

## Explanatory Statement

Statutory Rules 1984 No. 163

Issued by the authority of the Minister of State for Social Security

Subject: Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act 1971 - Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Regulations (Amendment).

The purpose of the proposed Statutory Rules is to prescribe certain laws of the States and Territories providing for the payment of compensation, other than workers' compensation, pursuant to section 121A of the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act 1971. The effect of the prescription of those laws will be to permit the non-payment or reduction of compensation otherwise payable under the Act, or the recovery of compensation already paid under the Act from the other award of compensation, to the extent that the component of prescribed compensation relates to the injury for which compensation under the Act is payable.

Regulation 1 of the proposed Statutory Rules defines 'Principal Regulations' to mean the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Regulations.

Regulation 2 of the proposed Statutory Rules inserts a new Regulation 29 into the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Regulations which, for the purposes of the definition of 'prescribed law' contained in sub-section 121A(1) of the Act, declares the laws of the States and Territories specified in Schedule 5 to be prescribed laws for the purposes of the Act.

Regulation 3 of the proposed Statutory Rules amends the Regulations by adding at the end thereof the new Schedule 5.