

# State of South Carolina

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## Workers' Compensation Commission

### ADVISORY NOTICE

**January 13, 2026**

### **2026 Updated Maximum Weekly Compensation Rate**

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce has certified that the average weekly wage in South Carolina for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 was \$1,189.94 (one thousand one hundred eighty-nine dollars and ninety-four cents). South Carolina Code Ann. Section 42-9-10, provides, in pertinent part, that "The injured employee may not be paid more each week than the average weekly wage in this State for the preceding fiscal year."

Therefore, according to South Carolina Code Sections 42-1-50; 42-9-10; and 42-9-20, et seq. (1976), the maximum weekly compensation rate for injuries arising on and after January 1, 2026, shall be \$1,189.94 (one thousand one hundred eighty-nine dollars and ninety-four cents). This order supersedes the December 15, 2025 order certifying the average weekly wage and applies retroactively to January 1, 2026.

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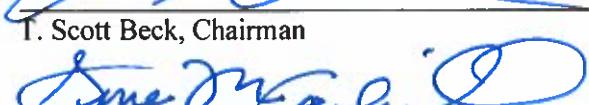
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

**In Re:      Average Weekly Wage  
                 Maximum Compensation Rate  
                 Effective January 1, 2026**

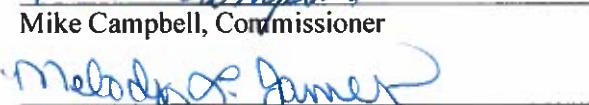
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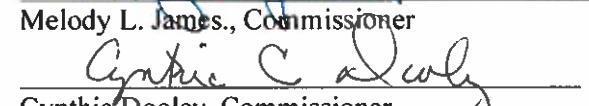
AND IT IS SO ORDERED!

  
T. Scott Beck, Chairman

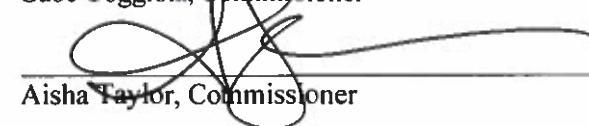
  
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Cynthia Dooley, Commissioner

  
Gabe Coggiola, Commissioner

  
Aisha Taylor, Commissioner

In Chambers  
Columbia, South Carolina

January 12, 2026

Date

<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce previously certified an average weekly wage; however, due to the receipt of updated wage information, it has certified that the average weekly wage in South Carolina for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, was \$1,189.94."