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2017 WorkSafeBC Base Rates Reduced for BC Tourism & Hospitality

Vancouver, BC – go2HR, BC’s tourism human resource association, is pleased to share that the 2017 WorkSafeBC Base Rates will reduce for most tourism and hospitality sectors. The preliminary base rates were announced today at the Employers’ Forum in Vancouver, BC.

“This is wonderful news for our industry,” says Arlene Keis, CEO of go2HR. “A decrease in base rate for a classification unit (CU) means that there has been an overall improvement in total claim costs within the CU. This in part is a result of ongoing education on effective injury prevention and management practices, as well as proactive implementation of best practices from our industry.”

Here are the preliminary base rates for select tourism and hospitality classification units:

Type of Business	Classification Unit	2017 Preliminary Rate	Percent Change vs. 2016
Campground	761009	1.95	-7.1%
Casino or Other Gaming Operations	761054	0.78	-7.1%
Catering Services	761019	1.72	-20.0%
Golf Course, Driving Range, Pitch and Putt, or Lawn Bowling Facility	761031	1.37	-5.5%
Hair Styling Establishment or Esthetic Services	761014	0.79	9.7%
Outdoor Sport Tour	761028	2.87	0.0%
Overnight and Short-term Accommodation	761056	1.70	-0.6%
Park, Campground, or Trail Maintenance	761049	2.11	0.0%
Private Park, Garden, or Zoo	761032	1.74	-1.1%
Pub, Bar, Night Club, or Lounge	761034	0.93	-9.7%
Restaurant or Other Dining Establishment	761035	0.94	-9.6%
Ski Hill	761038	6.03	-0.8%

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It's not all good news for the industry as some businesses will see no change or an increase in their base rate. "We want the entire industry to reap the benefits of good workplace health & safety practices. We look forward to working with those businesses on improving their health & safety program so their base rates will improve over time as well," adds Keis.

Employers are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming WorkSafeBC Rate Consultation Sessions across BC to learn more about the preliminary base rates, injury trends and ways to reduce injuries, claim costs, and their insurance rate. Register at <http://www.workingsafely.org/ratesrsvp/>

About go2HR

go2HR is BC's tourism human resource association, responsible for coordinating the BC Tourism Labour Market Strategy and providing programs and resources in the area of recruitment, retention and training. Working in partnership with WorkSafeBC, go2HR is also the health and safety resource for BC's tourism and hospitality industry, and the certifying partner for the Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program. For more information, visit www.go2hr.ca.

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