# The WCB appeal process for employers

As an employer, you have the right to appeal a decision made on your worker's injury claim that may affect you as an employer or a decision on your employer account. These are the two aspects to an employer appeal.



# Step 7 **Initial review**

#### They may be able to help.

Fair Practices Office.

If you

Before

need help

considering

an appeal, try the

The Fair Practices Office (FPO) is an independent office within the WCB. The FPO provides impartial assistance to anyone who has questions or concerns about the services they received from the WCB.

Phone: 306.787.8651 Toll free: 1.888.787.8651 Fax: 1.866.787.6751 Email: fairpracticeoffice@wcbsask.com Online: wcbsask.com/fair-practices-office

#### Appeals department process:

- The appeals department will send you a letter with the expected wait time for a decision once your appeal is registered.
- Your appeal will be assigned to an appeals officer. As part of their review, they may require additional information, which could include further investigation, phone calls and meetings.
- . The appeals officer will research relevant legislation, policy, weigh evidence and determine a decision on your appeal.

# Appealing an injury claim decision

There are three steps to the appeal process that must be completed. A decision must be made at each step before you can move on to the next step.

#### Step 1: Initial review

If you have questions or disagree with a decision, contact the staff member who made the initial decision on the injured worker's claim. They will be able to explain the decision and answer your questions.

If you have new information that could affect the decision, let them know. They may reconsider the decision.

All appeals (steps 2 and 3) must be in writing and include:

- the worker's name .
- . the WCB claim number
- the decision you are questioning (including date and decision maker) . why you disagree with the decision .
- how you think the decision should be resolved

**Step 2: Appeals department** 

any other information to support your position

independent of operations.

## Step 2 Appeals department

Step 5

**Board Appeal** 

Tribunal

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Send your appeal by email, file it online or send it in writing addressed to the appeals department.

If you have completed step 1 and disagree with the decision made, you can appeal to the appeals department, which is

Email: appeals@wcbsask.com Online: wcbsask.com/workers/worker-appeals Mail: 200-1881 Scarth St., Regina, SK S4P 4L1

## Step 3: Board Appeal Tribunal

If you have completed step 2 and disagree with the decision of the appeals department, you can appeal to the Board Appeal Tribunal. This is the final level of appeal.

Send your appeal by email, file it online or send it in writing addressed to the Board Appeal Tribunal.

Email: boardappeal@wcbsask.com Online: wcbsask.com/board-appeal-tribunall-employers Mail: 200-1881 Scarth St., Regina, SK S4P 4L1

## Additional forms

To appoint someone to represent you, send an Authorization Letter of Representation (EREP) form to us.

To get copies of the information from your worker's claim file, you or your representative must send an Employer's Request for Photocopy of Relevant Records in File(s) (EROI) form.

You can find these forms on our website at wcbsask.com/documents-listing

## **Resources and tools**

Find more information, including fact sheets on the appeal process, online forms and contact information on our website at wcbsask.com/employerappeals.



## **Board Appeal Tribunal process:**

- Board services will send you a letter with the expected wait time for a decision once your appeal is registered.
- An assistant to the board will summarize • the claim file for the Board Appeal Tribunal.
- If a hearing has been requested, the tribunal will • determine whether a hearing will be granted and whether both parties can attend.
- If a hearing has not been requested, the tribunal will render a decision based on the information in the claim file.



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Assessment

committee

Board Appeal

Tribunal

**Initial review** 

# Appealing an employer account decision

There are three steps to the appeal process that must be completed. A decision must be made at each step before you can move on to the next step.

### Step 1: Initial review

If you have questions or disagree with a decision on your employer account, contact the staff member who made the initial decision on the injured worker's claim. They will be able to explain the decision and answer your questions.

If you have new information that could affect the decision, let them know. They may reconsider the decision.

All appeals (steps 2 and 3) must be in writing and include:

- the decision you are guestioning (including date and decision maker)
- why you disagree with the decision
- how you think the decision should be resolved
- any other information to support your position

#### Step 2: Assessment committee

If you have completed step 1 and disagree with the decision made, you can appeal to the assessment committee.

Send your appeal by email or in writing to the assessment committee.

#### Email: employerservices@wcbsask.com

Mail: 200-1881 Scarth St., Regina, SK S4P 4L1 The committee will review the file and advise

### Step 3: Board Appeal Tribunal

you in writing of their decision.

If you have completed step 2 and disagree with the decision of the assessment committee, you can appeal to the Board Appeal Tribunal. This is the final level of appeal.

Send your appeal by email, file it online or send it in writing addressed to the Board Appeal Tribunal.

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