

## BOARD POLICIES

### REHABILITATION

At the Workers' Compensation Board meeting held on May 6, 1982, the following policy was agreed upon and adopted:

#### No. 3 Re-employment Assistance Allowance

The purpose of this allowance is to assist workers in supporting themselves and their dependants until they are able to establish themselves in employment following a period of temporary total disability or temporary partial disability.

At the end of the above period re-employment assistance allowance can be approved for one month. Beyond the first month the Rehabilitation Counsellor will obtain the following:

- (1) Statement of worker's monthly living expenses (budget) and income from all sources should be included in the Rehabilitation Counsellor's recommendations.
- (2) Contacts made by the worker as well as job referrals. Unemployment Insurance benefits must be applied for if eligible. The amount of Unemployment Insurance benefits received is to be considered in determining the amount of any re-employment assistance allowance paid beyond the customary Unemployment Insurance Commission waiting period.
- (3) Where an injured worker has a temporary partial disability award, and is unable to return to work because no suitable employment is available, consideration for payment of re-employment assistance allowance together with the assessed temporary partial disability shall not exceed in value the worker's established full compensation. In setting this allowance, consideration shall be given to entitlements from other sources such Unemployment Insurance Benefits.
- (4) Where a worker having temporary partial disability returns to work with an earnings loss and his wage, together with his temporary partial disability award does not equal full compensation rate, then re-employment assistance equivalent to the difference may be considered. In no case shall total payment exceed the maximum compensation rate provided under the Ordinance. Also, when considering such allowance there should be some assurance that the wages paid will increase within a reasonable time so as to render the allowance no longer necessary.

The costs of these services must be approved by the Rehabilitation Committee and charged to the Reserve for Rehabilitation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Booth". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a cursive "Booth".

B. Booth  
Executive Secretary

This policy revokes Board Policy Claims No. 25 dated February 15, 1977.