

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU

July 1, 2004

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1957

To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ASSESSMENT

The Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) has released the following official assessment rates to be applied to policies effective July 1, 2004 and thereafter.

Public Employers .354

Private Employers .049

These assessment rates are the result of the DIA's analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 2005, and should be applied to the standard premiums of public and private policyholders, respectively.

Carriers are reminded that these assessment rates are to be applied prior to the effects of any company deviations, scheduled credits, ARAP Surcharge, or deductible credits.

Carriers are further reminded that under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 152 section 65, it is permissible for a *public* employer, which has a policy with a workers' compensation insurer, to choose not to fully participate in the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund.

The notice of non-participation must be filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents by March 1st of any year in order to be effective as of July 1st of that year, and once properly filed and approved by the Department of Industrial Accidents, is irrevocable.

Prior to issuing any policy under the "Opt-Out" provision, carriers should confirm that the employer has been approved for non-participation. The DIA has provided us with a copy of its list of public entity and private self-insured opt-outs for fiscal year 2004. A copy of which is attached. Any questions should be directed to:

> Ms. Joan Endres Department of Industrial Accidents 600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 (617) 727-4900 Ext. 232

The assessment rate for private self-insured employers who have "Opted-Out" is .012. The assessment rate for public employers who have "Opted-Out" is .000 (zero). The assessment rates indicated at the beginning of this Circular will apply to the overwhelming majority of employers.

DANIEL M. CROWLEY Vice President – Customer Services

Attachment

OPT-OUT SELF-INSURED CO'S AND GROUPS

DATE	COMPANIES	1	DATE	COMPANIES
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OPT OUT PUBLIC ENTITES				
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7/1/ዐፍ ልፑ	TLEBORO	7/1/92 AMHERST		7/1/99 BRISTOL
7/1/92 BE		7/1/92 ARLINGTO		7/1/98 ESSEX
7/1/02 BC		7/1/92 BARNSTA		7/1/98 HAMPSHIRE
	ROCKTON	7/1/92 BELLINGH		7/1/98 NORFOLK
	MBRIDGE	7/1/92 BOXBORO		7/1/98 PLYMOUTH
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	TCHBURG	7/1/93 DANVERS		
	OUCESTER	7/1/92 DEDHAM	 _	
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	WRENCE	7/1/92 HINGHAM		1
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7/1/99 LY	'NN	7/1/92 LEXINGTO		7/1/98 MASS. TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
7/1/03 MA		7/1/98 MARBLEH	EAD	
7/1/92 MA	ARLBOROUGH	7/1/92 MARION		7/1/98 MASS. PORT AUTHORITY
7/1/03 ME		7/1/92 METHUEN		
7/1/04 ME	ELROSE	7/1/92 MIDDLEBC	DROUGH	7/1/92 P.E.R.A.
	W BEDFORD	7/1/00 NATICK		7/1/92 M.I.I.A.
7/1/99 NE		7/1/92 NEEDHAM		7/1/92 WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD &
7/1/03 PE		7/1/97 NORFOLK		7/1/92 NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY
	TTSFIELD	7/1/92 NORWOO		7/1/92 MA EDUCATION & GOV'T ASSN W.C. TRUST.
7/1/03 RE		7/1/92 READING		7/1/94 MA NATIONAL ASSOC. OF HOUSING &
7/1/92 QL		7/1/95 SCITUATE		REDEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS (NAHRO)
7/1/03 SA		7/1/92 SOMERSE		7/1/96 BOSTON WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
	OMERVILLE	7/1/98 STOUGHT		
	PRINGFIELD	7/1/92 SOUTH H/	ADLEY	
7/1/97 TA		7/1/92 STOW		
7/1/00 W/		7/1/96 SUDBURY		
	ESTFIELD	7/1/97 WEYMOU		
7/1/97 W		7/1/99 WINCHES	IEK	
7/1/92 W	ORCESTER			