

**Alberta WCB  
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**TEMPORARY BENEFITS**

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**REFERENCE:**

[\*Workers' Compensation Act, RSA 2000, Sections 36, 38\(1\), 52, 54, 56, 63, 88.1, 88.2, and 137.1\*](#)  
[\*Workers' Compensation Regulation, Sections 1 and 15\*](#)

**POLICY:**

When a work injury results in temporary loss of earnings, WCB pays the worker *temporary total disability* or *temporary partial disability* benefits, based on the nature and degree of disability, for as long as the disability lasts.

WCB may pay allowances for travel or subsistence expenses or both when workers are required to travel and/or stay away from home to attend WCB-directed appointments. As well, WCB may pay a wage loss allowance if workers lose wages as a result of attending WCB directed appointments.

This policy is effective February 15, 1997, except when noted otherwise in a specific policy section(s).

**INTERPRETATION**

**1.0 Temporary Total Disability**

Temporary total disability occurs when a compensable work injury or occupational disease results in temporary work restrictions which prevent a worker from performing the accident job and/or any concurrent employment.

**2.0 Temporary Partial Disability**

Temporary partial disability usually occurs during convalescence from the injury when medical evidence supports a worker returning to a modified version of the pre-accident or other suitable job, consistent with identified temporary work restrictions.

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