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BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 1458

To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: <u>PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION</u> <u>PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM</u> <u>SECTION 1 RULE IX H. REVISIONS TO QUALIFYING WAGES,</u> <u>TABLE OF HOURLY WAGES AND PREMIUM CREDITS</u> <u>EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003</u>

The Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau has filed and the Insurance Commissioner has approved updates in provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Classification Premium Adjustment Program (PCCPAP). These revisions represent updates to program values consistent with previous annual PCCPAP revisions and are **effective 12:01 a.m.**, **July 1, 2003** with respect to new and renewal business only.

For policies with anniversary rating dates on or after July 1, 2003 the following changes to the PCCPAP plan are applicable:

- First, qualifying wages will be based on the Third Quarter of 2002, as this data is now available and represents a more current level of employment and wage activity for construction employers.
- Second, the minimum hourly wage eligible for premium credits will be updated in accordance with the most recent change in the Statewide Average Weekly Wage (SAWW). This change revises the minimum wage eligible for PCCPAP premium credit to \$20.25 per hour.
- Third, consistent with procedural changes first approved in 1995 (see Bureau Circular No. 1317), revisions will be made in the increments in qualifying wages used in constructing the PCCPAP table of premium credits.

A copy of the complete PCCPAP credit table effective for normal anniversary rating dates on or after July 1, 2003 in the text of Section 1, Rule IX H. is shown at the end of this circular.

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The Manual will be updated on our website (www.pcrb.com) at a future date.

The Bureau will advise qualifying employers and their insurers of record of credits using normal procedures.

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MANUAL REVISIONS

Deleted wording is bracketed and new wording is underlined.

SECTION 1

RULE IX – SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR OPERATIONS AFFECTING COVERAGE

H. PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

1. The Pennsylvania Construction set forth below:

Normal Anniversary <u>Rating Dates</u>	Reporting Period for <u>Qualifying Wages</u>	No Change	
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000	Third calendar quarter of 1998	No change	
July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001	Third calendar quarter of 1999	No change	
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002	Third calendar quarter of 2000	No change	
July 1, 2002 [and later]	Third calendar quarter of 2001	July 1, 2002 <u>-</u> June 30, 2003	Third calendar quarter of 2001
No current entry		July 1, 2003 and later	Third calendar quarter of 2002
If the insuredlisted below:		No change	

DELETE table for Normal Anniversary Rating Dates – July 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999

<u>NO CHANGE</u> to tables for Normal Anniversary Rating Dates – July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001 and July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

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Normal Anniversary Rating Dates -July 1, 2002 [and later] Normal Anniversary Rating Dates July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Table Values Unchanged

The following **NEW** table has been added:

Normal Anniversary Rating Dates - July 1, 2003 and later

Average Hourly Wage	Credit From Standard Premium	Average Hourly Wage	Credit From Standard Premium
\$20.24 or less	None	\$25.15 - \$25.59	18%
\$20.25 - \$20.54	5%	\$25.60 - \$26.04	19%
\$20.55 - \$20.89	6%	\$26.05 - \$26.49	20%
\$20.90 - \$21.24	7%	\$26.50 - \$26.99	21%
\$21.25 - \$21.59	8%	\$27.00 - \$27.49	22%
\$21.60 - \$21.94	9%	\$27.50 - \$27.99	23%
\$21.95 - \$22.29	10%	\$28.00 - \$28.54	24%
\$22.30 - \$22.69	11%	\$28.55 - \$29.09	25%
\$22.70 - \$23.09	12%	\$29.10 - \$29.64	26%
\$23.10 - \$23.49	13%	\$29.65 - \$30.19	27%
\$23.50 - \$23.89	14%	\$30.20 - \$30.79	28%
\$23.90 - \$24.29	15%	\$30.80 - \$31.39	29%
\$24.30 - \$24.69	16%	\$31.40 and over	30%
\$24.70 - \$25.14	17%		

Balance of Rule remains unchanged.