

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

Workers Compensation Act

The Workers' Compensation Board orders that, effective October 1, 2026, the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix.

DEPOSITED

March 19, 2026

B.C. REG. 39/2026

March 17, 2026

Date



Chair, Board of Directors

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Workers Compensation Act*, R.S.B.C. 2019, c. 1, ss. 110 and 117

Other: _____

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APPENDIX A

1 *Section 31.1 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97, is amended*

(a) by renumbering the section as section 31.1 (1),

(b) in subsection (1) by repealing paragraph (b) of the definition of “fire department” and substituting the following:

(b) a board, society or commission on behalf of a body referred to in paragraph (a), or,

(c) in subsection (1) by repealing the definition of “firefighter”,

(d) in subsection (1) by adding the following definition:

“fire personnel” means workers, other than firefighters, who are employed, with or without remuneration, in firefighting, fire inspection, fire investigation, the maintenance of firefighting equipment, the training for and direction of those activities, or other similar duties; , **and**

(e) by adding the following subsection:

(2) In this Part, a reference to a firefighter is to be read as including fire personnel.

2 *Section 31.2 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Application

31.2 This Part does not apply to forest fire fighting.