

June 26, 2008

NOTICE:

The maximum weekly compensation rate under the New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Law *will be increased* from one thousand two hundred eighteen dollars (\$1,218.00) *to one thousand two hundred fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$1,255.50) effective July 1, 2008.* In order for an injured worker to receive the maximum benefit, the worker must have an average weekly wage as determined by RSA 281-A:15 in the amount of \$2,092.50 or more.

The minimum weekly compensation rate under the New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Law *will be increased* from two hundred forty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$243.60) *to two hundred fifty-one dollars and ten cents (\$251.10) effective July 1, 2008.* Minimum weekly compensation is 30% of the State's Average Weekly Wage for injuries after 2/8/94.

* If an employee's average weekly wage as calculated on Form No. 76WCA, is \$251.10 or less, the weekly compensation shall be the full amount of the employee's average weekly wage, but in no event shall the weekly compensation rate exceed 90% of the employee's after tax earnings.

* If an employee's average weekly wage is greater than \$251.10, but less than \$2,092.50, weekly compensation shall be 60% of the employee's average weekly wage or \$251.10 whichever is greater. In no event, however, shall the weekly compensation rate exceed 100% of the employee's after tax earnings.

These changes are in accordance with RSA 281-A:28. The increases are based upon information from the Department of Employment Security, which establishes the State's Average Weekly Wage. *For calendar year 2007, the State's Average Weekly Wage figure is: eight hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$837.00).*

Please direct any questions regarding the application of new maximum or minimum benefits to the attention of the Workers' Compensation Division at 95 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 or telephone (603) 271-3174.

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