

Claim Reporting Requirements November 10, 2017



Reporting Requirements - General

Basics



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Required Reporting to RI Department of Labor and Training (RI DLT):

- Injury or illness medical only and indemnity
- Indemnity benefits
 - Start
 - Change
 - Stop





A work-related injury must be reported if:

- The injury requires medical treatment.
- The employee can't work for more than 3 days.
- The injury is fatal.



- Fatal injuries must be reported to RIDLT within 48 hours.
- Other injuries must be reported to RIDLT within 10 days.
- Fine of \$250 can be imposed for late filing or failure to file.



How to Report an Injury:

- RIDLT mandated electronic reporting March 1, 2015.
- RIDLT uses the IAIABC national standard Claims Release 3.
- Injuries must be reported electronically through the standard EDI process only.
- No paper first report forms are accepted.



Who reports?

- The injured worker reports the injury to the employer.
- The employer reports the injury to the claim administrator.
- A claim administrator is the party handling a claim, the employer's workers' compensation insurance company or a third party administrator.
- The claim administrator reports the injury to RIDLT using EDI.



- A first report of injury in EDI is called a FROI. The FROI is an electronic transaction (EDI).
- See RIDLT's web site for more information on EDI reporting.
- NO paper first report forms are accepted.



Denial



Denial

- RIDLT has no requirement and no paper form for notice of denial.
- The claim administrator should notify the employee that the claim is denied.
- The claim administrator should notify RI DLT electronically with a First Report of Injury Denial (FROI 04) or a Subsequent Report of Injury Denial (SROI 04).
- The employee may petition the RI Workers' Compensation Court for benefits 21 days after the injury.





- Indemnity events must be reported on a legal document and through EDI.
- Both a legal document (paper form) AND an EDI transaction are required when indemnity benefits:
 - Start
 - Change
 - Stop
 - One-time payment is made



Legal Documents:

- Court Order: RI Workers' Compensation Court sends court orders (pretrial orders, decisions, decrees, etc.) directly to RI DLT. The Claim Administrator need not send a copy of the order to RI DLT. The Claim Administrator must also send the appropriate EDI transaction.
- Agreement: The claim administrator must complete and file the appropriate legal document with RI DLT, with a copy to the employee and attorney (if any). Agreements are not valid until filed with RI DLT. The Claim Administrator must **also** send the appropriate EDI transaction.



- A legal agreement or court order is required when indemnity benefits start, change and stop.
- A legal agreement must be filed with RI DLT, with a copy to the employee and his or her attorney, if any.
- Indemnity benefits paid without a legal agreement on file at RI DLT may be considered "gratuitous". Those payments "paid without paper" may not count as workers' compensation benefits.
- An appropriate legal document is needed to end benefits to be sure liability ends.



EDI Transactions:

- Subsequent Report of Injury SROI
 - Claim Administrator must send a SROI when indemnity benefits:
 - Start
 - Change
 - Stop
 - One-time payment is made
 - And periodic reports are required
- See RIDLT web site for more information on EDI transactions.



Indemnity Claims Legal Agreements and Liability



Without Liability – agreements required:

- Benefits Start:
 - Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20.
 - Wage Statement Form DWC-03.
 - Certificate of Dependency Status Form DWC-04.



Without Liability – agreements required:

- Benefits Change:
 - Corrected Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20
 -- OR --
 - Mutual Agreement Form DWC-24



Without Liability – agreements required:

- Benefits Stop:
 - Termination of Benefits Form DWC-21.



Without Liability

- Claim Administrator may pay without liability for up to 13 weeks.
- After 13 weeks, liability is automatic.
- With liability, Claim Administrator must file a Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02.
- The Wage Statement and Dependents forms filed with the Nonprejudicial Agreement will transfer to the Memorandum of Agreement.



With Liability – agreements required:

- Benefits Start:
 - Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02.
 - Wage Statement Form DWC-03.
 - Certificate of Dependence Status Form DWC-04.



With Liability – agreements required:

- Benefits Change:
 - Corrected Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02.
 - -- OR --
 - Mutual Agreement Form DWC-24.



With Liability – agreements required:

- Benefits Stop:
 - Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05
 - -- OR --
 - Wage Transcript Form DWC-30. Employer must certify that employee has two consecutive weeks of earnings greater than or equal to the pre-injury average weekly wage.



Matching Agreements – file the appropriate liability match.

- Without Liability:
 - Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20
 - Termination of Benefits Form DWC-21.
- Voluntary Liability:
 - Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02
 - --AND--
 - Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05
 - --OR--
 - Wage Transcript Form DWC-30



Matching Agreements – file the appropriate match.

- Filing a Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05 to stop benefits paid under a Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20 may raise the question of liability.
- Filing a Termination of Benefits Form DWC-21 to stop benefits paid under a Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02 will not end liability.



Court Orders:

- RI Workers' Compensation Court may order benefits to start, change or stop.
- RIDLT receives court orders from the RI WC Court. The claim administrator does not have to submit a copy of a court order to RIDLT.
- A court order supersedes an agreement.



The claim administrator must submit an EDI transaction along with legal agreements when benefits:

- Start
- Change
- Stop



Indemnity Claims Waiting Period



Indemnity Claims – Waiting Period

- Indemnity benefits may begin after a three (3) day waiting period.
- The date of injury is not included in the waiting period.
- The days in the waiting period need not be consecutive.
- Only one waiting period is taken per injury.
- Waiting period is not reimbursed.
- There is no waiting period for fatalities.



Preparing to Calculate the **Compensation Rate**



- Compensation rate is based on wages, marital status, maximum number of allowed exemptions, and date of incapacity.
- The claim administrator must gather the necessary information from the employee and employer(s).
- The information is recorded on the Wage Statement Form DWC-03 and Dependency Form DWC-04.



- A <u>Wage Statement</u> Form DWC-03 is used to determine the employee's average weekly wage and compensation rate.
- A <u>Certificate of Dependency Status</u> Form DWC-04 is used to verify the employee's marital status, maximum number of allowed exemptions and number of dependents to calculate the compensation rate.



- A Wage Statement Form DWC-03 and Certificate of Dependency Status Form DWC-04 are required with:
 - Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20
 - Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02
- A Wage Statement may be required under a court order.



Legal Document- Dependency Form

Certificate of Dependency Status (Dependency Form)



Legal Document – Dependency Form

Dependency Form (Certificate of Dependency Status)

- Information on marital status, maximum number of allowed exemptions and dependents is recorded on the Certificate of Dependency Status Form DWC-04 and submitted to RIDLT.
- The claim administrator should complete the top of the form, the employee information, and the claim information.
- The claim administrator or the employer should ask the employee to complete the rest of the Certificate of Dependency Status Form DWC-04.



Claim Administrator completes the top of the form:

- Correction Box check the box if this form corrects a previous one.
- Claim Administrator File Number the claim number or file identification number of the company handling the claim.

Employee's (State of Rhode I	Certificate of Dependency Stand	Check if this is a corrected report	
•	r and Training, Division of Workers' Compen- nston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8		Claim Administrator File Number:
1. Employee in	formation:	2. Claim in	formation:
SSN:	XXX - XX -	Employer name	e



- XX -

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN. Do **not** use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's first name, middle initial and last name.
- Enter the mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.
- Enter the employee's date of birth.



2. Claim informati	on:			
Employer name				
Claim Administrator				
Address				
City, St, Zip				
Injury Date				
Incapacity Date				

- Enter the business name of the employer.
- Enter name of the company handling the claim.
- Enter the claim administrator's mailing address: street, city, state and zip.
- Injury date: enter the date of injury.
- Incapacity date: enter the first full date the employee was unable to work.



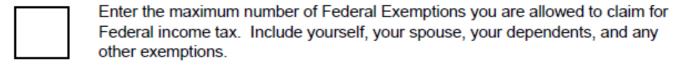
3. Marital Status	At the time of the injury the employee was		Single	Married
Spouse works	Spouse does not work	Spouse's name		

The <u>employee</u> fills out this part of the form **or** provides the information:

- Check SINGLE if unmarried, widowed or divorced.
- Check MARRIED if married or separated
- If married, check if spouse works or not. A non-working spouse qualifies as a dependent for workers' compensation.
- If married, enter spouse's name.



4. Number of Federal Exemptions



The <u>employee</u> fills out this part of the form **or** provides the information:

- Enter the MAXIMUM number of Federal Exemptions the employee is allowed to claim for Federal income tax. The number is **AT LEAST ONE (1).**
- Count yourself (the employee).
- Count your spouse and dependent children.
- Count any other additional exemptions allowed for taxes.



5. Dependents	A dependent for workers' compensation includes children you support who are: · Under age 18, or age 18 to 23 and a full time student · Mentally or physically incapacitated from earning at any age			
Dependent's Name	Date of Birth	Relationship	Full time student?	
		_	Yes No	
			Yes No	

The <u>employee</u> fills out this part of the form **or** provides the information:

- List each dependent's name, date of birth, and relationship to the employee.
- Check if the dependent is a full-time student.



