

Changes to classification units for 2021

Each year, when we set premium rates for the next year, we review and evaluate our classification units to ensure we continue to provide fair insurance rates.

We group employers into specific classifications (called classification units, or CUs) based on their industrial activities. By grouping employers in similar industries that have similar levels of risk, we are able to set rates to reflect that risk, and thus charge industries the appropriate rates.

Classification units expired for 2021

These classification units (CUs) represent industries with few employers or claims. We propose to merge each with an existing CU.

2020 CUs expired	Number of firms	2019 payroll (millions)	2021 CU
713004 Candle, Polish, or Other Wax Product Manufacture	10	\$1.58	713007 Cosmetic, Wax Product, or Plastic Colour Concentrate Manufacture*
763029 Recording Studio	50	\$7.85	763024 Audio Video Post-Production, Animation Services, or Recording Studio*
762037 Ship Chandlery or Ship Husbandry	9	\$3.33	742015 Wholesale (not elsewhere specified)
715031 Taxidermy or Fur Tannery	18	\$0.97	715001 Miscellaneous Art or Craft Product Manufacture (not elsewhere specified)*

* Reflects a new name for 2021

Classification units created for 2021

CU number	CU name
701031	Cannabis Cultivation, Processing, or Product Manufacture

Classification unit name changes for 2021

CU number	Current name	New name
715001	Art, Craft, or Ornament Manufacture	Miscellaneous Art or Craft Product Manufacture (not elsewhere specified)
763024	Audio Video Post-Production or Animation Services	Audio Video Post-Production, Animation Services, or Recording Studio
713007	Cosmetic or Plastic Colour Concentrate Manufacture	Cosmetic, Wax Product, or Plastic Colour Concentrate Manufacture
763027	Photography Studio or Photographic Services	Photography Studio, Photographic Services, or Videography Services

Classification unit moved to a new subsector

Current CU number	CU name	Current sector/ subsector	New CU number	New sector/subsector
763014	Farrier Services	Service sector/ Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services subsector	701030	Primary Resources sector/ Agriculture subsector

More information

1 Cannabis Cultivation, Processing, or Product Manufacture

Research and consultation with industry stakeholders has identified unique risks and hazards associated with this emerging industry. Creating this new CU will help support the industry in further identifying its hazards, mitigating risks, and preventing workplace injuries. Recognizing the current rapid evolution of the industry, WorkSafeBC will continue to monitor it and make changes to our classification system as needed to ensure that we keep pace with emerging realities while continuing to provide effective support for the industry's workplace health and safety efforts. This new CU will be placed in the Primary Resources sector, Agriculture subsector.

2 Farrier Services

This CU was placed in the Service sector, and the Professional, Scientific, Technical Services subsector. Because this industry is more closely aligned with the agricultural industry, it will be moved to the Primary Resources sector, and the Agriculture subsector.

Stakeholder feedback

Firms affected by these changes have been notified and their feedback requested prior to Board of Directors approval.

The Board of Directors approved the final 2021 classification structure and rates on October 21, 2020.

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