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# Claims Unit Newsletter



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## Happy Holidays from the Claims Unit!

Welcome to the new WCB Claims Unit Newsletter! We're excited to connect and share updates, insights, and resources that support the important work you, the Claims Administrators, do every day. Your dedication and collaboration are vital to ensuring that injured workers receive the care and benefits they need, and we deeply appreciate the professionalism and commitment you bring.

We want this newsletter to be as useful and relevant as possible. If you have ideas for topics or issues you'd like to see covered in future editions, please don't hesitate to email [Magy.Taylor@maine.gov](mailto:Magy.Taylor@maine.gov). Your input helps us shape content that truly supports your work and strengthens our shared mission.

## Key Updates



### **Bosse v. Sargent Corp. Decision 2025 ME 74**

This decision was regarding Wage Calculation under 39-A M.R.S. § 102(4)(A)-(D). For the full decision click [here](#).

# Key Updates Cont.



## New WCB 2.1 Form for Comparable Wages

This new template is optional and is to help simplify the process of providing comparable wages. CAs should label them as "Comparable 1", etc. and **exclude any personal info of the comparable employee including name.**



## Method D and Comparable Wages

Two or more comparables must be provided when using Section 102.4.D. These do **not** need to be from the same employer, just a similar class and locality that reasonably represents the weekly earning capacity of the injured employee in the employment they were in at the time of the injury.

# Best Practices



## Use Form Comments Effectively

Provide more clarity and context. This can lead to faster responses, more accurate solutions, and better claims handling overall. Ex: Include the steps used to determine average weekly wage and comp rate.



## Common Mistakes

The top two mistakes we see week after week are missing WCBN (box 2) and missing revision date (box 1, when applicable). Complete these fields to avoid unnecessary delays in processing.

1. REVISION DATE:

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2. WCB FILE NUMBER  
(REQUIRED):

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