



PIA workers' compensation update

Massachusetts requires new WC form for out-of-state employers

In its [Circular Letter No. 335](#), the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) promulgated a new [Form 154](#) to be utilized by businesses domiciled in other states but operating in Massachusetts.

This requirement applies only to businesses that are providing evidence of coverage under Part Three—Other States Insurance (that is, Massachusetts is listed under Item 3.C. of the declarations). If Massachusetts is listed under Item 3.A., compliance is satisfied without this form.

Beginning Aug. 26, 2010, [Form 154—Verification of Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Coverage for Out-of-State Employers Operating in Massachusetts](#) must be submitted to any licensing and/or permitting authority when out-of-state businesses seek permission to conduct work requiring a license or permit. Further, this form should be completed by out-of-state subcontractors and submitted to the general contractor prior to commencement of any work on a jobsite. The DIA's Office of Investigation also may require an out-of-state business to complete this form at any time. Furthermore, only a titled insurance company representative may sign the form and there is a 10-day advance notice of cancellation obligation included.

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