

Work Comp Connection

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Workers Compensation Division:
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KDOL Web Makeover!

New year, new look! On Jan. 16, KDOL launched a newly designed Website. The new look includes all [Workers Compensation Division](#) Web pages (see homepage below).

We're delighted to say, the new design includes a Search option which is located on the right above the banner. Red tabs below the banner list the titles by grouped information. Roll over or click on the tabs and a list of choices will drop down for each.

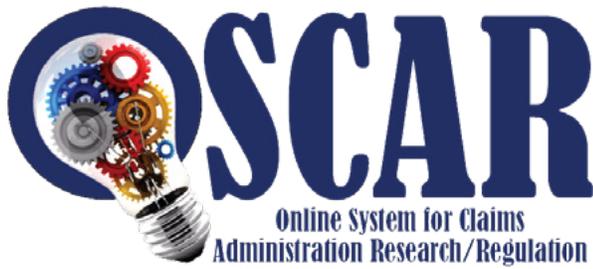
Images have been added for subject recognition and content titles are listed at the bottom of each image. Tap the grey bar to access the topic's Web page. You can also select Web pages by selecting topics listed in Quick Links located on the right.

Titles and locations may have changed. If you're searching for the Latest News, try News and Alerts instead.

Please note: Web addresses may have changed. Make certain you update bookmarks, links Web page addresses and other information.

The site is viewed best by using a Firefox or Chrome browser.

The screenshot shows the KDOL Workers Compensation Division website homepage. At the top left is the Kansas Department of Labor logo. A search bar is located at the top right. A navigation menu on the left includes links for Home, Unemployment, Employers, Workers Compensation, Labor Market Information, Labor Relations, Industrial Safety and Health, Amusement Ride, Workplace Laws, Overpayments, and Espanol. The main header area features a large banner with the text 'Welcome to the KDOL Workers Compensation Division' and a background image of a hand holding a sunflower. Below the banner is a horizontal menu with red tabs for 'Workers Compensation Home', 'Injured Workers', 'Employers', 'Medical Services and Fee Schedule', 'Insurer', 'Judicial', 'OSCAR Information', 'Resources', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column has a blue header 'OSCAR' and images for 'Injured Workers', 'Employers', 'Insurer', 'Medical Services and Fee Schedule', 'Judicial', and 'Resources'. The middle column has a blue header 'WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR'. The right column has a blue header 'ABOUT US' and a text block describing the division's role. Below this is a 'QUICK LINKS' section with a list of links: 'OSCAR Information', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'Forms and Publications', 'Report Workers Compensation Fraud', 'Laws and Regulations', 'Contact Workers Compensation', and 'Workers Compensation Seminar'. At the bottom of the page is a 'NEWS AND ALERTS' section with a blue header and a 'STAY INFORMED' section with a blue header. The news section contains three items: 'OSCAR Training Announcement', 'Fleishbein Named KDOL Deputy Secretary', and 'Implementation of EDI Release 3.1'.



OSCAR Training Announcement

Future training sessions are planned for those interested in learning more about the Online System for Claims Administration Research/Regulation (OSCAR).

Dates, times and locations will be posted in [News and Alerts](#) on the [OSCAR Information](#) Web page, announced in the [Work Comp Connection](#) newsletter and on KDOL Facebook.

Workers Compensation Fund Notice

Workers Compensation statute requires written notice to implead workers compensation fund.

Please note, the Workers Compensation statute (44-566a(c)(1)) requires that the commissioner of insurance must receive written notice from a party wishing to implead the workers compensation fund, setting forth the nature of the liability asserted.

If you are filing a motion to implead the fund in OSCAR the fund is not automatically added as a participant on the case and will not receive notice through the system. Once they have been added to the case then OSCAR will notify them through the system. Please send your written notice to the fund at Kansas Insurance Department, Workers Compensation Fund, 420 SW 9th Street, Topeka KS, 66612.

For support on other OSCAR issues, contact the support team at kdol.oscar@ks.gov.

News and Alerts

Find the latest news about legislative updates, division web launches, notices to insurance providers, injured workers, employers and other news in [News and Alerts](#) under the topic tiles on the [Workers Compensation Division](#) Web page. We encourage you to use Foxfire or Google Chrome as a Web browser when viewing the new KDOL Web pages. Monitor this site to find out what's new.



Review of Kansas Workers Compensation Requirements

Explanations and information can be found in the following materials listed within the [Forms and Publications](#) Web page:

[K-WC 25](#) & [K-WC 250](#) - Workers Compensation Information for Kansas Employers and Employees - in English and Spanish, both describe the purpose of the law, elections, employers' responsibilities, the categories of disability benefits, how rates are determined, how to obtain insurance, conditions that affect benefits, guidelines for medical treatments, ombudsman, mediation services and more.

[K-WC 27-A](#) & [K-WC 270-A](#) - Important Information for Injured Employees - in English and Spanish, both apply only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

[K-WC 40-A](#) Posting Notice - Workers Compensation Rights and Responsibilities - applies only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

Fast Facts

Social Media - The Workers Compensation Division posts information on the [Kansas Department of Labor Facebook](#) page each Friday and as news develops. Catch up with us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/KansasDOL.

Public WiFi - WiFi is available in lobbies and hearing rooms in all regional offices.

Division Plans 45th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar

Members of the 45th Seminar Planning Committee are selecting topics and speakers for the annual seminar happening at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 24 and 25, 2019.

Topics for general sessions and afternoon track breakout sessions are nearly complete.

Prices will remain the same as 2018.

Continuing education is planned for attorneys practicing in Kansas and Missouri, Kansas State Board of Nursing APRN, RN or LPN and Certified Case Managers (CCM). CCM can look forward to one (1) credit hour of ethics credit in addition to regular credit.



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Continuing Education Credit Reminder

Depending on your occupation, it could be several years before you need to submit continuing education documentation for licensing or certification purposes.

Reissuing documentation of credits received from attending a Workers Compensation Seminar can be done for up to five years from the date you attend.

Send a request to Shirley.Hastings@ks.gov.

Flachsbarth Named KDOL Deputy Secretary

Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) Acting Secretary, Delia Garica, has selected KDOL Unemployment Insurance Director, Brett Flachsbarth, to serve as the Deputy Secretary for the agency.

Flachsbarth is a Lawrence native, a graduate of the University of Kansas and earned a law degree from Washburn University. He joined KDOL in 2005 as a member of the agency legal team, became the Chief of the Office of Unemployment Insurance Appeals in 2011 and was promoted to Director of the Unemployment Insurance Division in January 2013.

45th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar
Overland Park Convention Center
Sept. 24 & 25, 2019

Exhibit Sales open April 1.
Contact: KDOL.WCSeminar@ks.gov.

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