



**MAINETEC**

## WORKPLACE REHABILITATION POLICY

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Mainetec recognises that there are substantial benefits to be gained from rehabilitation principles and practices and is committed to implementing them at this workplace. We recognise that the *Employees' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* and the *Employees' Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2003* provide the legislative support for workplace rehabilitation activities.

Experience has shown that workplace rehabilitation assists the healing process and helps restore the employee's normal function sooner. Workplace rehabilitation includes early provision of timely and adequate services, including suitable duties programs, and aims to:

- Maintain injured or ill employees at work or
- Ensure the employee's earliest possible return to work or
- Maximise the employee's independent functioning and
- Provide for durable employment.

### Mainetec is committed to:

- Providing a safe and healthy work environment, but in the event of an injury or an illness, making sure workplace rehabilitation is started as soon as possible in accordance with medical advice.
- Ensuring appropriate suitable duties are made available to injured or ill employees to facilitate their safe and early return to work. These duties must be consistent with the current medical certificate and will be time limited.
- Respecting the confidential nature of medical and rehabilitation information and ensuring there will be both verbal and written confidentiality.
- Ensuring all employees are aware that, in the event of injury or illness, they will be consulted to ensure a structured and safe return to work that will not disadvantage them.
- Complying with legislative obligations with respect to the standard for rehabilitation.
- Adopting a multidisciplinary approach to rehabilitation as required.
- Reviewing this policy and procedures at least every three years to ensure it continues to meet legislative requirements and the needs of all parties.

Workplace rehabilitation procedures have been developed to support this policy, refer to section 6.14.

General Manager

Date

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