

Section Title: Finance Assessments and Administration – Assessments
Subject: Requests for Self-Insured Status
Effective Date: January 1, 1999

POLICY PURPOSE

The Workers Compensation Act (the Act), effective January 1, 1992, provides for the classification of employers into five classes:

- Class A - Provincially funded industries set out in a schedule established by the WCB
- Class B - Self-insured employers set out in a schedule established by the WCB
- Class C - Province of Manitoba and its agencies
- Class D - City of Winnipeg
- Class E - All industries set out in the schedule and not included in Classes A, B, C or D

Class E employers are assessed on an “insured payroll” basis while Classes A, B, C and D are assessed on a self-insured basis.

This policy outlines the Board’s intent with respect to new and current applications for self-insurance from employers.

A. POLICY

The Board confirms the principle of collective responsibility for the Accident Fund, with the result that effective January 1, 1999, the Board exercises its discretion to maintain existing employers in Class E and not to grant self-insurance status to new applicants.

B. REFERENCES

The Workers Compensation Act, sections 73, 76.2, 76.3, 76.4 and 78(2) [On or After January 1, 1992]

History:

1. Policy 35.20.50 established by Board Order 15/92.
2. Application of policy amended by Board Order 42/94 such that consideration of requests for self-insured status will be deferred at least until the complete retirement of the unfunded liability.
3. Policy amended by Board Order 63/94 effective January 1, 1995, to provide for alternate forms of security other than a letter of guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit from a chartered bank. Former policy re-numbered 35.20.50.01 and amended to reflect that it ceases effect on December 31, 1994.

4. Policy 35.20.50 rescinded by Board Order 35/99 effective December 31, 1998, and renumbered as Policy 35.20.50.01. Policy 35.20.50, *Requests for Self-Insured Status*, was issued to reflect the Board's position on new applications for self-insurance.
5. On August 25, 2003, the History Section #4 above has been changed to read Policy 35.20.50.01 instead of Policy 35.20.50.02.
6. Minor formatting changes were made to the policy, June 27, 2012.