

Interim Relief Worker Appeal



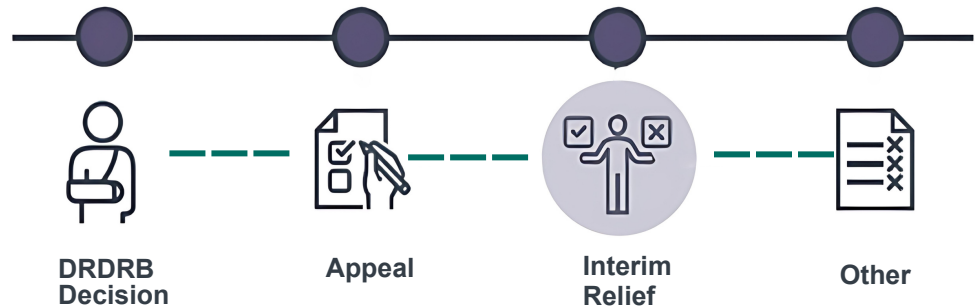
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What is interim relief?



Interim relief is financial support provided to workers who demonstrate they need money to pay for basic living expenses during the appeals process.

A worker must apply to the Appeals Commission for Interim Relief by submitting the application form when or soon after they file a Notice of Appeal.



Interim relief is available when a worker has submitted an appeal and meets all the following criteria:

1. They have an “arguable case” that presents facts and issues which, if accepted by the hearing panel, could substantially affect the decision of the appeal.
2. The appeal affects entitlement to current wage loss benefits greater than \$500.
3. The worker, spouse or partner is not able to get any other financial support.
4. The worker would not be able to afford basic necessities of life (food, clothing, shelter) and or would lose their home or other property without interim relief.

The following types of evidence should be submitted with the application for interim relief:

- Documents that show that the worker, the worker’s spouse or adult interdependent partner are not able to get money or benefits from anywhere else. This can be a letter or document from a government agency or organization that provides money or benefits, like Employment Insurance, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), or Income Support
- Documents that show information about mortgage or rent payments, and about the worker’s ability to make those payments
- A monthly income and expense statement that lists how much money the worker receives each month and from where, and all the money the worker spends each month and what they spend it on

If the DRDRB granted interim relief, does the Appeals Commission automatically continue interim relief on appeal?

It is not automatic or guaranteed that the worker will get interim relief at the Appeals Commission. If the worker received it at the DRDRB, they still need to complete the application form and provide the Appeals Commission with all the information requested.

Resources



Legislation:

Workers’ Compensation Act
RSA 2000, c W-15

WCB Policy:

01-10, Part 1

01-10, Part II, Application 1

Sample Orders