

Changes in Statute and Regulations
1943 - 1972

Chapter Changes
Revised Statutes of British Columbia

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.					
1943	Mar-43		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1943 (ch. 72)	Compensation minimum and maximum increased. Increased Burial expense (transportation of body added). Definition of dependent expanded. Increased Survivor (child) benefits (rate up and maximum age goes to 18 while attending school). Increased Survivor (parent) benefits. Common-law wife recognized as a survivor. Increased Survivor (widow) benefits (lump-sum payment). Remarriage cap deleted. Expanding 1922; pension payments may also be canceled, and a new condition is if the workman is in jail or prison. Hernia becomes a compensable injury. Rehabilitation allowed (Voc. Rehab.) to be paid from Accident Fund; max. \$75,000/yr total for all cases. Pension may be based on functional disability assessment. Subsistence allowance for travel to receive medical aid. Diseases added to Schedule (Silicosis in coal miners). Board may increase workers 1c/day medical rate. WCB may buy and sell real property. May make agreements with WCBs of other Provinces. WCB only responsible for milling and concentrating operations in metalliferous-mines. Regulations may be retroactive up to 3 months. Five diseases / processes added.	
	Apr-43		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 395; 4 pg.)	Ship-Construction regulations.	
	May-43		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 495; 7 pg.)	Replaces 1935 regulations.	Jun-43
	Jun-43			Chiropody and Chiropractic may be paid from Medical Aid fund, by Board Minutes May 31 and June 1, 1943 also in other Acts; Boiler Inspection Act, Electrical Energy Inspection Act, Explosives Act (federal), Factories Act.	Jul-43
	Jul-43		Accident-Prevention Regulations	Two diseases / processes added; amend 1.	
	Aug-43		Industrial Disease (G. 773)	One disease / process added.	Jun-43
	Dec-43		Industrial Disease (G. 1366)	One disease / process added.	Oct-43
1944	Feb-44		Industrial Disease (G. 191)	Two diseases / processes added; amend 2.	Dec-43
	Mar-44		Industrial Disease (G. 451)	Amend 1 diseases / process.	Jan-44
	Aug-44		Industrial Disease (G. 1169)	Two diseases / processes added; amend 3.	Jul-44
1945	Jan-45		Industrial Disease (G. 91)	One disease / process added; 1 amended.	Nov-44
	Mar-45		Industrial Disease (G. 545)	One disease / process added; 1 amended.	Feb-45
	Oct-45		Industrial Disease (G. 2203)	One disease / process added; 1 amended.	Sep-45
	Sep-45		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 1877; 29 pg.)	Replaces 1943 regulations.	Nov-45
1946	Apr-46		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1946 (ch. 80)	Disability longer than 6 days paid from day of injury. Workman contribution to Medical Aid repealed. Medical Aid paid from the Accident Fund. Board may repair or replace: dentures, eyeglasses, artificial appliances, if broken as the result of a workplace accident.	
1947	Jun-47		Industrial Disease (G. 1826)	Two diseases / processes added.	
1948	RSCB 1948		Workmen's Compensation Act, 1948 (ch. 370) (G. 154)	New industries added, e.g. catering, hotel, operating apartments or commercial buildings, retail, land-surveying, auctioneering, veterinary hospital, barber shop, photographer, stockyard, landscaping, broadcasting. New industry classes defined in s.28. Survivor benefits increased. Protections under the Widows Act now in W.C. Act, s.12(3). Subsistence rate increased.	Feb-49
			Workmen's Compensation Amendment Act, 1948 (ch. 108)		
	Jan-48		Industrial Disease (G. 218)	One disease / process added.	Dec-47
	Mar-48		Industrial Disease (G. 705)	One disease / process added.	Feb-48
	Apr-48		Industrial Disease (G. 1095)	One disease / process added.	Mar-48
1949	Mar-49		Industrial Disease (G. 704)	One disease / process added.	
	Apr-49		Industrial Disease (G. 944)	One disease / process added.	
