & Safety & Injury Management Systems for some of the largest organisations in NSW.

They have developed professional systems to support their clients and are one of the few organisations with a track record in implementation and audit in this area.

RiskChase consultants will be pleased to discuss the program with you in more detail and at your request will carry out a free initial review to ascertain the scope and cost of the process applicable in the first year.

This will give you confidence that any cost savings will not be eroded by audit and implementation costs.

If you wish to discuss the Premium Discount Scheme and its application to your organisation, please contact

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