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CHAPTER B-4

BLIND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

- 1. In this Act**
- Definitions
- (a) “blind worker” means a worker as defined by the *Workers' Compensation Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-7 possessing in his better eye a central actual acuity either with or without glasses not greater than 6-60 or 20-200 (Snellen); blind worker
- (b) “Board” means the Workers' Compensation Board of Prince Edward Island; Board
- (c) “employer” means an employer as defined by the *Workers' Compensation Act* who has in his employ a blind worker; employer
- (d) “full cost of compensation” means compensation, burial expenses, the cost of furnishing medical aid and all other amounts payable under or by virtue of Part I of the *Workers' Compensation Act* by reason of a blind worker meeting with an accident for which he would be entitled to compensation under that Act, and includes the capitalized sum or present value of the sum required as determined by the Board to provide for future payments of compensation to the pensioner or his dependants; full cost of compensation
- (e) “Institute” means the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; Institute
- (f) “Minister” means the Provincial Treasurer. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.1; 1976, c.34, s.6; 1983, c.1, s.6; 1986, c.5, s.2; 1993, c.29, s.4. Minister
- 2. (1)** Where the full cost of compensation exceeds \$50 and where the industry comes under Part I of the *Workers' Compensation Act* the Minister shall pay to the Board the excess of the full cost of compensation over and above \$50. Compensation over \$50
- (2) The payment shall be credited by the Board to the accident fund created pursuant to the *Workers' Compensation Act* and the payment shall be made out of the Operating Fund. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.2; 1976, c.34; 1997, c.20, s.3. Payment credited to Accident Fund
- 3.** In making any award to a blind worker for injury by accident under the *Workers' Compensation Act* the Board may have regard to any previous awards made him for injury under that Act. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.3; 1976, c.34. Previous injuries

Assessment fixed by Board	4. The assessment on any employer to be levied by the Board on wages of a blind worker may be fixed by the Board at such an amount as may be deemed fair, having regard to the <i>Workers' Compensation Act</i> . R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.4; 1976, c.34.
Exclusive jurisdiction of Institute	5. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Institute has exclusive jurisdiction as to the nature of the work a blind worker shall do and as to the proper placement of the worker.
Other organizations	(2) Upon the recommendation of the Board the Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate any other organization or institution to execute the powers and perform the duties assigned to the Institute under this Act and thereupon this Act shall be read as though the name of the other organization or institution were substituted for the Institute. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.5.
Waiver of rights by employer	6. Where, without the approval of the Institute, an employer gives employment to a blind worker or where without the approval changes the nature of the employment, the employer shall be deemed to have waived all right to any benefits of this Act in respect of injury to such blind worker. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.6.
Right of access of officers of Institute	7. Every officer of the Institute shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to the place of employment of a blind worker, but the consent or approval of the superintendent or foreman or person in charge must be first obtained. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.7.
Certificates by Institute for Board	8. The Institute shall provide the Board, upon request, with all such certificates or other material as may be required by the Board in the fulfillment of its duties. R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. B-5, s.8.