Employee's Signature Date

DWC-04 (2/13)

The employee signs and dates the form.

The employee returns the form to the claim administrator.

The claim administrator files the form with RIDLT as part of a Nonprejudicial Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement with a copy to the employee and attorney.



Indemnity Claims – Wage Statement

Wage Statement



Indemnity Claims – Wage Statement

- The employee's pre-injury wages are needed to calculate the compensation rate.
- The claim administrator must obtain wage information from the injured worker's employer(s) to determine compensation rate.
- The claim administrator must identify all the injured workers' employers.



Indemnity Claims – Wage Statement

Claim administrator - Discover how many hours the employee was hired to work each week at each job. Hours hired to work determines if the employee is considered to be:

- Full-time hired for **20 hours or more** per week
- Part-time hired for less than 20 hours per week
- Seasonal hired for a seasonal job of 16 weeks or less



- If the employee is full-time and has only one employer, complete a Full-Time Wage Statement Form DWC-03F.
- If the employee is part-time and has only one employer, complete a Part-Time Wage Statement Form DWC-03P. Part-Time is defined as **up to 20 hours** per week.
- If the employee was injured at a seasonal job, complete a Seasonal Wage Statement Form DWC-03S. Seasonal is defined as employed for a period of **up to 16 weeks**.



- The claim adjuster must work with the injured worker's employer(s) to correctly complete a Wage Statement and calculate the employee's average weekly wage and compensation rate.
- The Excel Auto-Calculate version of the form does calculations for you. It's on our web site: www.dlt.ri.gov
- Here are instructions to complete a Full-Time Wage
 Statement. Instructions are also on the web site.



Full-Time Wage Statement



State of Rhode Island FULL-TIME WAGE STATEMENT (Hired for 20 hours or mo	PLEASE CHECK IF CORRECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation	
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TDD (40	11) 462-8006 Insurer File No.

Claim Administrator completes the top of the form:

- Correction Box check the box if this form corrects a previous one.
- DWC No. For RIDLT use only. Leave blank.
- Insurer File Number the claim number or file number of the company handling the claim (claim administrator).



1. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION:					
SSN					
Name					
Hired for	hours each week	(Approximate	e)		
Are these supplemental wages?		Yes	No		
If yes, supplemental employer name:					
Maximum no. of exemptions		Single	Married		

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN. Do **not** use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's first name, middle initial and last name.
- Enter the number of hours per week the employee was hired to work. Check the box if the number is approximate.



1. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION: SSN		 Supplemental employer: Check YES if these wages are for the employee's other job, not the jok where the injury occurred. 	
Name		 If Yes, enter the supplemental 	
Hired for hours each week (Approximate	e)	employer's business name.	
Are these supplemental wages? Yes	□No	• Write in the <u>maximum</u> number of	
If yes, supplemental employer name:		<u>allowed</u> exemptions (including employee).	
Maximum no. of exemptions Single	Married	 Check Single (single, unmarried, divorced, widowed) or Married (married or separated). 	



2. CLAIM INFORMATION:

Employer	
Insurance Co.	
Claim Administrato	
Injury date	
Incapacity date	
Hire date	

- Enter the business name of the employer.
- Enter the insurance company name.
- Enter name of the company handling the claim.
- Injury date: enter the date of injury.
- Incapacity date: enter the first full date the employee was unable to work.
- Hire date: enter the date the employee was hired. If hired over a year ago, the approximate date is OK.



3. EMPLOYED LESS THAN 2 WEEKS:

If Yes:		OR:	
1. List agreed upon hou	rly wage		
2. Number of hrs. per w	eek for full-time employees	Give average weekly for same or similar employment:	
3. Multiply #1 by #2 for	average weekly wage		

If employed less than 2 weeks – **OPTION 1** (left side):

- 1. List the hourly wage promised to the employee.
- 2. List the number of hours worked each week for full-time employees.
- 3. Multiply #1 WAGE by #2 HOURS to give the Average Weekly Wage.



3. EMPLOYED LESS THAN 2 WEEKS:

If Yes:	OR:
List agreed upon hourly wage	
Number of hrs. per week for full-time employees	Give average weekly for same or similar employment:
Multiply #1 by #2 for average weekly wage	

If employed less than 2 weeks: **OPTION 2** (right side)

• Enter the amount of average weekly wage paid for the same type of employment or similar employment.



4. EMPLOYED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS:

	LIST 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS:			3:	BONUS AND OVERTIME CALCULATION:	
	Week Number	Week Ending Date	No. of standard hrs. worked	Gross Wages (No Overtime)	Number of weeks employed (up to 52)	Block 1
•	1				Total BONUS amount paid in past 52 weeks	Block 2

- If the injured worker was employed for more than 2 weeks, use weekly earnings to calculate average weekly wage.
- Obtain wages from the employer for 13 weeks before the date of incapacity (first day of waiting period) not before the date of injury.



4. EMPLOYED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS:

LIST 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS:			B:	BONUS AND OVERTIME CALCULATION:	
Week Number	Week Ending Date	No. of standard hrs. worked	Gross Wages (No Overtime)	Number of weeks employed (up to 52)	Block 1
1				Total BONUS amount paid in past 52 weeks	Block 2

- If the employee was not paid for a full week for the week the incapacity began, don't use that week. It's not a USABLE week.
- If the employee was not paid for a full week for the week of hire, don't use that week. It's not a USABLE week.



4. EMPLOYED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS:

	LIST 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS:				BONUS AND OVERTIME CA	LCULATION:
	Week Number	Week Ending Date	No. of standard hrs. worked	Gross Wages (No Overtime)	Number of weeks employed (up to 52)	Block 1
1						Block 2

- Determine the week ending date, standard hours and standard amount of wages for 13 weeks before the date of incapacity.
- Overtime is not included in gross wages. Overtime is calculated separately.
- Bonuses are not included in gross wages. Bonuses are calculated separately.
- Commissions, shift differential, Sunday pay, paid holiday, sick pay and vacation pay are included in gross wages.



4. EMPLOYED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS:

On the left side of the form, list gross wages prior to employee's first full day out of work. DO NOT include their week of hire or week of injury unless a full week was paid. DO NOT SKIP WEEKS. Please calculate any overtime and/or bonus paid SEPARATELY on the right side of the form below.

	LIST 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS:				BONUS AND OVERTIME CA	ALCULATION:
	Week Number	Week Ending Date	No. of standard hrs. worked	Gross Wages (No Overtime)	Number of weeks employed (up to 52)	Block 1
1						Rlock 2

• Include any weeks the employee was not paid for plant shutdown or unpaid time off in the list of 13 weeks. Write "UNPAID" for GROSS Wages and 0 (zero) in the Number of Standard Hours worked. Those are UNUSABLE weeks.



4. EMPLOYED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS:

LIST 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS:				BONUS AND OVERTIME CA	LCULATION:
Week Number	Week Ending Date	No. of standard hrs. worked	Gross Wages (No Overtime)	Number of weeks employed (up to 52)	Block 1
					Block 2

- Weeks must be consecutive. Do not skip weeks.
- If paid bi-weekly, split wages and hours into single week periods and report each week separately. Report 13 weeks, not 12 or 14.
- If the employee worked more than 40 hours in a week at straight-time (not overtime), note "ST" after hours worked.
- If there are fewer than 13 weeks to list, include all full weeks worked.



LIST 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS:

Week Number	Week Ending Date	No. of standard hrs. worked	Gross Wages (No Overtime)
1			

12			
13			
Total number usable weeks:		Total earnings:	

- Add the total number of usable weeks. Exclude any weeks with zero earnings. Write the result in Total number of usable weeks.
- Add the gross wages. Write the result in **Total earnings.**



BONUS AND OVERTIME CALCULATION: Number of weeks employed (up to 52) Total BONUS amount paid in past 52 weeks Block 2 Block 3 Divide Block 2 by Block 1 for average bonus

Calculate Average Bonus:

- Enter the number of weeks employed in Block 1. Maximum number is 52 weeks.
- Enter the total amount of bonus paid in the 52 weeks before the first date of incapacity.
- Divide amount of bonus by number of weeks for Average Bonus. Enter it in Block 3.



BONUS AND OVERTIME CALCULATION:		
Number of weeks employed (up to 52)	Block 1	
Total BONUS amount paid in past 52 weeks	Block 2	
Divide Block 2 by Block 1 for average bonus	Block 3	
Total OVERTIME amount paid in past 52 weeks	Block 4	
Divide Block 4 by Block 1 for average overtime	Block 5	

Calculate Average Overtime:

- Enter the total amount of overtime paid in the 52 weeks before the first date of incapacity.
- Divide amount of bonus by number of weeks employed (maximum 52) (Block 1) for Average Overtime. Enter it in Block 5.



