

A newsletter by the Employers' Advisers Office, Ministry of Labour, B.C. Government. The [Employers' Advisers Office](#) provides advice, assistance, representation, and educational services on all aspects of the workers' compensation system.



## Learn about WorkSafeBC's preliminary 2022 rates

Join WorkSafeBC and other employers to learn more about WorkSafeBC's preliminary assessment premium rates for 2022, including how to reduce injuries, claim costs, and your premium rate.

### Here's what you can expect:

WorkSafeBC is offering virtual rate consultation sessions, presented on a secure platform, that are open to employers across the province to attend at no cost.

### Dates and times (PST)

- Monday, July 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Monday, July 19, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 21, 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Wednesday, July 21, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

The presentation topics include:

- The financial state of the workers' compensation system
- Rate and classification changes
- How you, as an employer, can influence your rates through improved health and safety

**Register** for the session of your choice by visiting [Rate consultation sessions](#) to complete the registration form.

## COVID-19 Paid

### Sick Leave Reimbursement Program

The application for employers to apply for BC's [COVID-19 Sick Leave Reimbursement Program](#) is now available on WorkSafeBC's online services portal. Through the program, employers who do not have an existing sick leave program can apply to be reimbursed for up to three days of wages paid to workers for COVID-19 related sick leave. The reimbursement program is available for sick leave taken from May 20 until the program ends on Dec. 31, 2021. To access the [WorkSafeBC application](#), employers need to be registered with WorkSafeBC and signed up for WorkSafeBC's [employer online services](#).

### WorkSafeBC Board of Directors approves the 2020 amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

At its April 27, 2021 meeting, WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors approved amendments to:

- [Part 6, Restricted intervals for pesticide application](#),
- [Part 8, High visibility apparel](#),
- [Part 8, Safety headgear](#), and
- [Part 16, Mobile equipment](#)

The amendments become effective on September 1, 2021.



### COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- BC's [COVID-19 Immunization Plan](#)
- WorkSafeBC's [COVID-19 Vaccination and the Workplace](#)

### [New COVID-19 Page on WorkSafeBC's Website](#)

WorkSafeBC has a new webpage dedicated to COVID-19 information and news. Use the above link, or click on the photo on WorkSafeBC's home page.