

The Board of Directors, as provided in s. 6 of the Workers' Compensation Act, determines WCB's compensation policy. As part of this responsibility, the Board Policy Committee has approved the 2017 Policy Plan.

The policy development process has three primary components: policy amendment, policy review and policy evaluation.

Policy Amendment includes:

- drafting changes to existing policies,
- seeking stakeholder/public input on proposed changes via WCB's website, as appropriate, and
- approval of policy changes by the Board of Directors.

In 2017, WCB intends to propose amendments and seek stakeholder input on the policies set out in the chart below. As a general rule, if consultation is required, proposed policy amendments are posted for 60 days on WCB's website for stakeholder feedback.

Policy Review:

- clarifies the nature and extent of an issue,
- analyzes the history and current impact of an identified problem, and
- recommends possible solutions (procedure, process, policy or legislative).

On an ongoing basis WCB reviews policies to clarify the precise nature and extent of an issue and to determine if a policy amendment may be required. If a policy review determines that a policy change is required, then the policy amendment process is followed.

Policy Evaluation has two functions:

1. Focuses on major changes with significant impacts, and determines if the change to the policy has performed as intended, and
2. Determines if the policy continues to be relevant and valid.

Depending on the results of the evaluation, a policy may be considered for policy review or amendment.

2017 Policy Updates		
Policy Reference	Topic	Proposed Change
1. To be determined	WCB Review Committee The final report is expected in spring of 2017 and WCB anticipates that it will include recommendations requiring policy development.	Unknown at this time
2. Various	COLA and other Adjustments Annual update of various benefits to which COLA or other adjustments are applied.	Required annually
3. 04-02, Part II, Addendum A	Allowance Rates Annual update of claimant mileage and subsistence allowances.	Required annually ⁷