CALCULATION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE (AWW): 1. Total earnings from 13 weeks 2. Total number usable weeks 3. Divide total earnings by number of usable weeks 4. Average bonus (Block 3 in BONUS AND OT) 5. Add 3 and 4 for AWW excluding Overtime 6. Average overtime (Block 5 in BONUS AND OT) 7. Add 5 and 6 for Total Average Weekly Wage

Calculate Average Weekly Wage no Bonus no Overtime (#3):

- Enter total earnings from left side of form in #1.
- Enter number of usable weeks from left side of form in #2.
- Divide total earnings (#1) by usable weeks (#2). Enter result in #3. This is Average Weekly Wage no Bonus no Overtime.



CALCULATION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE (AWW): 1. Total earnings from 13 weeks 2. Total number usable weeks 3. Divide total earnings by number of usable weeks 4. Average bonus (Block 3 in BONUS AND OT) 5. Add 3 and 4 for AWW excluding Overtime 6. Average overtime (Block 5 in BONUS AND OT) 7. Add 5 and 6 for Total Average Weekly Wage \$

Calculate Average Weekly Wage with Bonus no Overtime (#5):

- Enter Average Bonus from Block
 3 above on line 4.
- Add Average Weekly Wage no Bonus no Overtime (line 3) with Average Bonus (line 4). Enter result on line 5.
- The result on line 5 is Average Weekly Wage with Bonus no Overtime.



CALCULATION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE (AWW): 1. Total earnings from 13 weeks 2. Total number usable weeks 3. Divide total earnings by number of usable weeks 4. Average bonus (Block 3 in BONUS AND OT) 5. Add 3 and 4 for AWW excluding Overtime 6. Average overtime (Block 5 in BONUS AND OT) 7. Add 5 and 6 for Total Average Weekly Wage \$

Calculate Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime (#7):

- Enter Average Overtime from Block
 5 above onto line 6.
- Add Average Weekly Wage with Bonus no Overtime (line 5) with Average Overtime (line 6). Enter result on line 7.
- The result is Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime, which is used to calculate the compensation rate.



Average Weekly Wage figures:

- Average Weekly Wage no Bonus no Overtime
- Average Weekly Wage with Bonus no Overtime
 - This is the pre-injury Average Weekly Wage. Benefits may be ended with a Wage Transcript Form DWC-30 when post-injury earnings are greater than pre-injury AWW.
- Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime
 - Used to calculate the compensation rate.



Print Preparer Name:	Date:	Print Adjuster Name:	Date:
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- Print the form preparer's name and the date the form was prepared.
- Print the claim adjuster's name and date the adjuster checked the form.



- Keep a copy of the Wage Statement for your records.
- Use the Average Weekly Wage with bonus and overtime figure to calculate compensation rate.
- Submit the Wage Statement to RI DLT as part of the legal agreement to begin indemnity benefits: Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20 or Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02. Send a copy to the employee and attorney.



Part-Time Wage Statement



	$\hfill \square$ PLEASE CHECK IF CORRECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
PART-TIME WAGE STATEMENT (Hired for less than 20 ho	ours per week)
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation	DWC No.
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TDD (40	1) 462-8006 Insurer File No.

- Use Part-Time Wage Statement Form DWC-03P when the employee has only one job, and it is part-time.
- The employee is considered to be part-time if hired for less than 20 hours per week.
- The instructions for part-time are the same as for full-time, but 26 weeks of wages are used in calculations instead of 13 weeks.



Seasonal Wage Statement



State of Rhode Island	□ PLEASE CHECK IF CORRECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
SEASONAL WAGE STATEMENT (Hired for 16 weeks	s or less)
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensa	eation DWC No.
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TD	DD (401) 462-8006 Insurer File No.

- If the employee was injured at a seasonal job, use Seasonal Wage Statement Form DWC-03S.
- The employee is considered to be seasonal if hired for a seasonal job lasting no more than 16 weeks.
- The employee's wages from **ALL employers** for the past 52 weeks are needed.



State of Rhode Island	☐ PLEASE (CHECK IF CORRECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
SEASONAL WAGE STATEMENT (Hire	ed for 16 weeks or less)	
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Works	ers' Compensation	DWC No.
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401)	, ,	Insurer File No.

Top of the form:

- Correction Box check the box if this form corrects a previous one.
- DWC No. For RIDLT use only. Leave blank.
- Insurer File Number the claim number or file number of the company handling the claim (claim administrator).



1. EMPLOYEE	INFORMATION:	
SSN		
Name		

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN. Do not use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's first name, middle initial and last name.



1. EMPLOYEE	INFORMATION:	
SSN		
Name		
Maximum no. of ex	cemptions Single	☐ Married
Wages for how ma	ny employers are listed below?	

- Write in the <u>maximum</u> number of <u>allowed</u> exemptions including the employee.
- Check Single (single, unmarried, divorced, widowed) or Married (married or separated).
- Enter the number of employers with wages included on the form. Include wages from all the injurer workers' employers for the past 52 weeks.



2. CLAIM INFORMATION:

Employer		
Insurance Co.		
Claim Administrato	r	
Injury date		
Incapacity date		
Hire date		

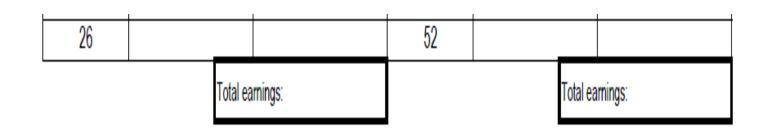
- Enter the business name of the employer.
- Enter the name of the insurer.
- Enter name of the company handling the claim.
- Injury date: enter the date of injury.
- Incapacity date: enter the first full date the employee was unable to work (first day of waiting period).
- Hire date: enter the date the employee was hired. If hired over a year ago, the approximate date is OK.



List 52 CONSECUTIVE weeks of gross wages for any employment held by this person within the 52 week period.					e 52 week period.
Week Number	Week Ending Date	Gross Wages	Week Number	Week Ending Date	Gross Wages
1			27		
2			28		
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- For each of the 52 weeks preceding the date of incapacity, enter the week ending date and total amount of gross wages for all employers.
- Include commissions, bonus and overtime.
- Weeks are consecutive. Include every week even if gross wages for that week are zero.





Total the earnings for the first 26 weeks and the last 26 weeks.



- Combine total earnings listed
- 2. Divide total earnings by 52 ÷ 52
- Average Weekly Wage
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- Add the total earnings for both 26 week periods together.
- Enter the total on line 1.
- Divide total earnings by 52. Always divide by 52 weeks, even if there are weeks with zero earnings.
- Enter the result on line 3. This is the Average Weekly Wage.



Print Preparer Name:	Date:	Print Adjuster Name:	Date:
DWC-03S (01/03)	For instructions visit our web si	te: www.dlt.ri.gov/wc	

- Print the form preparer's name and the date the form was prepared.
- Print the claim adjuster's name and date the adjuster checked the form.



- Claim Administrator keeps a copy of the Wage Statement.
- The Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime is used to calculate the compensation rate.
- Submit the Wage Statement to RI DLT as part of the legal agreement to begin indemnity benefits: Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20 or Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02.
- Send a copy to the employee and attorney.



Multiple Employers



Multiple employers:

- If the employee has more than one job, earnings from all jobs are used to calculate the employee's Average Weekly Wage.
- The employer where the worker was injured is the primary employer and is named as the employer on forms.
- The other employers are called Supplemental Employers.



Multiple employers:

- Calculating Average Weekly Wage for multiple employers can be complicated.
- Average Bonus and Average Overtime must be calculated separately for each employer for the results to be accurate.



- From <u>each employer</u> you need:
 - Date of hire (if employed less than 52 weeks)
 - 13 weeks of wages (without overtime) prior to the first date of incapacity
 - Amount of bonus paid in past 52 weeks
 - Amount of overtime paid in past 52 weeks



- Calculate Total Average Earnings (also known as Average Weekly Wage No Bonus No Overtime:
 - Add the 13 weeks of wages from both employers together to get Total Earnings.
 - Determine the number of usable weeks. <u>Exclude</u> any weeks with zero earnings from both employers.
 - Divide Total Earnings by the number of usable weeks.
 - The result is Total Average Earnings (or AWW no Bonus no OT).



- Calculate Average Bonus:
 - For the first job, divide the amount of bonus paid for the past 52 weeks at the first job by the number of weeks employed at the first job (up to 52) to get Average Bonus for the first job.
 - Do the same for the second job.
 - Add the Average Bonus amounts for both jobs together to get Total Average Bonus.



