

FREE GUIDE

# The Rework Cost Calculator

Quantify the hidden cost of  
rework and follow-ups

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# The Hidden Cost of Rework

## THE PROBLEM

Most businesses know rework is expensive. But they do not know how expensive. Tasks come back for fixes, emails go back and forth, meetings clarify what should have been clear the first time.

**20-30%**

of capacity lost to rework (10-15 hours per week =  
\$50,000-\$75,000 per year at \$100/hr)

## THE ROOT CAUSE

The problem is not that rework exists. The problem is that businesses do not quantify the cost. Without a number, you cannot justify the investment in quality control systems.

Once you see the cost, the solution becomes obvious.

This guide gives you a simple calculator to quantify your annual rework cost and identify which fixes will have the biggest impact.

# The 3-Step Rework Cost Calculator

## Step 1: Weekly Hours

Fixing errors, clarifying instructions, redoing work, chasing approvals, searching for information

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ hrs/week

## Step 2: Hourly Cost

Average wage (incl. super, leave) + overhead (office, tools, admin)

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_ /hr

## Step 3: Annual Cost

Weekly hours × Hourly cost × 52 weeks

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_ /year

## YOUR REWORK LEAK SCORE

### LOW

\$0-\$25K

Minor rework. Focus on prevention for high-risk tasks only.

### MEDIUM

\$25K-\$75K

Significant rework. Install quality checkpoints for top 3 workflows.

### HIGH

\$75K-\$150K

Major rework. Install quality control systems across all workflows.

### CRITICAL

\$150K+

Severe rework. Immediate intervention required.

# How to Use + Suggested Fixes

## 5-STEP PROCESS

- 1 Estimate weekly rework hours (be honest, include all types)
- 2 Calculate hourly cost (wage + overhead)
- 3 Calculate annual rework cost (weekly × hourly × 52)
- 4 Identify your leak score (low, medium, high, critical)
- 5 Apply suggested fixes for your top leak types

## TOP FIXES BY LEAK TYPE

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### Fixing errors → Quality checkpoints (50-70% reduction)

Install quality checkpoints at handoffs

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### Clarifying instructions → SOPs (60-80% reduction)

Document SOPs for repeatable tasks

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### Redoing work → Approval criteria (70-90% reduction)

Define approval criteria before work starts

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### Chasing approvals → Ownership map (50-70% reduction)

Map approval ownership and set SLAs

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### Searching → Tool hygiene (70-90% reduction)

Install naming conventions and folder structures

# Ready to Reduce Rework by 50-70%?

## Unlock the Full System

Get the complete Rework Reduction Sprint with root cause analysis templates, quality control systems, and continuous improvement loops.

[Unlock the playbooks library →](#)

## Book a Strategy Call

I will review your specific workflows, identify your top 3 rework triggers, and show you exactly how I would reduce your rework cost by 50-70%.

[Book your 30-minute call →](#)

## About Remotee

I help Australian businesses reduce rework by building compliance-ready quality control systems. I do not just place people. I build the systems, train the team, and give you ongoing support.

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