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TO: Workers' compensation insurers, self-insured employers,
and self-insured employer groups

SUBJECT: 2023 premium assessment rates

This bulletin provides the workers' compensation premium assessment rate to be applied against premium earned during the calendar year 2023. This bulletin replaces Bulletin 367 issued Oct. 22, 2021.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, the department determined an assessment rate of 9.8 percent of direct earned premium is necessary for the department to carry out its statutory responsibility to regulate, administer, and enforce the workers' compensation and occupational safety and health laws of the state of Oregon (see ORS 656.612 and OAR 440-045-0020). This rate remains unchanged from the 2022 rate. This assessment funds the operations of the Workers' Compensation Division, the Workers' Compensation Board, most of Oregon-OSHA, a portion of the Division of Financial Regulation, and other parts of the Department of Consumer and Business Services that support these divisions' operations.

An additional assessment of 0.1 percent for self-insured employers and public-sector self-insured employer groups, and 0.5 percent for private-sector self-insured employer groups is required to fund the Self-Insured Employer Adjustment Reserve and the Self-Insured Employer Group Adjustment Reserve (ORS 656.614 and OAR 440-045-0025).

These assessment rates apply to all premium earned on or after Jan. 1, 2023. Insurers should refer to Bulletin 144 for payment instructions. Self-insured employers and self-insured employer groups should refer to Bulletin 388. These bulletins are available on our website: <http://wcd.oregon.gov/forms/Pages/bulletins.aspx>.

Assessment rates for 2023 and the prior four years are:

Year	Insurers	Self-insured employers	Self-insured employer groups
2023	9.8 percent	9.9 percent	9.9 percent – public groups 10.3 percent – private groups
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2021	9.0 percent	9.1 percent	9.1 percent – public groups 9.5 percent – private groups
2020	8.4 percent	8.5 percent	8.5 percent – public groups 8.9 percent – private groups
2019	7.8 percent	8.0 percent	8.0 percent – public groups 8.8 percent – private groups

The department mailed the attached notice to Oregon employers announcing the average change in pure premium rate, Workers' Benefit Fund assessment rate, and premium assessment rate.

If you have questions about this bulletin, contact the Workers' Compensation Division, Performance Section, 503-947-7651.

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Attachment: Notice to Oregon Employers dated Nov. 8, 2022



NOTICE TO OREGON EMPLOYERS

Nov. 8, 2022

Workers' Compensation and Workers' Benefit Fund Assessment Rates for 2023

Please share this notice with your payroll and risk management staff

- **Insurance premium:** The pure premium rate for 2023 will decrease by an average 3.2 percent compared with 2022. Pure premiums are the base rates, before insurer costs are added. The effect on your company's rate depends on a variety of factors, including industry and actual claim experience. Your next policy renewal with your insurer will reflect this change.
- **Premium assessment:** Insurance companies (on your behalf), self-insured employers, and self-insured employer groups pay an assessment to the state to administer workers' compensation and workplace safety programs. The assessment remains at 9.8 percent of premiums paid. Self-insured employers and self-insured employer groups pay an additional amount into a reserve fund to pay claims in the event of an insolvency.

Self-insured employers pay 9.9 percent in 2023. Public-sector self-insured employer groups pay 9.9 percent. Private-sector self-insured employer groups pay 10.3 percent.

Workers' Benefit Fund Assessment Rate

Workers' Benefit Fund (cents-per-hour) assessment: Employers and employees split this assessment, which employers collect through payroll. **Starting Jan. 1, 2023, this assessment will see no change, remaining at 2.2 cents per hour** or partial hour worked by each person an employer must cover or chooses to provide with workers' compensation coverage.

Employers must pay at least half the amount (1.1 cents per hour) and deduct no more than half from workers' wages.

Each quarter, employers use Forms OQ and OTC to report and pay the assessment through Oregon's Combined Payroll Tax Reporting System. For information about calculating the assessment, visit oregon.gov/DCBS/Pages/wbf.aspx, email wbfassess.fabs@dcbs.oregon.gov, or call 503-378-2372.

This fund pays for benefits to injured workers and their beneficiaries. The fund also helps injured workers return to work.

For more information about workers' compensation costs:

- Contact your insurer.
- Call the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services at 800-452-0288 (toll-free) or visit oregon.gov/DCBS/cost/Pages/index.aspx.