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1. *Is compensation affected if a worker leaves Alberta?*

According to s.52 of the WCA, WCB may stop paying compensation to a worker if that worker leaves Alberta to live in another jurisdiction, except in the following circumstances:

- the worker provides satisfactory medical evidence confirming the continuation of disablement and WCB is satisfied the period of disablement is not extended by the worker leaving Alberta, or
- the worker has been granted an award for permanent disability.

WCB may suspend compensation if a disabled worker leaves Alberta, either temporarily or permanently, without WCB's consent.

WCB normally continues compensation following notice of a worker's intention to leave Alberta, unless it is evident that by leaving the province the period of disablement may be extended.

2. *What if WCB requires an examination or disability assessment of a worker who lives in another jurisdiction?*

When a worker who is entitled to compensation lives in another jurisdiction, WCB may, for the purposes of examination or disability assessment:

- direct the worker to report to an office of WCB in Alberta, or
- direct the worker to report to the office of some extra-provincial agent or agency authorized to act on WCB's behalf.

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3. *Under what circumstances does WCB continue medical aid when a disabled worker leaves Alberta?* When a disabled worker leaves Alberta, WCB may authorize any continuing medical aid which might cure or alleviate the results of the worker's compensable condition.
4. *When is this policy application effective?* This policy application (Application 3 – Leaving the Province) is effective February 15, 1997, except when noted otherwise in a specific policy section(s).

Previous versions

- [Policy 0402 Part II - August 2015](#)
- [Policy 0402 Part II - January 2007](#)
- [Policy 0402 Part II - January 2004](#)
- [Policy 0402 Part II - January 2002](#)
- [Policy 0402 Part II - June 2001](#)
- [Policy 0402 Part II \(consolidated manual 1st Issue\) - February 1997](#)