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- Preface
- Revision to Appendix 1 to update the Index of Retired Decisions from Volumes 1 – 6 (Decisions No. 1 – 423) of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter*.

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PREFACE

Section 82 of the *Workers Compensation Act* provides that the Board of Directors of the Workers' Compensation Board must set and revise as necessary the policies of the Board of Directors, including policies respecting compensation, assessment, rehabilitation and occupational safety and health (or prevention).

The policies of the Board of Directors consist of:

- (a) The statements contained under the heading "Policy" in the *Assessment Manual*,
- (b) The statements contained under the heading "Policy" in the *Prevention Manual*,
- (c) The *Rehabilitation Services & Claims Manual*, Volume I and Volume II, except statements under the headings "Background" and "Practice" and explanatory material at the end of each Item appearing in the new manual format,
- (d) The *Classification and Rate List*, as approved annually by the Board of Directors,
- (e) *Workers' Compensation Reporter* Decisions No. 1 – 423 of Volumes 1 – 6 not retired prior to April 1, 2006;¹ and
- (f) Policy decisions of the former Governors and the former Panel of Administrators still in effect immediately before February 11, 2003,

as well as amendments to policy in the four policy manuals, any new or replacement manuals issued by the Board of Directors, any documents published by the Workers' Compensation Board that are adopted by the Board of Directors as policies of the Board of Directors, and all decisions of the Board of Directors declared to be policy decisions.

The *Manual* in which this preface appears contains current Board policy with respect to prevention matters. It is used by Board staff in carrying out their responsibilities under the *Workers Compensation Act*. As new policy is developed and approved in this area, the *Manual* will be updated by issuing replacement pages.

¹ As of April 1, 2006, only two Decisions from Volumes 1 – 6 remain to be retired: Nos. 99 and 231. These decisions will be addressed in the near future. An explanation of "retirement" and an index of "retired" Decisions are found in APPENDIX 1 to this *Manual*.

APPENDIX 1**INDEX OF RETIRED DECISIONS FROM
VOLUMES 1 – 6 (DECISIONS NO. 1 – 423) OF THE
*WORKERS' COMPENSATION REPORTER*****EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

The Board of Directors Bylaw re: Policies of the Board of Directors lists the policy manuals and other documents that are policies for purposes of the *Workers Compensation Act*. Included in the list are Decisions No. 1 – 423 in volumes 1 – 6 of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter*. These Decisions consist, for the most part, of decisions made by the former commissioners on various matters between 1973 and 1991.

In order to reduce the number of sources of policies, a strategy has been approved for consolidating Decisions No. 1 – 423 into the various policy manuals, as appropriate, and “retiring” the Decisions over time.

“Retire” for this purpose means that, as of the “retirement date”, the Decision is no longer current policy under the Board of Directors Bylaw.

“Retiring” does not affect a Decision’s status as policy prior to the date it was “retired”. A “retired” Decision therefore applies in decision-making on historical issues to the extent it was applicable prior to the “retirement date”. “Retiring” also does not affect the disposition of any individual matters dealt with in a Decision.

This Index sets out the Decisions from volumes 1 - 6 that have been “retired” and the “retirement date”. It will be updated as further Decisions are “retired” in the future.¹

Please note that as of April 1, 2006, only two Decisions from Volumes 1 – 6 of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter* remain to be retired: Nos. 99 and 231. These Decisions will be addressed in the near future.

¹ Decisions that do not appear in the Index should not necessarily be considered current policy. Decisions or parts of Decisions may have been replaced, either expressly or impliedly, by subsequent policies in the policy manuals or other policy documents. Under the Board of Directors Bylaw, where there is a conflict between policy in Decisions No. 1 - 423 and policy in a policy manual listed in the Bylaw, the policy in the manual is paramount. In the event of any other conflict between policies, the most recently approved policy is paramount.

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DECISION NO.	TITLE	RETIREMENT DATE
208	The Awarding of Costs	October 21, 2003
209	Lunch Breaks	June 17, 2003
210	Re-Openings and New Evidence	June 17, 2003
211	The Reimbursement of Expenses	May 1, 2000
212	Commutation of Pensions	May 1, 2000
213	Bunkhouses	June 17, 2003
214	Travelling Employees	February 24, 2004
215	Consulting Firms	January 1, 2003
216	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
217	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
218	Commutation of Pensions	May 1, 2000
219	Medical Review Panels	February 24, 2004
220	Proportionate Entitlement and the Dual System	May 1, 2000
221	Bronchitis and Emphysema	October 21, 2003
222	Compensable Consequences of Work Injuries	October 21, 2003
223	The Fishing Industry	January 1, 2003
224	The Fishing Industry	January 1, 2003
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226	The Fishing Industry	January 1, 2003
227	Broken Eyeglasses	October 21, 2003
228	Multiple Sclerosis	June 17, 2003
229	Industries and Employment	January 1, 2003
230	Unauthorized Activities	October 21, 2003

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232	Cancer of Gastro-Intestinal Tract	June 17, 2003
233	Security and Investigation Services	May 1, 2000
234	Occupational Hygiene and Cominco Ltd.	June 17, 2003
235	Manpower Supply Agencies	January 1, 2003
236	Interim Adjudication	June 17, 2003
237	Complaints to the Commissioners in Respect of Compensation Claims	May 1, 2000
238	Bronchitis and Emphysema	October 21, 2003
239	Ganglia	October 21, 2003
240	Training Allowances	June 17, 2003
241	Inmates on Work Release Programmes	January 1, 2003
242	Supply of Appliances	October 21, 2003
243	Industrial Diseases	June 17, 2003
244	The Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
245	Adjustments According to the Consumer Price Index	May 1, 2000
246	Pulmonary Disease and "Hard Metal" Grinding	June 17, 2003
247	Workers Undergoing Custodial Care	June 17, 2003
248	Class 11	May 1, 2000
249	Recurrence of Disability	May 1, 2000
250	Industrial Diseases	June 17, 2003
251	Penalties under Section 61(2)	October 21, 2003
252	Scope of Employment	October 21, 2003