	May-49		Industrial Disease (G. 1384)	Amend 1 disease / process.	
	Jul-49		Industrial Disease (G. 1868)	Replace the Schedule (now 50 disease / process pairs).	
	Aug-49		Industrial Disease (G. 2048)	Amend 6 diseases / processes.	
1950	Mar-50		Industrial Disease (G. 513)	Amend 1 disease / process.	
	Mar-50		Industrial Disease (G. 764)	Amend 1 disease / process.	
	Jun-50		Industrial Disease (G. 1744)	One disease / process added.	
	Jun-50		Industrial Disease (G. 1917)	Amend 1 disease / process.	
	Apr-50		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 1187; 2 pg.)	Grain Elevators.	May-50
	Aug-50		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 2499; 31 pg.)	Replaces 1945 regulations.	Sep-50
1951	Feb-51		Industrial Disease (G. 477)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Mar-51
	Aug-51		Industrial Disease (G. 2471)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Jan-51
1952	Apr-52		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1952 (ch. 15)	Survivor benefits and Burial expense increased. Remarriage Allowance capped. Compensation rate to 70% - minimum and maximum increased. Subsistence rate removed from Act; set by WCB.	
				One disease / process added - Traumatic deafness.	Dec-52
1953	Jan-53		Industrial Disease (G. 297)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Apr-53
	Apr-53		Industrial Disease (G. 1069)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Apr-53
1954	Apr-54		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1954 (ch. 54)	Chiropody, Chiropractic, Dentistry and Naturopath incl. Students on work site included as "workmen". Employer's family over 21 yrs not excluded. Employer or independent operator may apply for coverage. WCB may change Schedule B, with Lieutenant-Governor's approval. Compensation rate and maximum increased. Industries added. Medical Review panel begun. Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the Lt-Governor (no fixed terms). Mandatory retirement for Commissioners at 70 yrs of age.	
	Apr-54		Industrial Disease (G. 1133)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Mar-54
	Aug-54		Industrial Disease (G. 2901)	Amend 2 diseases / processes.	Sep-54
1955	Mar-55		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1955 (ch. 91)	Survivor benefits increased. Minimum compensation increased. Industries added. Explosive-actuated tools.	
	Feb-55		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 374; 2 pg.)	Amend s.544 re report after examination of workman.	Feb-55
	Mar-55		Physicians (G. 1014)	Amend 1 disease / process added - Staphylococcus infection.	Mar-55
1956	Jan-56		Industrial Disease (G. 342)	One disease / process added - Staphylococcus infection.	Dec-54
	Jan-56		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 342; 3 pg.)	Temporary Passenger Hoists.	Jan-56
	Feb-56		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 745; 2 pg.)	Underground Diesel Equipment.	Feb-56
	Feb-56		Industrial Disease (G. 541)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Feb-56
	Mar-56		Accident-Prevention Regulations (G. 1768; 11 pg.)	Well Drilling and Servicing.	Apr-56
	May-56		Industrial Disease (G. 2322)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Jan-56
	Jun-56		Industrial Disease (G. 2463)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Jun-56
	Aug-56		Penalty (G. 3514)	Amend s.61, increase fine to \$300 for contravention of any rule or regulation under Part 1. CNIB to supervise RTW placement of blind workers.	
