

Changes in Statute and Regulations
1917 - 1942

Year	Passed (source)	Regulation	Title	Highlights	Eff.
NOTE: G.=British Columbia Gazette; ch.=chapter; s.=section; Act=current version of Worker's Compensation Act at the time.					
1916			Workmens Compensation Act, ch. 77 of B.C. Statutes of 1916	Workman pays 1c / day toward Medical Aid Fund. 3 full-time Commissioners appointed by Lt-Governor for 8, 9 and 10 year terms.	Jan-17
1917					
1918			Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1918 (ch. 102)	Board may add Industries and Occupations covered by Act. Provincial employees covered by Act. Employers must provide First-Aid equipment and service. Board granted authority to make Orders and order Closure.	
	May-18		Safety Rules and Regulations (G. 1188; 5 pg.)		Jun-18
1919			Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1919 (ch. 93)	Workmen may apply for coverage under the Act. Surviving dependents residing outside Canada may be paid less pension, depending on standard of living.	Jan-17
	Nov-19		Safety Rules and Regulations (G. 4150; 7 pg.)	Amendments (additions) to 1918 regulations. Accident-Prevention Committees mandatory if more than 50 men employed.	Jan-20
1920			Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1920 (ch. 105)	Survivor benefits increased. Remarriage Allowance capped.	Jan-20
	Jul-20		First-Aid Service Regulations (G. 3092; 1 pg.)	Equipment required; Minimum Kit (11-49 men), Medium Kit (50-99 men), First-aid Room equipment (100 or more men). Certified First-aid man required if more than 15 men. Employer to provide immediate transport to hospital.	Sep-20
1921					
1922			Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1922 (ch. 86)	Clerical and office workers no longer excluded. Compensation rate increased (55% to 62.5%). Burial expense increased. 1/2 of compensation paid by employer if Board finds at fault. WCB decisions and actions cannot be contested in court. Payments may be suspended or withheld if workman is; gambling, or leading an immoral or improper life. Industrial disease added to Schedule (Sulphur poisoning).	Jan-23
	Jul-22		First-aid Regulations (G. 2444; 1 pg.)	Amends the 1920 regulations. Basic first-aid kit required for crews of less than 10 men.	
	Jul-22		First-aid Regulations (G. 2526; 1 pg.)	A vehicle to carry injured workmen to be always available. Employer must provide immediate transport to a hospital.	
1923					
1924	RSBC		Workmen's Compensation Act, 1924 (ch. 278)		
	Dec-24		Boiler Inspection Act Amendment Act, 1924 (ch. 6 s. 3)	WCB to administer the Boiler Inspection Act.	
	Dec-24		Electrical Energy Inspection Act Amend. Act, 1924 (ch. 16 s. 2)	WCB to administer the Electrical Energy Inspection Act.	
	Dec-24		Mother's Pensions Act Amendment Act, 1924 (ch. 32)	Mother's Pensions Board to be made up of the 3 members of the W.C. Board plus one woman. E.S.H. Winn to chair.	
1925	Dec-24		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1925 (ch. 64)	Disability longer than 14 days paid from day of injury. Survivor benefits increased. Foster mother added; equivalent benefits to widow.	Jan-26
1931	Apr-31		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1931 (ch. 71)	Change "Consolidated Revenue Fund" to "Accident Fund".	
1932	Apr-32		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1932 (ch. 62)	Experience rating first allowed. Medical Aid may be paid without a claim being filed. Interest may be charged on class and sub-class deficits.	
1933	Sep-33		Safety Rules and Regulations (G. 1443; 2 pg.)	Compressed-Air Regulations.	Nov-33
	Oct-33		Safety Rules and Regulations (G. 1536; 9 pg.)	Submarine Diving Regulations.	Nov-33
1935	May-35		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1935 (ch. 91)	Minimum compensation increased, from \$5 to \$10 per week. Replaces 1920 Safety Rules and Regulations. Workplaces require an Accident-Prevention Committee if more than 25 men work there. Penalty for infractions is \$50.	
1936	RSBC		Workmen's Compensation Act, 1936 (ch. 312)		
	Nov-36		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1936 (ch. 61)	"Metalliferous Mining" added. Commissioner may be retired without cause at 70 years old. Silicosis added (s.8), 5 yrs exposure in B.C. required. Diseases added to Schedule (Silicosis; infected blisters).	
1937	Jun-37		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 965; 2 pg.)	Logging regulations of 1935 replaced.	
	Jun-37		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 966)	s.26 of Submarine Diving regulations replaced.	
1938	Dec-38		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1938 (ch. 67)	Burial expense increased. Survivor benefits (widow) increased. Compensation rate increased (62.5% to 66.66%).	Jan-39
1939	Nov-39		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1939 (ch. 65)	Ease terms for silicosis compensation (3 yrs exposure). Superannuation Fund for WCB employees established.	Jan-39
	Mar-39		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 602; 3 pg.)	Amending the 1935 regulations.	
1940	Apr-40		Industrial Disease (G. 577)	Pneumoconiosis added.	
1941	Nov-41		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 708; 5 pg.)	Amend the 1935 regulations.	
1942	Sep-42		Industrial Disease (G. 1074)	Nine diseases / processes added.	

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Deceased Workmen's Wages Act (RSBC 1911, ch. 245) (RSBC 1924, ch. 279)
Three months wages or payments due the deceased worker are to be paid to the widow and dependents free of any debts. Said payment is not subject to estate administration regulations or fees.

Widows Act (until 1948)

Mother's Pensions Act (1924 - 1948, replaced by Mother Allowances Act)

Boiler Inspection Act

Electrical Energy Inspection Act

Explosives Act (federal)

Factories Act (pre-1917 - 1985, replaced by Workplace Act)

Mines Act