- Calculate Total Average Weekly Wage with bonus no Overtime:
 - Add Total Average Earnings for both jobs (AWW no Bonus no OT) to Total Average Bonus for both jobs to get Total AWW with Bonus no Overtime.
 - This is the threshold to determine if the employee's post-injury earnings have recovered to pre-injury levels and benefits may be discontinued.



- Calculate Average Overtime:
 - For the first job, divide the amount of overtime paid for the past 52 weeks at the first job by the number of weeks employed at the first job (up to 52) to get Average Overtime for the first job. Use date of hire to determine the number of weeks employed.
 - Do the same for the second job.
 - Add the Average Overtime amounts for both jobs together to get Total Average Overtime.



- Calculate Total Average Weekly Wage with bonus and Overtime:
 - Add Average Weekly Wage with Bonus no OT for both jobs to Total Average Overtime for both jobs to get Total AWW with Bonus and Overtime.
 - This is the average weekly wage figure used to calculate the weekly compensation rate.



- Average weekly wage is calculated the same as for two full-time jobs.
- Use up to 26 weeks of wages before the first date of incapacity instead of using 13 weeks.



Multiple employers – more than one **seasonal** job:

- Wages for the past 52 weeks for ALL EMPLOYERS are used to calculate Average Weekly Wage for a seasonal employee.
- Use the same method for one seasonal job as for more than one.



Multiple employers – injured at full-time job, also has a part-time job:

- Calculated the same as for two full-time jobs.
- Use 13 weeks of wages from the full-time employer.
- Use 13 weeks of wages (not 26) from the part-time employer.



Multiple employers – injured at part-time job, also has a full-time job:

- Use 26 weeks of wages from the part-time employer. Complete the entire wage statement to calculate Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime for the part-time primary employer.
- Use 13 weeks of wages from the full-time employer. Complete the entire wage statement to calculate Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime for the full-time supplemental employer.
- Add the Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime from both employers together.



Multiple employers – full-time and seasonal jobs, injured at either job:

- Use 52 weeks of wages including bonus and overtime from seasonal employer(s). Complete the entire wage statement to calculate Average Weekly Wage.
- Use 13 weeks of wages from full-time employer. Complete the entire wage statement to calculate AWW with Bonus and Overtime for fulltime employer.
- Add the seasonal AWW and the full-time AWW with Bonus and OT together.



Multiple employers – part-time and seasonal jobs, injured at either job:

- Use 52 weeks of wages including bonus and overtime from seasonal employer(s). Complete the entire wage statement to calculate Average Weekly Wage.
- Use 26 weeks of wages from part-time employer. Complete the entire wage statement to calculate AWW with Bonus and Overtime for part-time employer.
- Add the seasonal AWW and the part-time AWW with Bonus and OT together.





To calculate the weekly compensation rate you need:

- Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime from Wage Statement(s).
- Marital Status
- Maximum number of Allowed Exemptions. This is the maximum number of exemptions the employee could claim, not the actual exemptions claimed for tax withholding.
- Incapacity Date (first day of waiting period).



Work week:

- RI uses a 7 day week
- Employee's scheduled days off are not considered in calculating compensation.
- The daily compensation rate is one seventh (1/7) of the weekly compensation rate.



Recurrence – second or subsequent period of incapacity

- If the employee returned to work for 26 weeks before this subsequent incapacity, a new average weekly wage and compensation rate are needed:
 - Calculate a NEW average weekly wage & compensation rate
 - Use the first day of the second or subsequent incapacity period as the Incapacity Date for new wages and maximum compensation rate.



Weekly compensation rate calculation depends on type of benefit:

- Total incapacity (temporary total) § 28-33-17
- Partial incapacity (temporary partial) § 28-33-18
 - 70% reduction after MMI
 - Reduction based on functional impairment
 - 312 week gate
- Partial incapacity Suitable Alternative Employment § 28-33-18.2
- Loss of Use (permanent partial) § 28-33-19
- Scarring (disfigurement) § 28-33-19
- Death Benefit § 28-33-12



Spendable Base Wage Spendable Earnings



For total incapacity, partial incapacity and death benefit compensation rates, you will need to determine the Spendable Base Wage using:

- Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime from Wage Statements.
- Marital Status
- Maximum number of Allowed Exemptions. This is the <u>maximum</u> number of exemptions the employee could claim, not the actual exemptions claimed for tax withholding.
- Incapacity Date (first day of waiting period).



- Spendable Base Wage is the gross wage (average weekly wage with bonus and overtime) converted to net wage per §28-33-17.
- Spendable Earnings is the gross amount an employee earned while on light duty converted to net earnings per §28-33-17.
- Use the RIDLT Chart or formulas available online at http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wc/infoWages.htm to find the spendable base wage or spendable net earnings.
- There is a new calculation of spendable tables published each year.
- The **Incapacity Date** dictates which Spendable table year to use.



- In recent years, a new spendable publication is effective on May 10 of each year.
- If Incapacity Date is 04/01/2017, use the chart effective 5/10/2016 (through 5/9/2017).
- If Incapacity Date is 06/01/2017, use the chart effective 5/10/2017 (through 5/9/2018).
- Use the chart that is appropriate for the Incapacity Date.



- Each spendable publication has:
 - Instructions
 - Formulas
 - Chart for Single
 - Chart for Married
 - Use the chart part of the spendable publication to find the spendable base wage or spendable earnings.



- The chart page headers show Single or Married. Excel version has separate sheets (tabs) for Single and Married.
- Go to the part of the chart that matches the employee's marital status.

Avg. Weekly	Single 1	Single 2	Single 3	Single 4	Single 5	Single 6	
Wage	Exemption	Exemptions	Exemptions	Exemptions	Exemptions	Exemptions	
ROUNDED	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	
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Avg. Weekly	Married 2	Married 3	Married 4	Married 5	Married 6	Married 7	
Wage	l		Exemptions				
ROUNDED	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	



Use the Average Weekly Wage with bonus and overtime to find Spendable Base Wage (SBW):

- Round the employee's Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime up or down to the nearest dollar.
- Make sure you are in the correct section of the chart for the employee's marital status (single or married).
- Move down the Average Weekly Wage column of the chart until you find the rounded Average Weekly Wage.



- Follow the row for the Rounded Average Weekly Wage to the column that matches the employee's maximum number of allowed exemptions.
- The figure in the correct row and column on the chart is the SBW for the employee.
- If the Average Weekly Wage or number of exemptions is outside the range of the chart, please contact a claim analyst at RI DLT to calculate the SBW.



Example - calculate the spendable base wage.

- Injury date is 6/1/2016. Incapacity date is 6/2/2016.
- Average Weekly Wage is \$3,102.87, Married with 3 Exemptions.
- SBW = \$2,259.29

Avg. Weekly	Married 2	Married 3	Married 4	Married 5	Married 6	Married 7	Married 8	Married 9	Married 10	M
Wage	Exemptions	Exe								
ROUNDED	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5/10/2016	5,
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3104.00	2239.30	2259.92	2280.55	2301.17	2321.81	2342.43	2363.06	2383.68	2404.31	



Total incapacity Temporary Total



- Total incapacity (temporary total):
 - Convert the employee's Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime to Spendable Base Wage.
 - Base Comp Rate = 75% of Spendable Base Wage
 - Comp Rate is subject to annual maximum amount based on incapacity date: See http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wc/maxcomprates.htm
 - Additional dependency rate of \$15 per week per dependent
 - Base compensation rate plus dependency rate is capped at 80% of Average Weekly Wage.
 - Each year on May 10, if the employee has received total incapacity benefits for a year, the employee will receive a COLA adjustment.



Example: Calculate the base weekly compensation rate:

- Multiply the Spendable Base Wage (SBW) by 75%.
- In the past example, SBW = \$2,259.29
- Compensation Rate = $75\% \times $2,259.29 = $1,694.47$
- The base compensation rate is subject to a maximum limit.
- The maximum amount changes every year.
- Check our web site for maximum compensation rates:

http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wc/maxcomprates.htm



Calculate the base weekly compensation rate (continued):

 Maximum weekly compensation rate allowed for incapacity 6/1/2016 is **\$1,076.00** (effective 9/1/2015 – 9/30/2016)





Calculate the dependency rate:

- Base weekly compensation rate is \$1,076.00 (maximum)
- Dependency Rate depends on benefit type:
 - Total incapacity (temporary total): \$15 per week per dependent
 - Partial incapacity (temporary partial): no dependency
 - Death benefit (fatality): \$40 per week per dependent
- Total Compensation Rate (Base Compensation plus Dependency Rate) is capped at 80% of Average Weekly Wage.



