

Changes to classification units for 2026

Each year when WorkSafeBC sets premium rates for the upcoming year, the classification units (CUs) are reviewed and evaluated to ensure insurance rates continue to be fair and equitable.

WorkSafeBC groups employers into specific CUs based on their industrial activities. By grouping employers in similar industries that have similar levels of risk, WorkSafeBC can set rates to reflect that risk and charge industries appropriately.

CUs to expire

These CUs represent industries with few employers and will merge with an existing CU.

2025 CU number and title		Number of firms	2024 payroll (millions)	2026 CU number and title	
714015	Planing Mill	11	\$14.5	714032	Wooden Component Manufacture (not elsewhere specified)
761021	Massage Parlour, Steam Bath, or Massage Services (not elsewhere specified)	85	\$24.3	761014	Hair Salon, Aesthetic Services, Sauna, or Relaxation Massage Services

CUs to be renamed

These CU titles will be revised for added clarity in the classification system.

CU number	Current name	New name
761014	Hair Cutting, Styling or Esthetic Services	Hair Salon, Aesthetic Services, Sauna, or Relaxation Massage Services
766012	Massage Therapy (licensed)	Registered Massage Therapy (RMT)
766018	Retirement Home or Seniors' Home (accommodation only)	Retirement Home or Seniors' Home

Stakeholder feedback

Firms affected by the changes were contacted directly and had the opportunity to provide input until September 30, 2025.

If there are any questions regarding the 2026 CU changes, please contact us at the email provided.

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