

TITLE 20. COMMERCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INSURANCE

CHAPTER 5. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

ARTICLE 1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

final rulemaking at 7 A.A.R. 3966 and 7 A.A.R. 4995, effective August 17, 2001 (Supp. 01-3).

R20-5-101. Application of the Article; Notice of Rules; Part of Record

- A. This Article applies to all actions and proceedings before the Commission resulting from:
1. Injuries that occurred on or after January 1, 1969;
 2. Petitions to Reopen or Petitions for Readjustment or Rearrangement of Compensation filed on or after that date; and
 3. Requests for hearing under A.R.S. §§ 23-907(H), (I), and (J).
- B. This Article is part of the record in each action or proceeding without reference to the Article.
- C. The Commission deems all parties to have knowledge of this Article.
- D. The Commission shall provide a copy of this Article upon request to any person free of charge.

Historical Note

Former Rule 1. Amended effective March 1, 1987, filed February 26, 1987 (Supp. 87-1). R20-5-101 recodified from R4-13-101 (Supp. 95-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 7 A.A.R. 3966 and 7 A.A.R. 4995, effective August 17, 2001 (Supp. 01-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 14 A.A.R. 4530, effective, December 2, 2008 (Supp. 08-4).

R20-5-102. Definitions

In this Article, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Act” means the Arizona Workers’ Compensation Act, A.R.S. Title 23, Ch. 6, Articles 1 through 11.

“Authorized representative” means an individual authorized by law to act on behalf of a party who files with the Commission a written instrument advising of the individual’s authority to act on behalf of the party.

“Carrier” or “insurance carrier” means the state compensation fund and every insurance carrier authorized by the Arizona Department of Insurance to underwrite workers’ compensation insurance in Arizona.

“Claimant” means an employee who files a claim for workers’ compensation.

“Filing” means actual receipt of a report, document, instrument, videotape, audiotape, or other written matter at a Commission office during office hours as set forth in R20-5-103.

“Physician” means a licensed physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts.

“Self-insured employer” means an employer or workers’ compensation pool granted authority by the Commission to self-insure for workers’ compensation.

“Uninsured employer” or “noncomplying employer” means an employer that is subject to and fails to comply with A.R.S. §§ 23-961 or 23-962.

“Working days” means all days except Saturdays, Sundays, and state legal holidays.

Historical Note

Former Rule 2. R20-5-102 recodified from R4-13-102 (Supp. 95-1). Section repealed; new Section made by

R20-5-103. Location of Industrial Commission Offices and Office Hours

The main office of the Industrial Commission of Arizona is located in Phoenix, Arizona. An office is also located in Tucson, Arizona. The offices are open for business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. every day except Saturdays, Sundays, and state legal holidays.

Historical Note

Former Rule 3. Amended effective March 1, 1987, filed February 26, 1987 (Supp. 87-1). R20-5-103 recodified from R4-13-103 (Supp. 95-1). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 7 A.A.R. 3966 and 7 A.A.R. 4995, effective August 17, 2001 (Supp. 01-3).

R20-5-104. Address of Claimant and Uninsured Employer

- A. A claimant shall advise the Commission and carrier or self-insured employer of the claimant’s current mailing address and place of residence. If a claimant files a workers’ compensation claim against an uninsured employer, the claimant shall advise the special fund division of the claimant’s current mailing address and place of residence.
- B. An uninsured employer against whom a claimant files a workers’ compensation claim shall advise the special fund division of the uninsured employer’s current mailing address and place or places of residence.
- C. Providing the address of a claimant’s or uninsured employer’s attorney or authorized representative is not sufficient to meet the requirements of this Section.

Historical Note

Former Rule 4. Amended effective March 1, 1987, filed February 26, 1987 (Supp. 87-1). R20-5-104 recodified from R4-13-104 (Supp. 95-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 7 A.A.R. 3966 and 7 A.A.R. 4995, effective August 17, 2001 (Supp. 01-3).

R20-5-105. Filing Requirements; Time for Filing; Computation of Time; Response to Motion

- A. A report, document, instrument, videotape, audiotape, or other written matter required to be filed with the Commission under A.R.S. § 23-901 et seq. and this Article shall be filed at a Commission office within the time required by law and this Article.
- B. For purposes of computing time under this Article, the following applies:
1. The Commission shall not include in the computation of time the day of the act or event from which the designated period begins to run.
 2. The Commission shall include in the computation of time the last day of the designated period, unless the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or state legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or state legal holiday.
 3. If this Article or other law requires that a report, document, instrument, videotape, audiotape, or other written matter be filed within a designated period of time before hearing, the Commission shall not include the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run. The Commission shall include the last day of the designated period unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or state legal holiday, in which event the period runs to the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or state legal holiday.
 4. If the period of time prescribed is less than 11 days, the Commission shall not include intermediate Saturdays,