- Total Compensation Rate is capped at 80% of Average Weekly Wage.
 - The dependency rate is reduced if the base compensation rate plus dependency rate is more than 80% of the employee's Average Weekly Wage.
 - Example:
 - Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime is \$500
 - Employee is single with 8 dependent children, 9 exemptions (includes employee).
 - Spendable Base Wage for 1/3/2017 date of incapacity is \$456.74
 - Base Compensation Rate = 75% of Spendable Base Wage = \$342.56
 - Weekly Dependency Rate is 8 x \$15 = \$120
 - Total Comp Rate = Base + Dependency = \$462.56
 - 80% of Average Weekly Wage = \$400, so maximum total comp rate is capped at \$400.

Partial Incapacity Temporary Partial Variable Partial Working Partial



- Partial incapacity (temporary partial) no earnings:
 - Determine Spendable Base Wage based on Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime.
 - Base Comp Rate = 75% of Spendable Base Wage
 - Subject to annual maximum amount (based on incapacity date)
 - No additional dependency benefit
 - Subject to gate after 312 weeks of partial incapacity benefits
 - Subject to functional impairment rating to reduce benefits
 - COLA only if employee passes through 312 week gate



- Partial incapacity (temporary partial) with weekly earnings:
 - Compensation rate is 75% of the difference between the spendable base wage and the spendable amount earned in a week.
 - Compensation rate must be calculated separately for each week.



- Partial incapacity (temporary partial) with weekly earnings:
 - The employee's weekly earnings (gross) must be converted to spendable earnings (net).
 - Convert an employee's weekly earnings (gross) to spendable earnings (net) using the spendable chart



- Partial incapacity (temporary partial) with weekly earnings:
 - Use the chart to convert Average Weekly Wage with Bonus and Overtime to Spendable Base Wage.
 - Use the chart to convert each week's gross earnings to spendable earnings.
 - Comp rate = 75% * (spendable base wage spendable earnings)
 - Subject to annual maximum amount for total incapacity for the incapacity date
 - No dependency rate



- Partial incapacity with earnings (example):
 - AWW = \$900, single, 1 exemption, incapacity date 1/2/2017
 - Convert AWW to spendable (net) SBW = \$698.64
 - Gross amount earned this week= \$400
 - Convert amount earned this week to spendable (net) earnings = \$328.20
 - Compensation Rate this week = 75% * (698.64 328.20)
 - Compensation Rate this week = \$277.83



- Partial incapacity (temporary partial) § 28-33-18 may be modified:
 - 70% reduction after MMI
 - Reduction based on functional impairment
 - 312 week gate
- Consult your legal counsel on these possible modifications.



Partial Incapacity Suitable Alternative Employment



- Partial incapacity benefits under suitable alternative employment § 28-33-18.2:
 - Compensation Rate is 66 2/3 % of the difference between the average weekly wage before the injury and wages from the suitable alternative employment
 - 66 2/3% * (Avg. Weekly Wage S.A.E Earnings)



Loss of Use Permanent Partial



Loss of Use (Permanent Partial)

- Compensation Rate = 50% of Average Weekly Wage
- Maximum \$180 per week
- Minimum \$90 per week



Scarring Permanent Partial Disfigurement



Scarring (Permanent Partial Disfigurement)

- Compensation Rate = 50% of Average Weekly Wage
- Maximum \$90 per week
- Minimum \$45 per week



Death Benefit § 28-33-12

- Calculated as for Total Incapacity
- No waiting period
- Dependency Rate is \$40 per dependent child until age 18, age 23 for full-time student
- COLA: 4% annually on date of death
- If no spouse or children, a one-time payment of \$7,500 is made to Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund.



Indemnity Claims – Benefits Start

Benefits Start



Indemnity Claims – Benefits Start

BOTH are needed when weekly indemnity benefits **START:**

- A legal document
- An EDI transaction



Indemnity Claims – Benefits Start

Start weekly indemnity benefit:

- Legal Agreement or Order:
 - Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20 without liability to RI DLT, employee and attorney. Include Wage Statement & Dependency Form.
 - Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-20 with liability to RI DLT, employee and attorney. Include Wage Statement & Dependency Form.
 - Court order. Include Wage Statement if ordered.
- EDI transaction: Subsequent Report Initial Payment SROI IP
- Issue check



Non-prejudicial Agreement DWC-20

Non-prejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20



Non-prejudicial Agreement DWC-20

Non-prejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20:

 Claim Administrator Claim Number: enter the number the claim administrator uses to identify the claim or injury record.

Non-Prejudicial Agreement

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Claim Administrator Claim Number



Employee information:

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN. Do **not** use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's first name, middle initial and last name.
- Enter the employee's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Enter the employee's date of birth.

Employee Information				
SSN or ID				
Name				
Address				
City, State Zip				
Date of Birth				



Employer Information:

- Enter the employer's Federal ID number if available.
- Enter employer's business name.
- Enter the employer's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.

Employer Information			
FEIN			
Business Name			
Address			
City, State Zip			
Phone			



Insurer Information:

- Enter the Federal ID number of the insurance carrier named on policy, if available.
- Enter insurance carrier's full business name.
- Enter the insurer's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.

Insurer Information			
FEIN			
Business Name			
Address			
City, State Zip			
Phone			



Claim Administrator Information:

- Enter the Federal ID number of the claim administrator – the insurer or third party administrator handling the claim.
- Enter claim administrator's full business name.
- Enter the claim administrator's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the claim administrator's phone number.

Claim Administrator Information (Adjusting Company)					
FEIN					
Business Name					
Address					
City, State Zip					
Phone					



Injury Information:

- Enter the date of injury or illness
- State the address or identify where the injury occurred.
- List the injured body part and nature of injury. List multiple parts and natures if applicable.

Injury Informa	Injury Information				
Date of Injury	Place where injury occurred				
Injured body part &					
nature of injury					



Rate Information:

- Check employee's marital status from information provided on the Dependency Form.
- Enter the MAXIMUM number of allowed exemptions including the employee, spouse, children, and any other exemption that can be claimed for tax purposes.

Rate Information	
Employee's Marital Status Single	Married
Number of Exemptions (self, spouse & children)	
Spendable Base Wage	
Weekly Dependency Rate	



Rate Information:

- Enter the employee's number of dependents. Include dependent children and non-working spouse. A working spouse is not considered a dependent.
- The number of dependents is always at least one less than number of exemptions, because exemptions includes the employee.

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Rate Information			
Employee's Marital Status Single	Married	Number of Dependents (children & nonworking spouse)	
Number of Exemptions (self, spouse & children)		Total Average Weekly Wage	



Rate Information – From the Wage Statement(s):

- Enter the employee's Total Average Weekly Wage
- Enter the employee's Spendable Base Wage
- Enter the employee's Base Compensation Rate

Number of Exemptions (self, spouse & children)	Total Average Weekly Wage	
Spendable Base Wage	Base Compensation Rate	
Weekly Dependency Rate	Total Weekly Rate	



Rate Information – From the Wage Statement(s):

- Enter the employee's Weekly Dependency Rate if paying Total Incapacity or Death Benefits.
- Enter the employee's Total Weekly Compensation Rate.

Number of Exemptions (self, spouse & children)	Total Average Weekly Wage	
Spendable Base Wage	Base Compensation Rate	
Weekly Dependency Rate	Total Weekly Rate	



Disability Information:

- Enter the First Payment Issue Date the date the first benefit check was issued.
- Enter the First Date of Disability the first date of the waiting period, or the first date of a subsequent period or disability.

Disability Information					
First Payment Issue Date		First Date of Disability			
Temporary Total Start Date		Temporary Partial Start Date			
Permanent Total Start Date		Death Benefits Start Date			
Date of Death		Death Benefits Paid to			



Disability Information:

- Enter the start date of indemnity benefits for the type of benefit being paid.
- The start date is the first day after the waiting period or first day of a subsequent disability period.

Disability Information					
First Payment Issue Date		First Date of Disability			
Temporary Total Start Date		Temporary Partial Start Date			
Permanent Total Start Date		Death Benefits Start Date			
Date of Death		Death Benefits Paid to			



Disability Information:

- If the employee died, enter the date of death.
- If death benefits are paid, provide the name of the payee.

Disability Information					
First Payment Issue Date		First Date of Disability			
Temporary Total Start Date		Temporary Partial Start Date			
Permanent Total Start Date		Death Benefits Start Date			
Date of Death		Death Benefits Paid to			



Other Information:

- Indicate if the employee had additional employers.
- Wages are needed for all employers to calculate compensation rate.
- Attach a completed wage statement for each employer.

Other information						
Does the employee have other employers?	Yes	No	Attach a	completed wa	ige statement for each e	mployer.
Is this a recurrence of a previous injury?	Yes	No	Previous	disability end	date:	
Did the employee work 26 weeks or more before	this recurrence?		Yes	No	If so, a new wage sta	tement is required.



Other Information:

- Indicate if this is this a recurrence of a previous injury.
- If so, enter the end date of the previous disability period.

