

# What is the New York Workers Compensation Weekly Wage Benefit?

The amount of weekly benefits you receive during your period of disability is based on the average weekly wage you were earning at the time of your injury. Initially, you should receive approximately 2/3 of your wages. However, the workers compensation law limits the total amount of benefits you can get.

- July 1, 1992 and July 1, 2007 your Maximum Rate is \$400.00.
- July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008 \$500.
- July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009 \$550.
- July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010 \$600.
- July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011 \$739.83
- July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012 \$772.96
- July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013 \$792.07
- July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014 \$803.21
- July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015 \$808.65
- July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016 \$844.29

(and each July 1 thereafter the rate will be increased (or decreased!) to 2/3rds of the State Average Weekly Wage.)

However, the insurance company will quickly send you to one of "their doctors" and try to cut your benefits below this level. When this happens, you should contact an attorney to petition the court for your fair level of benefits.

Also, it is common for injured workers to get large cash awards for injuries to certain body parts even if they have not lost any time from work.