

STATE OF WISCONSIN



Department of Workforce Development

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# Reunification of Adjudication Functions and Staff to WCD

Worker's Compensation Division (WCD)

January 13, 2026

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# Project Overview

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- 2025 Wisconsin Act 33
- Transfer of staff and functions occurred on January 1, 2026
- Areas involved/impacted:
  - WC bureaus
  - Facilities
  - Finance
  - Budget
  - HR
  - IT



# Staffing

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- 27 positions returned to DWD
  - 18 are filled
  - 9 are vacant
- Hiring plans in place for vacancies
- Madison staff have been relocated to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of GEF 1
- Milwaukee staff have been relocated to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Milwaukee State Office Building (MSOB)



# Hearing Locations

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- **Madison:** GEF 1 room H103
- **Milwaukee:** MSOB rooms 310, 370, and 712
- **Appleton, Wausau, Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Green Bay** locations will remain the same



# Impact to Stakeholders

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- All ALJ telephone numbers remain the same
- All ALJ email addresses are changed to **@dwd.wisconsin.gov**.
- Duty Judge is available by calling 608-266-1340
- New email box: [WCALJAction@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:WCALJAction@dwd.wisconsin.gov)
  - Accepts attachments



# Filings

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- All documents should be filed with the WCD via the Portal, litigated mail fax (608-260-3053), in-person, or USPS. Non-litigated documents can be sent via these methods
- **IMPORTANT:** Please do not email documents to an ALJ unless you are asked to do so
- There is no need to refile documents with the WCD that were previously filed with DHA.



# Hearings

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- Hearings will be held throughout Wisconsin
- No PHCs with represented parties will be scheduled unless specifically requested
- ALJs will be bringing a copy of the exhibits to the hearing. If you have not filed an exhibit, you must bring one for the ALJ and the opposing party





# CORs

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- CORs will continue to be used
- We intend to modify the COR and create a Mediation COR



# Mediations

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- WCD will continue to schedule mediations
- You may request a specific mediator, but WCD reserves right to select the mediator based on availability



# Orders

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- Orders will be mailed from the Madison office
- Copies should also be requested from the Madison office
- Copies of orders and files may be requested at the following:
  - [WCCopyRequest@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:WCCopyRequest@dwd.wisconsin.gov)
  - Fax: (608) 260-3053 ATTN: COPY WORK
  - Mail to: Worker's Compensation Division, P.O. BOX 7901, Madison, WI 53707-7901



# Q & A



# Contact Information

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Can we include who to contact with additional questions?

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