Does the employee have other employers? Yes No Attach a completed wage statement for each employer. Is this a recurrence of a previous injury? Yes No Previous disability end date: Did the employee work 26 weeks or more before this recurrence? Yes No If so, a new wage statement is required.	Other information						
	Does the employee have other employers?	Yes	No	Attach a	completed wa	age statement for each e	mployer.
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Other Information:

- Indicate if the employee worked for 26 weeks or more before this subsequent disability.
- If so, new wage statements are required to establish a new average weekly wage and a new compensation rate.

Other information					
Does the employee have other employers?	No	Attach	a completed w	age statement for each e	mployer.
Is this a recurrence of a previous injury?	No	Previo	us disability en	d date:	
Did the employee work 26 weeks or more before this recurrence	?	Yes	No	If so, a new wage sta	atement is required.



Notice to Employee:

- The claim adjuster must sign the form.
- Print the adjuster's name.
- Enter the date the adjuster signed the form.

Signature					
Claims Adjuster Signature	Printed Name	Date			



Notice:

- States that liability was NOT accepted.
- States the time frame for the employee to petition the court.

Notice to Employees Receiving Worker's Compensation Benefits

ATTENTION: The employer and insurer are NOT accepting legal responsibility for your work injury. You have two (2) years to file a petition at the Workers' Compensation Court to establish liability.

ATENCION: El empleador y la compañía aseguradora NO se hacen legalmente responsables de su lesión en el trabajo. Tiene dos (2) años para entablar una demanda en el Tribunal de Compensación Laboral para establecer la responsabilidad.

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- File the Non-Prejudicial Agreement with the RI DLT. The agreement is not valid until filed.
- Include the Wage Statement and Dependency Form as part of the agreement.
- Claim Administrator sends a copy to the employee and his or her attorney.



Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02



Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-02:

- Legal agreement to start indemnity benefits WITH liability
- Filed with RI DLT, copy to employee and attorney
- Claim Administrator may file a Memorandum of Agreement at the start of indemnity benefits instead of Non-Prejudicial Agreement.
- Memo of Agreement must be filed if benefits are paid for more than 13 weeks and liability is established.
- Memo of Agreement may be filed before 13 weeks of benefits to establish liability.



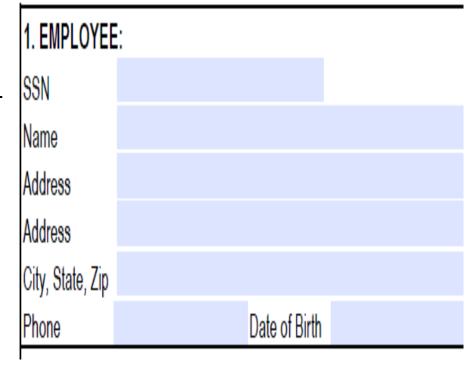
- Check the box if this is a correction of a previously submitted Memorandum of Agreement.
- DWC No: For DLT Use Only please leave blank.
- Insurer File No: The claim administrator's record ID number.

State of Rhode Island MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TDD (401) 462-8006 Insurer File No.



Employee information:

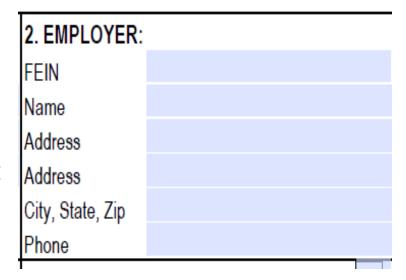
- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN. Do **not** use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's first name, middle initial and last name.
- Enter the mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.
- Enter the employee's date of birth.





Employer Information:

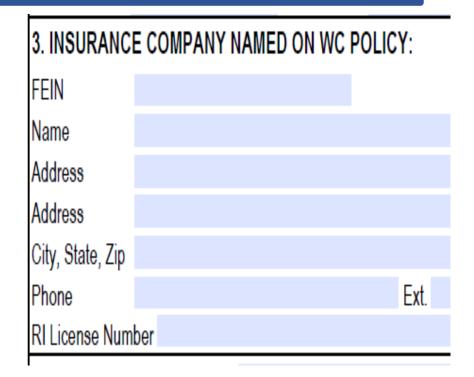
- Enter the employer's Federal ID number if available.
- Enter employer's business name.
- Enter the employer's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.





Insurer Information:

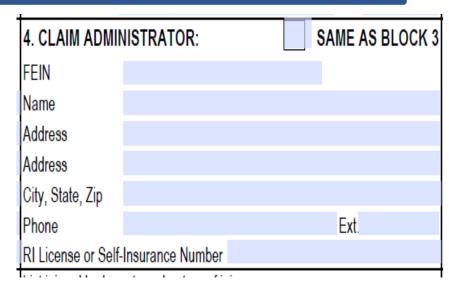
- Enter the Federal ID number of the insurance carrier named on policy, if available.
- Enter insurance carrier's full business name.
- Enter the insurer's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the insurer's phone number if available.
- Insurer license number is not needed.





Claim Administrator Information:

- Enter the Federal ID number of the claim administrator – the insurer or third party administrator handling the claim.
- Enter claim administrator's full business. name.
- Enter the claim administrator's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the claim administrator's phone number.
- License number is not needed.





Injury Information:

- Enter the date of injury or illness.
- Enter the first date of first disability. This is the first day of the waiting period.
- State the address or identify where the injury occurred.
- List the injured body part(s) and nature(s) of injury.

Injury date:	List injured body parts and nature of injury:
First date of first disability:	
Place where injury occurred:	



Disability Type:

- Check the type of benefit.
- Enter the first date of that benefit for the disability covered on this agreement.
- For death benefits, include date of death and payee name.

5. DISABILITY TYPE: (check all that a	pply)	Death Benefits/Date of Death	
Temporary Total as of		Payable to:	
Temporary Partial as of		Permanent Total as of	



Rate Information:

- Indicate if employee is Single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) or Married (married or separated).
- Enter the maximum number of allowed exemptions. Include the employee.
- Enter the Average Weekly Wage WITH Bonus NO Overtime.
- Enter the amount of Average Overtime from the Wage Statement.

6. RATE INFORMATION:	Single	Married	Number of Exemptions	
			AWW (include bonus/no OT)	
			Average Overtime Amount	



Rate Information:

- Enter the Average Weekly Wage WITH Overtime from the Wage Statement.
- Enter the Spendable Base Wage.
- Enter the Base Compensation Rate.

AWW including Overtime	Number of Dependents	
Spendable Base Wage	Weekly Dependency Rate	
Base Compensation Rate	Total Weekly Rate	



- Enter the Date of Initial Payment under this Memorandum of Agreement. That is the date of the first check issued under this legal agreement to compensate with liability.
- The claim administrator must issue the first check within 14 days of the agreement.

7. DATE OF INITIAL PAYMENT UNDER MOA:



- Indicate if the employee has more than one employer.
- If so, a wage statement is needed from all the employers to calculate the average weekly wage and compensation rate.

Does employee have other employers? If yes, attach a wage statement from each employer.



- Indicate if this is a recurrence of a previous injury.
- If so, enter the end date of the previous disability.
- Indicate if the employee worked 26 weeks or more between disability periods.
- If so, new wage statement(s) and compensation rate are required.

Is this a recurrence of a previous injury?	Yes	□No	Previous disability end date:				
Has the employee worked at least 26 weeks	prior to th	nis recurrer	nce?	□Yes	□No	If yes, a new wag	e statement is required.



Signature and Date:

- Adjuster must sign and date this legal agreement.
- Print the adjuster's name.
- Enter the adjuster's phone number and extension.

Signature:	Date:	
Print Name:	RI Adjuster License Number:	Phone & Extension:



Notice to Employee:

- Employee must report earnings to Claim Administrator.
- Employee's signature on check affirms eligibility for benefits.
- Benefits are not due while incarcerated after conviction.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES RECEIVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS:

YOU MUST REPORT ANY EARNINGS you receive to the Claim Administrator that pays your benefits. Failure to report earnings may subject you to civil or criminal liability. Your endorsement on a benefit check is your statement that you are qualified to receive workers' compensation benefits. You are NOT entitled to receive workers' compensation benefits for any time that you are imprisoned as a result of a criminal conviction.



- §RIGL 28-33-20: Wage statement "shall be a necessary part of the memorandum of agreement."
- Submit the wage statement and dependency form with the memorandum of agreement.

ATTACH WAGE STATEMENT(S) AND DEPENDENCY FORM

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For instructions visit our web site:

www.dlt.ri.gov/wc



- File the Memorandum of Agreement with the RI DLT. The agreement is not valid until filed.
- Include the Wage Statement and Dependency Form as part of the agreement.
- Claim Administrator sends a copy to the employee and his or her attorney.



