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after July 1, 1968, which cause permanent disability or death, shall be payable at the rates specified in the special schedule as modified in this section for all awards not paid in full before July 1, 1969, and any award paid in full prior to July 1, 1969: Provided, that application for adjustment is made, and the adjustment will result in additional benefits of at least $10. In the case of injuries or death occurring on or after December 8, 1941 and prior to July 1, 1968, the special schedule as modified in this section may be applied to prospective awards for permanent disability or death, provided that the monthly and aggregate maximum provisions in effect at the time of injury or death shall prevail. These maxima are $50 and $4,000, respectively.

(b) Death benefits. 400 weeks’ compensation at two-thirds of the weekly wage rate, shared equally by the eligible survivors in the same class.

(c) Death beneficiaries. Benefits are payable to the survivors in the following order of priority (all beneficiaries in the highest applicable classes are entitled to share equally):

(1) Surviving spouse and unmarried children under 18, or over 18 and totally incapable of self-support.
(2) Dependent parents.
(3) Dependent grandparents.
(4) Dependent grandchildren, brothers and sisters who are unmarried and under 18, or over 18 and totally incapable of self-support.

(d) Burial allowance. 14 weeks’ wages or $400, whichever is less, payable to the eligible survivor(s), regardless of the actual expense. If there is no eligible survivor, actual burial expenses may be paid or reimbursed, in an amount not to exceed what would be paid to an eligible survivor.

(e) Permanent total disability. 400 weeks’ compensation at two-thirds of the weekly wage rate.

(f) Permanent partial disability. Where applicable, compensation provided in paragraphs (c) (1) through (19) of §25.100, subject to an aggregate limitation of 400 weeks’ compensation. In all other cases, provided for permanent total disability that proportion of the compensation (paragraph (e) of this section) which is equivalent to the degree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the disability.

(g) Temporary partial disability. Two-thirds of the weekly loss of wage-earning capacity.

(h) Compensation period for temporary disability. Compensation for temporary disability is payable for a maximum period of 80 weeks.

(i) Maximum compensation. The total aggregate compensation payable in any case, for injury or death or both, shall not exceed $5,000, exclusive of medical costs and burial allowance. The weekly rate of compensation for disability or death shall not exceed $35.

(j) Method of payment. Only compensation for temporary disability shall be payable periodically. Compensation for permanent disability and death shall be payable in full at the time the extent of entitlement is established.

(k) Exceptions. The Director in his or her discretion may make exceptions to the regulations in this section by:

(1) Reapportioning death benefits, for the sake of equity.
(2) Excluding from consideration potential death beneficiaries who are not available to receive payment.
(3) Paying compensation for permanent disability or death on a periodic basis, where this method of payment is considered to be in the best interest of the beneficiary.

§ 25.201 How is the Special Schedule applied for employees in Australia?

(a) The special schedule of compensation established by subpart B of this part shall apply in Australia with the modifications or additions specified in paragraph (b) of this section, as of December 8, 1941, in all cases of injury (or death from injury) which occurred between December 8, 1941 and December 31, 1961, inclusive, and shall be applied retrospectively in all such cases of injury (or death from injury). Compensation in all such cases pending as of July 15, 1946, shall be readjusted accordingly, with credit taken in the amount of compensation paid prior to such date. Refund of compensation shall not be required if the amount of compensation paid in any such case, otherwise than through fraud, misrepresentation or mistake, and prior to
July 15, 1946, exceeds the amount provided for under this paragraph, and such case shall be deemed compromised and paid under 5 U.S.C. 8137.

(b) The total aggregate compensation payable in any case under paragraph (a) of this section, for injury or death or both, shall not exceed the sum of $4,000, exclusive of medical costs. The maximum monthly rate of compensation in any such case shall not exceed the sum of $50.

(c) The benefit amounts payable under the provisions of the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act of 1930–1964, Australia, shall apply as of January 1, 1962, in Australia, as the exclusive measure of compensation in cases of injury (or death from injury) according on and after January 1, 1962, and shall be applied retrospectively in all such cases, occurring on and after such date: Provided, that the compensation payable under the provisions of this paragraph shall in no event exceed that payable under the FECA.

§ 25.202 How is the Special Schedule applied for Japanese seamen?

(a) The special schedule of compensation established by subpart B of this part shall apply as of November 1, 1971, with the modifications or additions specified in paragraphs (b) through (i) of this section, to injuries sustained outside the continental United States or Canada by direct-hire Japanese seamen who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States or Canada and who are employed by the Military Sealift Command in Japan.

(b) Temporary total disability. Weekly compensation shall be paid at 75 percent of the weekly wage rate.

(c) Temporary partial disability. Weekly compensation shall be paid at 75 percent of the weekly loss of wage-earning capacity.

(d) Permanent total disability. Compensation shall be paid in a lump sum equivalent to 360 weeks' wages.

(e) Permanent partial disability. (1) The provisions of §25.100 shall apply to the types of permanent partial disability listed in paragraphs (c) (1) through (19) of that section: Provided that weekly compensation shall be paid at 75 percent of the weekly wage rate and that the number of weeks allowed for specified losses shall be changed as follows:

(i) Arm lost: 312 weeks.
(ii) Leg lost: 288 weeks.
(iii) Hand lost: 244 weeks.
(iv) Foot lost: 205 weeks.
(v) Eye lost: 160 weeks.
(vi) Thumb lost: 75 weeks.
(vii) First finger lost: 46 weeks.
(viii) Second finger lost: 30 weeks.
(ix) Third finger lost: 25 weeks.
(x) Fourth finger lost: 15 weeks.
(xi) Great toe lost: 38 weeks.
(xii) Toe, other than great toe lost: 16 weeks.

(2) In all other cases, that proportion of the compensation provided for permanent total disability in paragraph (d) of this section which is equivalent to the degree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the injury.

(f) Death. If there are two or more eligible survivors, compensation equivalent to 360 weeks' wages shall be paid to the survivors, share and share alike. If there is only one eligible survivor, compensation equivalent to 300 weeks' wages shall be paid. The following survivors are eligible for death benefits:

(1) Spouse who lived with or was dependent upon the employee.
(2) Unmarried children under 21 who lived with or were dependent upon the employee.
(3) Adult children who were dependent upon the employee by reason of physical or mental disability.
(4) Dependent parents, grandparents and grandchildren.

(g) Burial allowance. $1,000 payable to the eligible survivor(s), regardless of actual expenses. If there are no eligible survivors, actual expenses may be paid or reimbursed, up to $1,000.

(h) Method of payment. Only compensation for temporary disability shall be payable periodically, as entitlement accrues. Compensation for permanent disability and death shall be payable in a lump sum.

(i) Maxima. In all cases, the maximum weekly benefit shall be $130. Also, except in cases of permanent total disability and death, the aggregate maximum compensation payable for any injury shall be $80,000.

(j) Prior injury. In cases where injury or death occurred prior to November 1, 1971, benefits will be paid in accordance