

**Alberta WCB
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Chapter:
GENERAL POLICIES

Subject:
INTERIM RELIEF

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REFERENCE:

[Workers' Compensation Act, RSA 2000, Sections 13.1, 45, and 119](#)

POLICY:

Interim relief is financial support provided to workers and employers during the review or appeal process. It is only provided in exceptional circumstances where workers and employers can demonstrate financial need.

The WCB Dispute Resolution and Decision Review Body (DRDRB) or the Appeals Commission will consider whether there is an *arguable case* to determine eligibility.

Interim relief to the worker may be provided when an injured worker requests a review or an appeal of a decision affecting entitlement to wage loss benefits, if the time to have the review or appeal determined would place the worker and his/her family in necessitous circumstances (see Application 1, Question 1).

Interim relief to the employer may be provided where the outcome of a decision under review or appeal may significantly impact an employer's ability to carry on business.

Interim relief is not intended as a way for a worker to prolong benefits or an employer to avoid paying invoices.

This policy is effective September 1, 2018, and applies to reviews or appeals initiated on or after September 1, 2018, except when noted otherwise in specific policy section(s).

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INTERPRETATION:

- 1.0 Arguable case** An arguable case is a case that presents sufficiently detailed facts, identifies legal or factual issues that are plausible and which, if accepted by the decision maker, could substantially affect the decision in the case.
- 2.0 Interim Relief for Workers** Interim relief for workers is intended to ensure the worker is financially able to meet basic living expenses during the review and appeal process.
- 3.0 Interim Relief for Employers** Interim relief for employers is intended to ensure the employer is able to continue operating while a decision is under review or appeal.

Please see Part II for additional information on the following subjects:

Application

- 1 – General

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