

## Reporting assessable earnings

Every business or person with an active Saskatchewan WCB account is required to file an Employer's Payroll Statement (EPS) by Feb. 28 every year.

All workers who are on payroll and receive employment income on a T4 slip are to be included in the actual amounts for the prior year and the estimates for the current year. These amounts are what your premiums are based on (assessable earnings X premium rate = premiums). It is important that these figures are accurate to ensure the correct premium amounts are calculated.

### Reporting considerations:

#### Assessable earnings

Assessable earnings are gross earnings before income tax, employment insurance, pension and other deductions. Earnings include regular wages, salaries, piecework fees, commissions, bonuses and other payments, and taxable benefits. Box 14 of a worker's T4 slip usually captures the correct assessable amounts.

The WCB's policy Assessable Earnings ([POL 24/2010](#)) provides more information on what amounts are considered assessable and which are not (for example, dividends, severance allowance, reimbursement of travel expenses, etc.).

#### Excess earnings

Earnings loss benefits for workers are 90 per cent of net earnings up to the maximum in effect for any given year. Because of that, employers are not required to pay premiums on earnings above the maximum amount per worker per year. **The maximum amount per person may change from year to year.** For the current amounts, please see the "[Reporting your payroll](#)" page at [wcbask.com](http://wcbask.com).

Example: A worker's gross earnings for 2023 is \$100,000. **The maximum amount per person for 2023 is \$96,945.** The employer would report \$96,945 assessable earnings for this worker.

Example: Company ABC has two workers, each earning \$100,000. Considering the per person maximum for 2023, the estimate of wages for 2023 will be:

	\$96,945 for worker A
	+ \$96,945 for worker B
	\$193,890 total estimate for 2023

Example: 123 Painting employs John, who will gross \$100,000, and Bob, who will gross \$40,000. The assessable payroll would be:

\$96,945 for John
+ \$40,000 for Bob
\$136,945 total

**Reporting directors**

Total assessable wages should include wages for directors who receive employment income on a T4 slip as they are considered workers. The wages are to be reported in the same way as all other workers. See the WCB’s policy [Coverage – Directors \(POL 14/2014\)](#).

**Underestimating assessable payroll**

Estimated wages should be as accurate as possible. Premiums are due in the coverage year to which they apply. **Adjustments, where required, may be done any time within the current calendar year [online](#) or by phone.** If the actual wages are 50 per cent higher than the estimated wages, an underestimate penalty will apply.

Example: Company X estimated their 2023 assessable payroll at \$60,000. The actual wages for 2023 for Company X can be their estimate of \$60,000 plus 50 per cent (\$30,000) before a penalty is applied. If the payroll in 2023 exceeds \$90,000, an adjustment should be made before the end of the calendar year to avoid the underestimate penalty.

**Working in and out of Saskatchewan (prorating excess earnings)**

If a worker spends time in two different provinces and earns over the Saskatchewan maximum assessable amount, only the amounts earned in Saskatchewan must be reported. Where the worker’s payroll is above the maximum amount for the year, it may be reported as per the below calculation.

$$\frac{\text{SK gross}}{\text{Total gross}} \times \text{SK maximum assessable} = \text{prorated SK maximum}$$

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