

# THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF OHIO...

## INITIAL ACTION STEPS

The Industrial Commission is the adjudicatory branch of the State of Ohio monopolistic workers' compensation system. It establishes adjudicatory policies and retains jurisdiction on claims matters, such as determining levels of disability and resolving disputed claims issues.

The IC is comprised of three hearing levels: District, Staff, and Full Commission.

## ADJUDICATION

Administrative appeals.

The right of administrative appeal to decisions made by the Bureau or the Industrial Commission is limited to the claimant, the dependents of a deceased worker, the employer, the administrator or his representative acting on behalf of the state insurance fund and/or the surplus fund.

The above named eligible appellants may appeal decisions of the district hearing officers, regional board of review or staff hearing officers, or Full Commission.

Decisions of district hearing officers are appealable to the regional boards of review. Decisions of the regional boards of review and of the staff hearing officers are appealable to the Full Industrial Commission.

Appeal (also called "Notice of Appeal") should be made on form OIC3000, or as provided by rules of the Industrial Commission. "Notice of Appeal" shall state the names of the claimant and the employer, the claim number, the date of the decision being appealed, and a statement of the fact, which the appellant is appealing.

Appeal applications shall be signed by the party appealing or by the authorized representative on behalf of the party. The same applies to the administrator when filing an appeal. Such applications may be filed with any office of the Bureau, Boards of Review or of the Industrial Commission.

Appellate review and determination of claims being within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Boards of Review and of the Industrial Commission, the conduct of hearings and other incidental matters are governed by the rules of the Industrial Commission.

The Bureau's law section shall act as attorney in appeals filed by the Bureau on behalf of the state insurance fund; it may also act as a representative of the administrator in appeals filed by the Bureau on behalf of the surplus fund. As a party to the proceedings, the Bureau's law section shall be entitled to proper notice of any action taken by the appellate body on appeals filed by the Bureau.