

## Physicians who contract to a BC health authority: Should you register with WorkSafeBC?

If you are a physician who provides professional services to one of BC's health services authorities, you may be required by the Physician Master Agreement to apply to be registered with WorkSafeBC.

### Do you have to register with WorkSafeBC?

You are *required* to apply to register with WorkSafeBC if you fall into one or both of the following categories:

- You are an employer.
- You operate through an incorporated company.

Note: As an exception, a corporation whose workers are all shareholders of the corporation and whose revenue is received largely from a single health authority or health care facility does not have to apply because the shareholders would be considered workers of the health authority or facility.

You may *choose* to apply to register with WorkSafeBC if you provide your services to a health services

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authority as an independent contractor in your own name (e.g., Dr Jane Smith) and your revenue is earned solely through one or more of the following avenues:

- A service contract (under which you provide your services as an independent contractor).
- A sessional contract (under which you provide services on a time or sessional basis—in which a session equals 3.5 hours of your professional services).
- Fee-for-service payments from the Medical Services Plan (MSP), and WorkSafeBC and ICBC services submitted through and paid by MSP.
- Earnings related to private practice (third party, medicolegal, and private billings).

You do not have to apply to register if any of the following situations apply:

- You have a WorkSafeBC account number or a letter from WorkSafeBC advising that you are not required or not eligible to be registered with WorkSafeBC, and your practice has not changed since you received that confirmation.
- You receive a T4 Statement of Re-

muneration Paid or a T4A Statement of Pension, Retirement, Annuity, and Other Income from a health services authority.

- You provide your services to a health services authority under a salary agreement (as described in the Physician Master Agreement).

### How to apply to register

Complete the Physician Contracting to BC Health Authorities form (#1800PHPC) and e-mail it to [phpcreg@worksafebc.com](mailto:phpcreg@worksafebc.com). If you are a proprietor or partner and would like to be covered for workers' compensation, you must apply for Personal Optional Protection insurance by also completing form #1801.

You will find both forms on [www.worksafebc.com/forms](http://www.worksafebc.com/forms).

WorkSafeBC will require approximately 2 weeks to process the forms from the date of receipt. If we determine that you are not eligible to register, you will receive a letter advising you of this, which you may submit to a health authority.

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