



CALIFORNIA BENEFIT RATES: 2026 UPDATES

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Permanent Disability Rates

Date of Injury	WEEKLY RATE – 1% to 69%		WEEKLY RATE – 70% to 99%	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
1/1/03 – 12/31/03	\$100.00	\$185.00	\$100.00	\$230.00
1/1/04 – 12/31/04	\$105.00	\$200.00	\$105.00	\$250.00
1/1/05 – 12/31/05	\$105.00	\$220.00	\$105.00	\$270.00
1/1/06 – 12/31/12	\$130.00	\$230.00	\$130.00	\$270.00
Per SB 863: 1/1/2013-12/31/2013	Minimum (All levels of PD)	Maximum (1% to 54%)	Maximum (55% to 69%)	Maximum (70% to 99%)
DOI 1/1/13-12/31/13	\$160	\$230	\$270	\$290
DOI 1/1/14-present	Minimum \$160.00		Maximum (All levels of PD) \$290.00	

Temporary Disability Rates

Effective January 1, 2007 and every January 1st thereafter, the TTD limits are increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase in the SAWW-LC 4453 (a) (10) as reported by the U.S. Dept. of Labor for California. (for sake of space, only the last 8 years are listed below to 2026)

WEEKLY TD RATE

Date of Injury	AWW	To Calculate:	Minimum	Maximum
1/1/19-12/31/19	\$281.57-\$1877.07	All rates from 2018 increased by 2.971% per SAWW	\$187.71	\$1,251.38
1/1/20-12/31/20	\$292.37-\$1949.15	All rates from 2019 increased by 3.84013% per SAWW	\$194.91	\$1,251.38
1/1/21-12/31/21	\$305.16-\$2034.47	All rates from 2020 increased by 4.3774. % per SAWW	\$203.44	\$1,356.31
1/1/22-12/31/22	\$346.42-\$2309.56	All rates from 2021 increased by 13.5213% per SAWW	\$230.95	\$1,539.71
1/1/23-12/31/23	\$364.29-\$2428.72	All rates from 2022 increased by 5.159% per SAWW	\$242.86	\$1,619.15
1/1/24-12/31/24	\$364.29-\$2428.72	Year 2023 saw decrease in SAWW of -545% thus, no increase	\$242.86	\$1,619.15
1/1/25-12/31/25	\$378.05-\$2520.43	All rates from 2024 increased by 3.77588% per SAWW	\$252.03	\$1,680.29
1/1/26-12/31/26	\$396.91-\$2646.16	All rates from 2025 increased by 4.98826% per SAWW	\$264.61	\$1,764.11

NOTE: TTD (min & max) paid 2 or more years after DOI should be checked for a possible rate increase per LC 4661.5 (2-year rule)(*Hofmeister v WCAB 49 ccc 438*). Also note that this increase applies to both max and min rates of Death Benefits (*Phillips v Municipal Utilities District 63 ccc 585*).

Life Pension/Permanent Total Disability**



DOIs before 1/1/06: Life Pension Maximum AWW to consider: \$257.69
DOIs on or after 1/1/06: Life Pension Maximum AWW to consider: \$515.38

**Recalculation-beginning 1/1/04, all life pension and total permanent disability for injuries on or after 1/1/03, "shall be increased annually" in an amount equal to the percentage of the state AWW.

(Effective 1/1/2026, the SAWW increased by **4.98826%** thus Life Pension and PTD benefits will need to be increased accordingly per LC 4659)

Death Benefits – changes effective January 1, 2003

Payable to "physically or mentally incapacitated" children, regardless of age, until date of death (L.C. 3501(a) & 4703.5).

- **NOTE: As of 1/1/26, minimum death benefit rate increases from \$252.03 to \$264.61.**

Death Benefits – changes effective January 1, 2006

Number of Dependents	Benefit
One Total	\$250,000
One Total & One or more Partials	\$250,000 + 4 times annual support of partials to maximum of \$290,000
Two Totals	\$290,000
No Total but 1 or more Partial	8 times annual support of partial(s)
Three or more Totals	\$320,000

Mileage Rate Changes*

From July 1, 2026, thru Dec. 31, 2026	76 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2026, thru June 30, 2026	72.5 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2025, thru Dec. 31, 2025	70 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2024, thru Dec. 31, 2024	67 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2023, thru Dec. 31, 2023	65.5 cents per mile
From July 1, 2022, thru Dec. 31, 2022	62.5 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2022	58.5 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2021, thru Dec. 31, 2021	56 cents per mile
From Jan. 1, 2020, thru Dec. 31, 2020	57.5 cents per mile
From Jan 1, 2019, thru Dec. 31, 2019	58 cents per mile
From Jan 1, 2018, thru Dec 31, 2018	54.5 cents per mile
From Jan 1, 2017, thru Dec 31, 2017	53.5 cents per mile

*Citation: LC 4600 (e)(2) and Government Code 19820 & Department of Personnel Administration regulations

*Please note that the mileage periods noted above are for when the mileage was incurred, regardless of date of injury.

Supplemental Job Displacement Benefit Values per Reg 10133.52

For injuries on or after 1/1/2013, voucher is a flat \$6,000 for any level of permanent partial disability