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Construction Workers' Compensation

Big Changes for Dual-Wage Class Codes

AS INFLATION drives up salaries in all sectors, the workers' compensation wage thresholds for construction dual class codes have increased in California as of Sept. 1, 2022.

State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara in July approved the recommendation by the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau to increase the wage thresholds for high-wage workers.

The new rates apply to workers' comp policies that incept on or after Sept. 1.

In these dual class codes, workers' compensation rates are different for workers above and below the wage threshold.

Rates are lower for workers whose hourly pay is above the threshold as statistics have shown higher-paid workers in these fields have fewer workplace injuries than those who are paid less..

Often the difference in premium rate between the workers who fall above and below the threshold can be significant

Opposite are the new thresholds for each class code, that are now in effect. ❖

CLASS CODE		2021 Per/hour Threshold	2022 Per/hour Threshold (as of Sept. 1)
5027/5028	Masonry	\$28	\$32
5183(1)/5187(1)	Plumbing	\$28	\$31
5183(2)/5187(2)	Refrigeration equipment	\$28	\$31
5183(3)/5187(3)	Heating or air conditioning equipment	\$28	\$31
5185/5186	Auto sprinkler install.	\$29	\$32
5190/5140	Electrical wiring	\$32	\$34
5201(1)/5205(1)	Concrete or cement work (pouring, finishing, patios, sidewalks, driveways, etc.)	\$28	\$32
5201(2)/5205(2)	Concrete or cement work (pouring, finishing of concrete floor slabs)	\$28	\$32
5403/5432	Carpentry	\$35	\$39
5446/5447	Wallboard installation	\$36	\$38
5467/5470	Glaziers	\$33	\$36
5474(1)/5482(1)	Painting, wall-paper install.	\$28	\$31
5474(2)/5482(2)	Waterproofing	\$28	\$31
5474(3)/5482(3)	Painting, water, oil or gasoline storage tanks	\$28	\$31
5484/5485	Plastering, stucco work	\$32	\$36
5538(1)/5542(1)	Sheet metal work	\$27	\$29
5538(2)/5542(2)	Heating, AC ductwork	\$27	\$29
5552/5553	Roofing	\$27	\$29
5632/5633	Steel framing	\$35	\$39
6218(1)/6220(1)	Excavation	\$34	\$39
6218(2)/6220(2)	Grading land	\$34	\$39
6218(3)/6220(3)	Land leveling	\$34	\$39
6307/6308	Sewer construction	\$34	\$39
6315(1)/6316(1)	Water mains, connections construction	\$34	\$39
6315(2)/6316(2)	Gas mains, construction	\$34	\$39

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