



FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL
criminal injuries compensation

Practice Guidance CI-4

cap on loss of earnings

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Schemes –
paragraph 14(a) of the 1990 Scheme; paragraph 34 of the 1996, 2001 and 2008 Schemes**

The maximum amount that can be awarded for loss of earnings under the Schemes is currently £718.50 per week (£37,362 per annum).

This follows publication on 14 November 2008 by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) of the 2008 Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) which shows that the median weekly pay for full time employees is £479 per week. ASHE does not give details of gross average industrial earnings.

The limit of “one and a half times the gross average industrial earnings” is prescribed at paragraph 14(a) of the 1990 Scheme and paragraph 34 of the 1996, 2001 and 2008 Schemes.

As a rule of thumb, an applicant’s gross income will have to be more than £52,250 per annum before the cap will be relevant.

Roger Goodier
Principal Judge

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