- Payments are sometimes made at a provisional or estimate compensation rate if there is a delay in obtaining the correct information for the wage statement.
- When a delayed wage statement becomes available, submit either a corrected Memorandum of Agreement or a Mutual Agreement Form DWC-24 to legally document the change the average weekly wage and compensation rate.



Benefits Change



Benefits Change

A legal authorization is needed when benefits start, change or stop. When benefits change, authority can be:

- Mutual Agreement
- Court order
- A corrected Nonprejudicial Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement.
- And EDI transaction is also required.



Mutual Agreement Form DWC-24



Mutual Agreement DWC-24

Mutual Agreement Form DWC-24:

 Claim Administrator Claim Number: enter the number the claim administrator uses to identify the claim or injury record.

Mutual Agreement

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Claim Administrator Claim Number



Mutual Agreement DWC-24

Employee Information:

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN. Do not use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter the employee's date of birth.

Employee Information				
SSN or ID	Date of Birth			
Last Name	First Name	Initial		
Date of Injury	Date of Death			



Indicate the change to ongoing indemnity benefits and the effective date.

This form may be used under RIGL § 28-35-6(b) to amend a Memorandum of Agreement, Order or Decree on a workers' compensation claim. This form cannot be used to start or end weekly benefits.

Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement. Indicate the change.							
☐ Change employee's marital status to ☐ Single		Married		effective date:			
☐ Change the total average weekly wage to	\$			effective date:			
☐ Change the weekly spendable base wage to	\$			effective date:			
☐ Change the weekly compensation rate to	\$			effective date:			
☐ Change maximum number of eligible exemptions	to			effective date:			
☐ Change number of dependents	to			effective date:			
☐ Modify from total to partial incapacity	effective date:						
☐ Modify from partial to total incapacity	effe	ective date:					
☐ Suitable Alternative Employment (offer attached)	effe	ective date:					
☐ Change nature of injury and/or affected body part to							
Other (specify)							

Mutual Agreement DWC-24

A Mutual Agreement may be used as the legal authority to pay specific injury benefits:

- Disfigurement (permanent partial disfigurement, scarring)
- Loss-of-use (permanent partial). Specific injury indemnity benefits are paid in a single payment.
- Specific injury benefits are calculated based on weeks and rate but are usually paid as a lump-sum.
- Payment is due within 14 days of the agreement or court order.



Loss of Use (Permanent Partial)

- Compensation Rate for Loss of Use injuries on or after January 1, 2012 is 50% of the average weekly wage with a maximum of \$180 and a minimum of \$90 per week.
- Compensation Rate for Loss of Use injuries before January 1, 2012 is 50% of the average weekly wage with a maximum of \$90 and a minimum of \$45 per week.



Disfigurement (Permanent Partial Disfigurement) and Hearing Loss (Permanent Partial):

- Compensation Rate for Disfigurement is 50% of the average weekly wage with a maximum of \$90 and a minimum of \$45 per week.
- Compensation Rate for hearing loss is 50% of the average weekly wage with a maximum of \$180 and a minimum of \$90 per week.



- Indicate the disfigured body part
- Show the number of weeks calculated for the payment (maximum 500).
- Show the weekly rate (often the maximum, \$90)
- Enter the amount paid for this benefit under Amount Paid.
- Enter the date of the benefit check under Date Paid.

Specific Injury Agreement

The injured worker and the Claims Administrator representing the Insurer and Employer agree on the specific injury or injuries stated here.

Disfigurement: Body Part	Weeks	Weekly Rate	Amount Paid	Date Paid



- Indicate the body part for loss-of-use (permanent partial).
- Enter the percent loss.
- Enter the calculated number of weeks for the payment.
- Show the weekly rate (often the maximum, \$180)
- Enter the amount paid for this benefit under Amount Paid.
- Enter the date of the benefit check under Date Paid.

Loss of Use: Body Part	Percent	Weeks	Weekly Rate	Amount Paid	Date Paid
	0.00%				
	0.00%				



- For hearing loss, indicate if loss to left, right, or both ears.
- Indicate occupational or traumatic hearing loss.
- Enter the percent of the hearing loss.
- Enter the calculated number of weeks for the payment.
- Show the weekly rate.
- Enter the amount paid for this benefit under Amount Paid.
- Enter the date of the benefit check under Date Paid.

Body Part	Type of Hearing Los	68	Percent	Weeks	Weekly Rate	Amount Paid	Date Paid
Left	Occupational	☐ Traumatic	0.00%				
☐ Right	Occupational	Traumatic	0.00%				
■ Both	Occupational	☐ Traumatic	0.00%				



- The Employee must sign and date this agreement.
- The Claim Adjuster must sign and date this agreement.
- The agreement must be filed with RI Department of Labor & Training, with copy to employee, attorney and claim administrator.

Signatures of Parties to this Agreement			
Employee Signature	Date	Claim Adjuster Signature	Date



Benefits Stop



BOTH are needed when weekly indemnity benefits STOP:

- A legal document
- An EDI transaction



Stop weekly indemnity benefit:

- Legal Agreement or Order:
 - If benefits were paid **without** liability under a Nonprejudicial Agreement Form DWC-20, a Termination of Benefits Form DWC-21 is required.
 - If benefits were paid **with** liability under a Memorandum of Agreement Form DWC-20, a Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05 is required to end liability.
 - Benefits paid with liability can also be ended with a Wage Transcript Form DWC-30 showing 2 weeks of earnings at or above the pre-injury average weekly wage (AWW with bonus no overtime).
 - Court order may stop benefits regardless of the legal agreement to start.



Stop weekly indemnity benefit:

- EDI transaction: Subsequent Report Suspension. There are several EDI suspension codes. These are two common codes:
 - S1 Suspended, returned to work
 - SJ Suspended, Directed by Jurisdiction (court order)
- The EDI Subsequent Report Suspension (SROI S1) is not the same as the Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05 legal document. An EDI suspension AND an appropriate legal document are required when benefits stop.



Termination of Benefits Form DWC-21



Termination of Benefits Form DWC-21:

 Claim Administrator Claim Number: enter the number the claim administrator uses to identify the claim or injury record.

Termination of Benefits

RI Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 www.dlt.ri.gov/wc Phone 401-462-8100 Fax 401-462-8105

Claim Administrator Claim Number



Employee information:

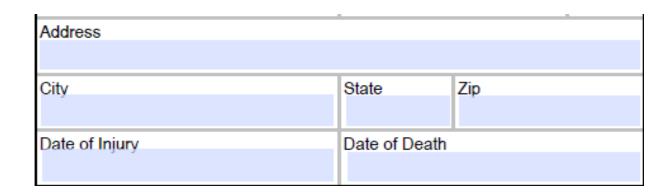
- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's Social Security Number. Do
 not use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in
 MMDDYY order.
- Enter the employee's date of birth.
- Enter employee's last name, first name, and middle initial.

Employee Information		
SSN or ID	Date of Birth	
Last Name	First Name	Initial



Employee information:

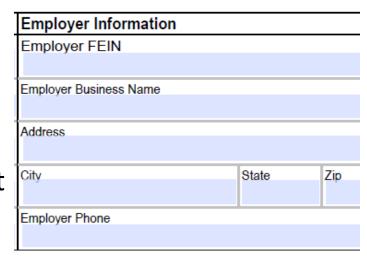
- Enter the employee's mailing address including, city, state and zip code.
- Enter the employee's date of injury.
- If the employee died, enter date of death.





Employer Information:

- Enter the employer's Federal ID number if available.
- Enter employer's business name.
- Enter the employer's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.





Insurer Information:

- Enter the Federal ID number of the insurance carrier named on policy, if available.
- Enter insurance carrier's full business name.
- Enter the insurer's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the phone number if available.

Insurer Information		
Insurer FEIN		
Insurer Business Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Insurer Phone		



Claim Administrator Information:

- Enter the Federal ID number of the claim administrator – the insurer or third party administrator handling the claim.
- Enter claim administrator's full business name.
- Enter the claim administrator's mailing address: street address, city, state and zip.
- Provide the claim administrator's phone number.

Claim Administrator Information	on	
Claims Administrator FEIN		
Claim Administrator Business Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Claim Administrator Phone		



Incapacity Information:

- Enter the date disability began. This it the first date of this disability period. If this is the first disability period, this is the first day of the waiting period.
- Enter the last date of this disability period.

Incapacity Information	1		
Date Disability Began		Date Disabili	ity Ended



Notice to Employee states employee's rights.

Notice to Employees Receiving Workers' Compensation Benefits:

Weekly compensation payments have ended. The employer and insurer have not accepted liability for this claim. To protect any rights you may have to future weekly compensation payments and payment for medical expenses, a petition must be filed with the Workers' Compensation Court within two (2) years of the first date of incapacity.



Signature & Distribution:

- The adjuster must sign, print his or her name, and date the form.
- The form is filed with RIDLT with a copy to the employee and attorney.

