



**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, 2000 and thereafter.

Public Employers	.162
Private Employers	.030

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 2001, 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 2000. 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
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The assessment rate for private self-insured employers who have "Opted-Out" is .008. 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.

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Attachment

OPT OUT PUBLIC ENTITIES					
DATE	CITIES	DATE	TOWNS	DATE	COUNTIES
7/1/95	ATTLEBORO	7/1/92	AMHERST	7/1/99	BRISTOL
7/1/92	BEVERLY	7/1/92	ARLINGTON	7/1/98	ESSEX
7/1/99	BROCKTON	7/1/92	BARNSTABLE	7/1/98	HAMPSHIRE
7/1/92	CAMBRIDGE	7/1/92	BELLINGHAM	7/1/98	NORFOLK
7/1/96	CHELSEA	7/1/92	BOXBOROUGH	7/1/98	PLYMOUTH
7/1/95	CHICOPEE	7/1/96	BRAINTREE	7/1/97	WORCESTER
7/1/92	FALL RIVER	7/1/00	BROOKLINE		
7/1/92	HAVERHILL	7/1/96	CONCORD		
7/1/92	HOLYOKE	7/1/93	DANVERS		
7/1/99	LAWRENCE	7/1/92	DEDHAM		
7/1/93	LOWELL	7/1/92	FRAMINGHAM		
7/1/99	LYNN	7/1/92	FRANKLIN		
7/1/92	MARLBOROUGH	7/1/92	HINGHAM		
7/1/92	NEW BEDFORD	7/1/95	HULL		
7/1/99	NEWTON	7/1/92	LEXINGTON		
7/1/99	PITTSFIELD	7/1/98	MARBLEHEAD		OTHERS
7/1/92	QUINCY	7/1/92	MARION		
7/1/92	SOMERVILLE	7/1/92	METHUEN	7/1/98	MASS. TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
7/1/92	SPRINGFIELD	7/1/92	MIDDLEBOROUGH	7/1/98	MASS. PORT AUTHORITY
7/1/97	TAUNTON	7/1/00	NATICK	7/1/92	P.E.R.A.
7/1/00	WALTHAM	7/1/92	NEEDHAM		
7/1/92	WESTFIELD	7/1/97	NORFOLK	7/1/92	M.I.I.A.
7/1/97	WOBURN	7/1/92	NORWOOD	7/1/92	WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD &
7/1/92	WORCESTER	7/1/92	READING	7/1/92	NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY
		7/1/95	SCITUATE	7/1/92	MA EDUCATION & GOV'T ASSN W.C. TRUST.
		7/1/92	SOMERSET	7/1/94	MA NATIONAL ASSOC. OF HOUSING &
		7/1/98	STOUGHTON		REDEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS (NAHRO)
		7/1/92	SOUTH HADLEY	7/1/96	BOSTON WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
		7/1/92	STOW		
		7/1/96	SUDBURY		
		7/1/97	WEYMOUTH		
		7/1/99	WINCHESTER		

OPT-OUTS PRIVATE GROUPS

DATE	COMPANIES	DATE	GROUPS
7/1/92	HARVARD COMMUNITY HEALTH	7/1/92	MASS RETAIL MERCHANT WORKERS
7/1/92	STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	7/1/96	MASS HIGH TECHNOLOGY S.I. GROUP
7/1/92	DEACONESS HOSPITAL	7/1/98	SELF-INSURED LUMBER BUSINESS
7/1/92	UNICCO		
7/1/92	MARKET BASKET, INC.		
7/1/92	DEMOULAS		
7/1/92	STOP & SHOP COMPANIES		
7/1/92	PURITY		
7/1/92	MORTON INTERNATIONAL		
7/1/92	ARMSTRONG		
7/1/92	GILLETTE COMPANY		
7/1/92	ST. JOHNSBURY		
7/1/92	CAPE COD HOSPITAL		
7/1/92	YELLOW FREIGHT SYSTEMS		
7/1/92	NORWOOD HOSPITAL		
7/1/92	FLATELY COMPANY		
7/1/92	FEDERAL EXPRESS		
7/1/92	BOSTON COLLEGE		
7/1/92	NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL CENTER		
7/1/92	SALEM HOSPITAL		
7/1/94	DUPONT MERCK PHARMACEUTICAL		
7/1/94	E.I. DUPONT DE REMOURS		
7/1/94	FREUDENBERG NONWOVENS		
7/1/94	ROCHE BROS		
7/1/94	AFFILIATED PUBLICATIONS		
7/1/96	SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE HEALTH		
7/1/96	HOLYOKE-CHICOPEE AREA HEALTH		
7/1/96	BAYSTATE HEALTH		
7/1/96	STAR MARKETS		
7/1/98	BRITTANY DYEING & PRINTING		
7/1/98	SHAWS		
7/1/99	CHRONICLE PUBLISHING		
			(VALLEY HEALTH)