

WSIB Policy Agenda 2015

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OVERVIEW

In 2012, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) released its [Framework for Policy Development and Renewal](#) (“Framework”) which describes the WSIB’s commitment to ensure policies are up to date, clear, and provide appropriate guidance to staff and the public as to how they will be applied.

It is within that framework that annual Policy Agendas are developed, comprised in part of priority policies requiring substantive revision and stakeholder consultation. In parallel to the substantive initiatives identified in the Policy Agenda, each year a number of policies are identified for minor “housekeeping” revisions.¹ All policy changes are posted on the WSIB’s [Policy updates/clarifications page](#). Unanticipated policy priorities may also need to be addressed as they arise throughout the year.

The 2015 policy priorities are driven by:

- the strategic direction of the WSIB
- legislative amendments
- recommendations made by independent Chairs retained by the WSIB
- transformational priorities aimed at modernizing client service
- input received from key stakeholders
- the commitment to review and renew WSIB policies

The 2015 Policy Agenda contains a single section for Ongoing Policy Projects. For 2015, this section is comprised of the Rate Framework Review.

With the completion of the Benefits Policy Review and a revised suite of policies taking effect November 2014, WSIB efforts in 2015 will be focused on supporting implementation. Furthermore, in 2015 the WSIB will work with the Ministry of Labour as it considers issues such as removing the 72-month lock-in provision, enhancing survivor benefits, and implementing a long-term strategy to deal with indexation for partially disabled workers.

Although there are no new policy projects scheduled for 2015 due to the scope of the ongoing Rate Framework Review and the initiatives noted above, in future years the Agenda may include a section for such projects.

POLICY AGENDA 2015 – ONGOING POLICY PROJECTS

Topic	Description	Policy Reference
Rate Framework	<p><u>Rate Framework: Employer Classification, Rate Setting and Experience Rating</u></p> <p>In 2014, Mr. Douglas Stanley’s final report, <i>Pricing Fairness</i>, was released as part of the Rate Framework consultations. In 2015, the WSIB will be undertaking further stakeholder engagement on a preliminary Rate Framework, considering the recommendations in the <i>Pricing Fairness</i> report. This includes potential reforms to the current employer classification, rate setting, experience rating process and UFL apportionment method, with the goal of bringing a modernized rate framework to stakeholders. A number of policies may be affected and new policies required.</p>	<p>Revising</p> <p>TBC</p>

ⁱ “Housekeeping” revisions are non-substantive changes which include:

- consequential revisions resulting from legislative/regulatory amendments or changes made to other policies;
- correction of outdated or inaccurate information/terminology;
- correction of typographical or grammatical errors; and/or
- updates to legislative references and others.