1957	Mar-57		Blind Workmen's Compensation Act, 1957 (ch. 6)	Compensation paid from Consolidated Revenue Fund.	
	Oct-57		Industrial Disease (G. 4104)	Amend 1 disease / process.	Jul-57
	Nov-57		Industrial Disease (G. 4404)	One disease / process added.	May-57
1958					
1959	Mar-59		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1959 (ch. 95)	"Accident" includes disease. WCB may add disease by regulation or otherwise. Industries added. Spouse of employer excluded. Disability longer than 3 days paid from day of injury. Survivor benefits increased. Vocational Rehabilitation cap lifted (was \$75,000 / year) Remarriage Allowance applies to Common-law wife. Minimum set for Partial Disability (temporary and permanent). Compensation maximum increased. Officers can inspect for Industrial Disease conditions. WCB Officers cannot inspect Coal or Metalliferous mines. Fines for contravention of Act increased.	Apr-59
	Dec-59	276/59	Penalty	Minimum Assessment	Oct-59
	Dec-59	396/59		Minimum Assessment (Silicosis) is \$10.	Jan-58
	Dec-59	397/59		Penalty on overdue assessments; 5% of amount plus 1% /mo.	Jan-58
	Dec-59	398/59	Assessment Penalty	Volunteer firemen deemed to earn \$75 / month.	Apr-54
	Dec-59	422/59		Chiropodists	May-58
	Dec-59	399/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Chiropractors	May-58
	Dec-59	400/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Dental Fees	May-54
	Dec-59	401/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Naturopaths	May-58
	Dec-59	402/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Physicians	Jan-59
	Dec-59	403/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Physiotherapy and massage	May-58
	Dec-59	404/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Approved medical aid plans	
	Dec-59	405/59	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Ambulance services	Jan-53
	Dec-59	395/59	First-aid Regulations	First-aid service requirements for employers.	Jan-60
	Dec-59	393/59	First-aid Regulations	Asbestosis	Aug-59
	Dec-59	409/59	Industrial Disease	Pneumoconiosis	Aug-59
	Dec-59	410/59	Industrial Disease	Silicosis	Aug-59
	Dec-59	411/59	Industrial Disease	Tuberculosis	Feb-55
	Dec-59	412/59	Industrial Disease	Amendments to schedule of industrial diseases	Jan-58
	Dec-59	408/59	Industrial Disease	Accident prevention regulations	Sep-59
	Dec-59	394/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Buoyancy aid work	Jan-57
	Dec-59	413/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Compressed-air work	Sep-33
	Dec-59	414/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Energized electrical transmission or distribution systems	
	Dec-59	415/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Explosive-actuated tools	Feb-55
	Dec-59	416/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Grain-elevators	Sep-50
	Dec-59	417/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Ship construction	
	Dec-59	418/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Submarine diving	Nov-33
	Dec-59	419/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Swinging stages	Jun-51
	Dec-59	420/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Underground diesel equipment	Feb-56
	Dec-59	421/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Well drilling and servicing	Apr-56
	Dec-59	423/59	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Reciprocal agreement with Alberta.	Jan-59
	Dec-59	406/59		Reciprocal agreement with Ontario.	Jan-54
	Dec-59	407/59			
1960	Mar-60		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1960 (ch. 63)	Investment procedures and which are allowed.	
	RSCB		Workmen's Compensation Act, 1960, (ch. 413)		
	Apr-60	83/60	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Energized electrical trans'n or dist'n systems; replace 415/59.	Jan-60
	Apr-60	115/60	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Wireless signalling devices.	Apr-60
1961	May-61	64/61	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Compressed-air work; replace 414/59.	Apr-61
	Sep-61	157/61	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Amend 394/59 re logging.	Sep-61
1962	May-62	79/62	First-aid Regulations	Clarifying "number of men on shift" in 393/59.	May-62
	Dec-62	181/62	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Explosive-actuated tools; amend 416/59.	Jan-63
1963	Mar-63		Statute Law Amendment Act, 1963 (ch. 42, s. 24)	Amend s.82 (application of Part 2). Group Life (mandatory) initiated for all WCB staff. Re-word s.11A re transport to nearest doctor or hospital.	Mar-63
	Mar-63	156/63	First-aid Regulations	Complete new regulation governing practitioners; replace 403/59.	Jan-63
	Jul-63	157/63	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Dental fee schedule; replace 401/59.	Feb-64
