



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Industrial Accidents

18 Tremont Street, Boston 8

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE QUOTE I.A.B.
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TO: ALL INSURERS, SELF-INSURERS, AND ALL COMPENSATION AGENTS
UNDER GENERAL LAWS (TER. ED.) CHAPTER 152, SECTION 75, AS
AMENDED.

The Division hereby gives notice to all of the above-named that the requirement (originally published in Circular Letter No. 8, dated June 15, 1936) of furnishing a wage schedule of the employee's earnings with the filing of an agreement in regard to compensation is suspended, effective June 1, 1955, until otherwise ordered. The enactment of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1945 amending G. L., Chapter 152, section 6, which now permits the changing of the "average weekly wages" in an approved agreement, together with the availability to employees of records of their earnings, such as tax returns and the like, are two of the considerations which permit this action.

However, this is not to be construed as an absolute and entire relief from the obligation to furnish wage schedules; particular cases will arise in which this Division will find it necessary to call for a wage schedule, and it is expected that it will be furnished when requested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all concerned are directed to exert every care and effort to insure the correctness and completeness in every detail, of agreements in regard to compensation before filing with this Division, in order to obviate needless correspondence when such agreements are found lacking in any particular. Any variation between the average weekly wages specified in the agreement and those reported in the employer's first report of injury must be explained. Care should be exercised in insuring verification of matters involving shortness of time, changes in grade, tips, overtime, meals and lodging, and other perquisites, and concurrent earnings.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward P. Doyle".

Edward P. Doyle
Secretary