



**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1800

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, 1998 and thereafter.

Public Employers	.128
Private Employers	.054

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1999, 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 section 65, it is permissible for a *public* 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.

July 7, 1998

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 the list of opt outs for fiscal year 1998 along with a number of additions to that list for fiscal year 1999. A copy of each of those lists 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 .017. 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.

RALPH L. BOWDRIDGE
Vice President

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Attachment



James J. Campbell
Commissioner

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Industrial Accidents

600 Washington Street
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July 2, 1998

Howard Mahler
Vice President and Actuary
Massachusetts Rating Bureau
101 Arch Street, 5th Floor
Boston, Ma 02110

Dear Mr. Mahler;

Please accept as confirmed the following Insured Assessment Rates:

Private .054

Private-Opt Out .017

Public .128

If I can be of any further assistance, please call me at (617) 727-4900 ext. 380.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vincent J. Luca Sr.".

Vincent J. Luca Sr.
Director of Administration

Joan Zudsea
F&I/FILE
10/11/97

CITY	Attleboro Beverly Cambridge Chelsea Chicopee	Fall River Haverhill Holyoke Lowell Marlborough	New Bedford Quincy Somerville Springfield *Taunton	Westfield *Woburn Worcester
TOWN	Amherst Arlington Barnstable Bellingham Boxborough Braintree Concord	Danvers Dedham Framingham Franklin Hingham Hull Lexington	Marion Methuen Middleborough Needham *Norfolk Norwood Reading	Scituate Somerset South Hadley Stow Sudbury *Weymouth

County *Worcester

AUTHORITY/OTHER

- P.E.R.A.
- M.I.I.A.
- 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)
- Boston Water and Sewer Commission

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
- E.I. duPont de Nemours & Company
- Freudenberg Nonwovens Limited Partnership
- Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Inc.
- Affiliated Publications, Inc.
- MA High Technology Self-Insurance Group
- Sisters of Providence Health System
- Holyoke-Chicopee Area Health Resources, Inc.
- Baystate Health Systems 11/76/94

3) Star Markets Company, Inc.

* Effective FY98

FY'99 OPTOUTS

PUBLIC

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD
TOWN OF STOUGHTON

COUNTY OF ESSEX
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF NORFOLK
COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

MASS. TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
MASS. PORT AUTHORITY

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SHAW'S SUPERMARKETS

PRIVATE SELF-INSURED GROUP

SELF-INSURED LUMBER BUSINESSES ASSOC.