



Yukon Workers'  
Compensation  
Health and  
Safety Board

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**YWCHSB announces a second consecutive year of Assessment Rate decreases for most Yukon employers.**

WHITEHORSE: The Board of Directors of YWCHSB is pleased to announce that approximately 92% of Yukon employers (more than 2,800) will see their assessment rates decrease in 2011.

A continuing downward trend in claims costs shows that YWCHSB needs to collect less assessment revenue next year to remain in a fully funded position – meaning there is enough revenue to pay for all existing claims.

Three industries have also been moved into lower rate groups. This action supports the Board's message that industries with good performance will not have to support those with poor performance.

Those who are not showing improvement – whose claims costs continue to increase – are receiving a higher assessment rate.

About 8% of employers (approximately 250) will see their rates increase by 6% in 2011.

For some time the Board has warned employers that increasing claims costs leaves YWCHSB with no option but to increase rates.

There is no transition period for either rate increases or decreases.

The Board will be reviewing the transition process for reclassified industries for the 2012 assessment year and beyond.

YWCHSB internal efficiencies have also resulted in lowering the amount of administration costs within the average assessment rate from \$1.15 in 2010 to \$1.10 in 2011.

This is another contributing factor allowing the average assessment rate to drop from \$2.95 in 2010 to \$2.49 in 2011, a decrease of almost 16%.

The 2011 rates reflect true claims costs, per rate group.

There are no subsidies.

It is fair to all.

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