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EAO Client Service Survey

A huge thank you to those of you who participated in our recent Client Service Survey. We are thrilled with our 91% approval rating, and will continue to look for new ways to improve our services!



Instalment Model for Quarterly Reporting May Change

WorkSafeBC is proposing to change the installment model for quarterly reporting. The changes are intended to simplify reporting and payment requirements. Feedback to the [Discussion Paper](#) is due January 25, 2019.

WorkSafeBC Policy and Guidelines Update

- **Permanent Disability Evaluation Schedule (PDES):** Amendments to the schedule include updates to vision and loss of strength. These amendments are effective January 1, 2019.
- **Certificate of Recognition (COR):** The Board of Directors at WorkSafeBC has passed a Resolution accepting proposed amendments to the COR policies. The policies apply to all decisions made on or after January 1, 2019, except for financial incentive decisions relating to a safety violation that occurred prior to that date. For these decisions only, the interim policies will continue to apply as if unexpired.
- **First Aid Guidelines:** New first aid guidelines for certification of first aid attendants came into effect on September 6.
- **Further New, Amended, and Retired Guidelines** for first aid assessment; hand-arm vibration exposure limits; adjacent piping controls in confined spaces; and electrical testing equipment, effective October 30.
- **Revised Guidelines for Environmental Tobacco Smoke** and e-cigarettes to take into account the effects of cannabis smoke, effective October 30 (found under Part 4).

WorkSafeBC Safety Initiatives

- New and powerful video illustrating the importance of wearing life-saving personal flotation devices ([PFDs](#)).
- In October, WorkSafeBC launched its awareness campaign about [impairment](#) in the workplace.

New Nine-Digit Employer Account Numbers

You may notice a longer account number when you're checking a recently registered employer's clearance letter status. As of November, WorkSafeBC began assigning new nine-digit account numbers.

Seminars and Webinars

EAO seminars and webinars for the first quarter of 2019 are now [open for registration](#).

Please Share Our Newsletter!

Do you know someone who might like our newsletter? Please pass it on! Anyone can [sign up](#) for the EAO newsletter. Those who do will be notified of upcoming seminars and webinars!

We've Expanded!

We have four new advisers to serve you! They are: Felisa Friesen and Agnes Yeung in our Richmond office; Daniel Jobb in Nanaimo; and Liana Buljevic in Prince George.



The EAO wishes you all a safe and happy Holiday Season! Please use [ladders](#) safely when decorating for the holidays.