

COMPENSATION CALCULATOR

Supporting Information

General Damages is the element of compensation concerned with the injuries sustained. It is to compensate you for the pain, suffering and loss of amenity.

It is difficult to provide **precise** figures on how much compensation a person should receive for their general damages as it will depend on factors such as:

- whether the injured person has made a full recovery/whether the injured person will make a full recovery
- whether there are any long term implications or a risk that the injuries could become worse
- whether the injured person is able to return to their employment in the same role or a different one
- whether the injured person may be disadvantaged in getting a job in the future because of the injuries sustained

This element of the claim can therefore only be determined by medical evidence and a report will be obtained from an expert who specialises in the field, which concerns the injuries sustained. For example, a person who suffers a broken leg would require medical evidence from an orthopaedic expert who specialises in bones and muscles. In the report, the expert will comment on the factors listed above.

There are guidelines in place to assess the appropriate level of compensation for an injury. These guidelines are used by all personal injury practitioners and judges specialising in personal injury law. These guidelines cover the possible injuries to the different parts of the body and different levels of compensation will apply, depending on the severity of the injury sustained.