

**Alberta WCB
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Information**

Chapter:

COST AND ENTITLEMENT ADJUSTMENTS

Subject:

COST RELIEF

Authorization:

BoD Resolution 2010/10/30

Date:

November 30, 2010

REFERENCE:

[Workers' Compensation Act, RSA 2000, Sections 95, 96, and 97\(1\)](#)
[Workers' Compensation Regulation, Sections 15 and 16](#)

POLICY:

Claim costs arising from a compensable accident or occupational disease are normally charged to the accident employer's experience account. There are, however, *exceptional circumstances* when WCB may relieve the employer of all or part of the claim costs. The appropriate distribution of the relieved costs will be determined by WCB.

There are limits on the time that cost relief adjustments affecting an employer's experience rating will be available (see Policy 07-02, Part II, Application 2, Experience Rating).

Participation in certain pricing programs will affect eligibility for cost relief [see Policy 07-02, Part II, Application 7, Industry Custom Pricing (ICP)].

This policy is effective December 1, 2010, except when noted otherwise in a specific policy section(s).

INTERPRETATION

1.0 Exceptional Circumstances

Cost relief may be considered when situations specified in Part II of this policy have impacted claim costs. These situations include circumstances such as lengthy delays in hospital admission, negligence on the part of another employer under the *Workers' Compensation Act (WCA)*, or second injuries.

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

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Addendum

Addendum A – [Eight Times the Weekly Maximum Compensation Rate to August 31, 2018](#)

Previous versions

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- [Policy 0502 Part I - August 2015](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I - June 2014](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I - December 2010](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I - January 2004](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I - January 2003](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I - January 2002](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I - June 1999](#)
- [Policy 0502 Part I \(consolidated manual 1st Issue\) - February 1997](#)