

A newsletter by the Employers' Advisers Office, Ministry of Labour, B.C. Government.  
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## Have Your Say!

1. [Regulations for Part 6 and Part 26](#): Feedback is being requested for substance specific requirements; restricted entry intervals and authorization to enter; and some forestry operation regulations. Submissions are due September 27.
2. [Occupational Exposure Limits](#): Feedback for proposed amendments is due September 27.
3. [Regulations 6.42 to 6.58](#): Pertaining to cytotoxic drugs. The proposed amendments are comprehensive. Submissions due October 15.
4. [Workplace Support for People Facing Domestic Violence](#): Government wants to understand employer perspectives and how best to meet their business requirements when workers face personal domestic or sexual violence. Public engagement is open until October 8.

## Adjudication Updates

- WorkSafeBC has contracted with the [ADR Institute of BC](#) to conduct Discriminatory Action Complaint mediations.
- WCAT now accepts e-filing of submissions up to 10MB by emailing [appeals@wcat.bc.ca](mailto:appeals@wcat.bc.ca). For larger submissions, WCAT recommends sending material in more than one email.

### [Prevention Information Line](#):

WorkSafeBC's Prevention Information Line is a phone service dedicated to health and safety in BC workplaces. Employers can connect for a one-on-one consultation with a Prevention Officer and get answers to their OH&S questions – 1-888-621-SAFE (7233).



- **Real Time Clearance Letters now available!** This enhancement enables eligible employers to get an updated clearance letter immediately after reporting and paying online, instead of waiting the normal one to two business days (or even up to five days during long weekends).
- **Reminder: Industry health and safety data available on [worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com):** WorkSafeBC's online, interactive industry tools are available to provide detailed information about industry rates, claim costs, injury characteristics, and assessment rates for each BC industry and classification unit.

## Changes to Policy and Practice



1. Effective July 1, claims, assessment and prevention policy has been amended to expressly require decision-makers to consider the “[merits and justice](#)” of every case.
2. Effective January 1, 2020, the annual assessment amount threshold for quarterly reporting will be raised to \$2,200.
3. Effective January 1, 2022, [quarterly remittance reporting](#) will be prepared by a pre-installment method.
4. [Interim Practice Directive for Mental Disorders](#) has been amended to allow “preliminary determinations” to provide temporary relief to workers pending receipt of the necessary information to adjudicate the claim.



**EAO Seminar Schedule:** Our fall offerings have now been posted. Check out our new “**Hazard Identification & Workplace Inspections**” seminar and register early to avoid disappointment!

- **Free Ergonomics Forum:** WorkSafeBC is hosting a free ergonomics forum in recognition of Ergonomics Month in October. Join us for an afternoon of presentations, a tradeshow, and networking with BC's ergonomic experts. October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30PM-4:30PM WorkSafeBC Auditorium in Richmond
- **Slips, Trips and Falls Prevention Info-Session and Panel Discussion:** To help employers identify the latest prevention controls available for slip, trip and fall incidents in the workplace, WorkSafeBC, in collaboration with the BC Food Processing Association, is organizing an information session that includes panel discussions and interactive breakout sessions. October 3rd from 9:30AM-1:00PM WorkSafeBC Auditorium in Richmond

## EAO is Expanding!

WELCOME

John Bressette will be joining our Prince George office as an Adviser on September 25, 2019.