## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

## DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEE: If you have any questions about the information contained on this form, please contact your employer or claim-handling entity. If further assistance is needed, contact the Division's Employee Assistance Office at 1-800-342-1741


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## WAGE STATEMENT REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

General: Florida law requires disabled employees to be compensated at a certain percentage of their average weekly wage. If the injured employee worked during "substantially the whole of 13 calendar weeks" immediately preceding the accident, the employee's average weekly wage is one-thirteenth of the total amount of wages earned during the 13 calendar weeks. The term "substantially the whole of 13 calendar weeks" means not less than $75 \%$ of the total customary full-time hours of employment during that period.

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- DO NOT combine wages of two or more employees.
- Calendar Week: means a seven-day period of time, which starts on Sunday and continues through Saturday.

Week of Accident - DO NOT report any wages earned during the week of the accident. Use the 13 calendar weeks immediately preceding the week of the accident and start with the most recent full calendar week before the week of the accident. For example, if the accident occurred on a Wednesday, then week No. 1 should begin the preceding Sunday and end the preceding Saturday.

Reporting Gross Pay: Complete all columns as applicable. Report the actual gross earnings of the injured employee for the consecutive 13 calendar week period immediately preceding the accident. The 13 calendar week period includes Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and other non-working days. Remember to include all overtime and any bonuses paid during the 13 calendar week period. If the injured employee was not employed for you for approximately 68 days during that period, enter the wages of a similar employee in the same employment who was employed for approximately 68 days of the 13 calendar week period. DO NOT combine wages for two or more employees to yield wages for the 13 calendar weeks. The spaces immediately following week \#13 are to be used for reporting the wages earned in a partial week when requested.

Reporting Gratuities \& Fringe Benefits: Gratuities reported should include only those gratuities reported to the employer in writing as taxable income received in the course of employment from others than the employer. The reportable value of a fringe benefit is the actual cost to the employer for the benefit furnished. The only fringe benefits that can be included for dates of accident occurring on or after 07/01/1990 are employer contributions for health insurance for the employee or the employee's dependents, and the reasonable value of housing furnished to the employee by the employer which is intended as the permanent year-round housing of the employee.

## If you have questions or need assistance in the completion of this required form, please contact the claims-handling entity listed on the front of this form.