1964	Jan-64	45/64	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Temporary power to amend given to Lt.-Governor.	
1965	Mar-65		Statute Law Amendment Act, 1965 (ch. 50, s. 18)	Minimum compensation increased. Survivor benefits and Burial expense increased. Benefits increase with C.P.I. Increase over 2% Burial expense increased. Maximum wage dropped from Act. WCB to set using formula. General regulations; replace 276/59, 394/59, 413/59, 415/59 - 418/59, 420/59, 421/59, 423/59, 83/60, 115/60, 157/61 and 181/62.	Jan-65 Jan-65 Jan-65 Nov-65 Nov-65
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1966	43/66		Accident-Prevention Regulations	Complete new regulation governing practitioners including schedule of fees; replace 157/63.	Mar-66
	Jun-66	120/66	Medical Aid & Practitioner Regulations	Minimum compensation increased to \$150 per month.	Jun-66
1967	Mar-67		Workmen's Compensation Act Amendment Act, 1967 (ch. 56)	Half of increase paid from Consolidated Revenue Fund. Consumer Price Index related increases - fatal & other. New regulation including schedule of fees; replace 120/66.	Jan-67 Jan-67
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1968					
		283/68	Industrial Disease	Pneumoconiosis; replace 41/59.	Apr-68
		294/68	Industrial Disease	Tuberculosis; replace 412/59.	Oct-68
	SBC 1968		Workmen's Compensation Act, 1968 (ch. 59)	Industries added. Volunteers may be covered. Trainees at Provincial Vocational schools covered. Survivor benefits increased. Compensation maximum increased. Recurrence of disability compensable. Compensation Consultant position created, s.77(1). Penalties for lack of First-Aid equipment and/or service. WCB may assess levies (fines) directly and collect as if they were an assessment. Levy to cover accident cost where employer was non-compliant. Closure order more than 24 hrs requires written confirmation from WCB. Workers paid up to 3 days during closure. Amend s.81. Pension payments may be discontinued or suspended if recipient is; in jail or prison, not supporting his wife and children (pmts redirected), or widow is openly living with a man as his wife without being married (immoral or improper life condition dropped). Provinces; maximum of \$50,000 / year to Accident Fund. WCB may change Sched. B, no approval required. (1968??)	
		36/68		Consumer Price Index related increases - fatal & other.	Jan-68
		46/69		Consumer Price Index related increases - fatal & other.	Jan-69
1969	Apr-70		Statute Law Amendment Act, 1970 (ch. 44, s.23)	Add s.17(9) "Age of Majority Act does not apply".	
		105/70	Accident-Prevention Regulations	Noise Exposure	Apr-70
		65/70		Consumer Price Index related increases - fatal & other.	Jan-70
		241/70		Maximum wage increased	Jan-71
1971		48/71		Consumer Price Index related increases - fatal & other.	Jan-71
1972			An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1968 (ch. 64)	Employer's children excluded if less than 19 yrs. Board may provide counselling and placement services to dependents. Time loss paid from day after injury. Compensation minimum increased. Volunteers in Public Interest deemed workmen of the Province and covered. Increased Survivor benefits (funeral, widow, worker minimum)	
			Deceased Workmen's Wages Act	Repealed	Jun-72
	Feb-72	64/72	Accident-Prevention Regulations	General reg's including Noise; replace 43/66 and 105/70.	May-72
	Jul-72	180/72	Penalty Assessment	Penalties of; 10% of amount for not filing or paying, if late 5% of outstanding plus 1% / month. Consumer Price Index related increases - fatal & other. Maximum wage increased	Jan-72 Jan-73
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Other Related Acts to Note

- Widows Act (until 1948)
- Mother's Pensions Act (1924 - 1948, replaced by Mother Allowances Act)
- Mother Allowances Act (1948 - 1980)
- Blind Workmen's Compensation Act (1957 - 1975)
- Boiler Inspection Act
- Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act