



**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
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To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ASSESSMENT

The Department of Industrial Accidents has released the following official assessment rates to be applied to policies effective July 1, 1994 and thereafter.

Public Employers	.062
Private Employers	.032

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1995, and should be applied to the standard premiums, prior to the effects of any ARAP surcharge or deductible credit, of public and private policyholders, respectively.

Member carriers are reminded that under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 152 it is permissible for an employer, which has a policy with a workers' compensation insurer, to chose 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.

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Prior to issuing any policy under the "Opt-Out" provision, carriers should confirm that the employer has been approved for non-participation. A list of approved employers 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 employers who have "Opted-Out" is .016 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 who have not elected the "Opt-Out" provision of Massachusetts statute.

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Vice President

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Attachment

APPROVED NON-PARTICIPATION: \$65, C. 152

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P.E.R.A.

M.I.I.A.

CITY	Beverly	New Bedford
	Cambridge	Quincy
	Fall River	Somerville
	Haverhill	Springfield
	Holyoke	Westfield
	Lowell	Worcester
	Marlborough	

TOWN	Amherst	Lexington
	Arlington	Marion
	Barnstable	Methuen
	Bellingham	Middleborough
	Boxborough	Needham
	Danvers	Norwood
	Dedham	Reading
	Framingham	Somerset
	Franklin	South Hadley
	Hingham	Stow

PRIVATES

Harvard Community Health
Sturdy Memorial Hospital
Deaconess Hospital
Unicco
Market Basket Inc.
DeMoulas
Stop & Shop Companies, Inc.
Purity
Morton International
Armstrong
The Gillette Company
St. Johnsbury
Cape Cod Hospital
Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.
Norwood Hospital
MA Retail Merchants' Workers' Compensation Trust
The Flatley Company
Federal Express
Boston College
New England Medical Center Hospitals
Salem Hospital
DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company (effective FY95)
E.I. duPont de Remours & Company (effective FY95)
Freudenberg Nonwovens Limited Partnership (effective FY95)
Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Inc. (effective FY95)
Affiliated Publications, Inc. (effective FY95)

AUTHORITY/OTHER

Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket
Steamship Authority

MA Education & Gov't Assn Workers' Compensation Trust

MA National Association of Housing and
Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) (effective FY95)