Claims Adjuster Signature	nture Printed Name	Date





Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05:

- Check the box if this is a correction of a previously submitted Suspension Agreement.
- DWC No: For DLT Use Only please leave blank.
- Insurer File No: The claim administrator's record ID number.

State of Rhode Island SUSPENSION AGREEMENT AND RECEIPT	PLEASE CHECK IF CORRECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation	DWC No.
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TDD (40	01) 462-8006 Insurer File No.



Employee information:

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's Social Security Number. Do **not** use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's last name, first name, and middle initial.
- Enter the employee's address, including city, state, zip.
- Include the phone if available.

SSN	
Name	
Address	

1. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION:

City, State, Zip

Phone



Claim Information:

- Enter employer's business name.
- Enter the insurance company name.
- Enter the claim administrator name the company handling the claim.
- Enter the date of the injury.
- Enter the date of incapacity the first date of this disability including the waiting period if this is the first disability.

2. CLAIM INFORMATION:

Employer	
Insurance Co.	
Claim Administrator	
Injury date	
Incapacity date	



Agreement:

- Enter the date of incapacity: first day of this disability period including any waiting period.
- Enter the date paid through: the last date for which indemnity benefits were due.

that weekly compensation which We agree began (date of incapacity) will end as of (date paid through). Payment of medical bills related to this injury may continue. Completing and signing this form does not prevent the employee from claiming future weekly compensation benefits in the event that the employee is unable to work due to this injury.



Signatures:

- The employee must sign and date the form.
- A representative from the claim administrator must sign and date the form on behalf of the employer or insurer.

Employee Signature:	Date:	
Employer or Insurer Signature:	Date:):



- The form is not valid until it is filed with RI DLT.
- The claim administrator sends a copy to the employee and his or her attorney, if any.





Wage Transcript DWC-30:

- The claim administrator and the employer complete a Wage Transcript to discontinue benefits paid with liablity if a Suspension Agreement is not available.
- The claim administrator completes the top of the form through section
 3.
- The employer completes section 4, signs the form, and returns it to the claim administrator.



Claim Administrator:

- Check the box if this is a correction of a previously submitted Wage Transcript.
- DWC No: For DLT Use Only please leave blank.
- Insurer File No: The claim administrator's record ID number.

State of Rhode Island WAGE TRANSCRIPT	PLEASE CHECK IF CORR	RECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation	DWC No.	
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TDD (401)	462-8006 Insurer File No.	



Claim Administrator:

- Check the box if this is a correction of a previously submitted Wage Transcript.
- DWC No: For DLT Use Only please leave blank.
- Insurer File No: The claim administrator's record ID number.

State of Rhode Island WAGE TRANSCRIPT	PLEASE CHECK IF CORR	RECTION OF PRIOR REPORT
Department of Labor and Training, Division of Workers' Compensation	DWC No.	
PO Box 20190, Cranston, RI 02920-0942 Phone (401) 462-8100 TDD (401)	462-8006 Insurer File No.	



Employee information:

- Enter at least the last 4 digits of the employee's Social Security Number. Do **not** use a fictitious number. If SSN is not available, use 999 + date of birth in MMDDYY order.
- Enter employee's last name, first name, and middle initial.
- Enter the employee's address, including city, state, zip.
- Include the phone if available.

SSN	
Name	
Address	

1. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION:

City, State, Zip

Phone



Claim Information:

- Enter employer's business name.
- Enter the insurance company name.
- Enter the claim administrator name the company handling the claim.
- Enter the date of the injury.
- Enter the date of incapacity the first date of this disability including the waiting period if this is the first disability.

2. CLAIM INFORMATION:

Employer	
Insurance Co.	
Claim Administrator	
Injury date	
Incapacity date	



Check "Discontinuation of Benefits".

3. INSURER COMPLETE:

This wage transcript is submitted to support a:

- Discontinuation of benefits. The employee has returned to work at a wage equal or greater than he or she earned at the time of the injury.
- Reduction of benefits. The employee has returned to work at a wage less than he or she earned at the time of the injury.



Enter the last date for which benefits were paid.

Enter the average weekly wage with overtime no bonus from the Wage Statement filed as part of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Date benefits were discontinued or reduced:	
Pre-injury average weekly wage, not including overtime:	



- The claim administrator sends the partially completed form to the employer to complete the rest.
- The employer provides information for two consecutive weeks of earnings above the pre-injury average weekly wage with bonus no overtime.

4. EMPLOYER COMPLETE:

Post-Injury Earning Information -- WEEKS MUST BE CONSECUTIVE

Period Start Date	Period End Date	Number of Hours Worked	Payment Rate	Amount of Earnings



Wage Transcript DWC-30

- For each consecutive week enter:
 - Week start date and end date
 - Number of hours worked in that week
 - Rate the employee was paid
 - Amount earned in each week

Post-Injury Earning Information -- WEEKS MUST BE CONSECUTIVE

	Period Start Date	Period End Date	Number of Hours Worked	Payment Rate	Amount of Earnings
Week 1					
Week 2					



Benefits Stop Special Circumstances



- Employee dies while receiving benefits, and death is not related to the claim.
 - Alert the RI DLT that employee died, include date of death.
 - Submit an EDI Suspension Claimant Death (SROI S4).
- Employee is incarcerated after a conviction.
 - Alert the RI DLT that the employee is incarcerated.
 - Submit an EDI Suspension Incarcerated (SROI S5).



- Partial Incapacity Gate.
 - § 28-35-46.1 requires an Itemized Statement Form DWC-50 be filed when benefits end at the Partial Incapacity Gate.
 - ONLY benefits ended at the PI Gate require an Itemized Statement. Do not submit for other circumstances.
 - Submit an EDI Suspension Benefits Exhausted (SROI S7).



- Change of Jurisdiction.
 - Benefits paid under RI WC will in future be paid under a different jurisdiction Massachusetts, Connecticut, Longshore, etc.
 - If RI court order, RIDLT will receive
 - If other, notify RIDLT
 - Submit an EDI Suspension Jurisdiction Change (SROI S8).



- Whereabouts Unknown.
 - Claim administrator is unable to locate the claimant to pay benefits.
 - Consult your legal counsel.
 - Notify RIDLT.
 - Submit an EDI Suspension –Whereabouts unknown (SROI S6).



Benefits Reduced on Retirement

- Indemnity benefits may be reduced on retirement as per RIGL § 28-33-45.
 - Submit a Coordination of Benefits Form DWC-36.
 - Submit an EDI Change in Benefit Amount (SROI CA).



Periodic Reports



- Periodic EDI transactions are required:
 - **Sub-annual: SROI SA** is required at six-month intervals from the date of injury while the claim is open in the claim administrator's claim system.
 - Final: SROI FN is required when the claim administrator closes the claim.
- Periodic EDI transactions are required on ALL claims.
 - Notice only, Medical Only, Denied, Indemnity claims ALL REQUIRE periodic SROI SA when open and SROI FN closed.



Periodic Reports

- There are no paper periodic reports required.
 - Interim Report of Payment Form DWC-22 was retired and replaced by the SROI SA.
 - Final Report of Payment Form DWC-22 was retired and replaced by SROI Suspension.



- Legal Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05 is NOT the same as an EDI SROI Suspension.
 - Suspension Agreement Form DWC-05 is a legal document that ends liability.
 - SROI Suspension reports that indemnity benefits have ended.
 - Both may be required.



- Final Report of Payment Form DWC-22 is NOT the same as an EDI SROI Final.
 - Final Report of Indemnity Payment Form DWC-22 is no longer accepted. The form provided notice that weekly indemnity benefits stopped. It was replaced by the EDI SROI Suspension (SROI S1, SROI S2,
 - EDI SROI Final (SROI FN) is a notice that the claim is closed.



Claim forms and instructions are on RI DLT web site

- http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wc/
- Click on Forms
- Click on Claim Forms

General Instructions

 Claim Filing Instructions – download this document from the website that explains legal document filing



More Information

Claim forms page also has:

- Brief instructions on when to use each form
- Link to fillable PDF forms with instructions
- Wage Statements are Excel documents not PDF
 - Full-Time, Part-Time, Seasonal Forms
 - Instructions for each form
 - Instructions for multiple employers



Workers' Compensation Claims

- Rosemary Brown, Claim Unit Manager
- 401-462-8087
- Rosemary.Brown@dlt.ri.gov



EDI information is available on our web site:

- http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wc/
- Click on EDI information from the WC home page
- EDI page explains the EDI process
- There are links to the EDI website http://ridltedi.info/
- Training information available on the DLT EDI page and EDI website
 - EDI Basics for Claim Adjusters



EDI Information

- Contact RI DLT EDI Team by email
- RIDLTEDI@iso.com

General workers' compensation: Education Unit

- 401-462-8100 option 1
- DLT.WCEdcUnit@dlt.ri.gov