

Second Injury Fund Assessment for FYE 2025

The Second-Injury Fund is used to relieve self-insured employers' costs for pensions resulting from the combined effects of a prior industrial injury and a "second" injury. Each year self-insured employers must contribute to this fund to cover its projected costs.

► Assessment rate for the second-injury fund for Fiscal Year 2025 = **0.0280**

How we calculated this assessment rate

Step 1 — Identifying funding needed

Second-injury pensions projected for 2025	10,128,751
Plus: 2023 pension reserve funding shortage	+ 8,322,971
Net projected funding requirement for FY2025	\$18,451,722

Step 2 — Calculation of base rate for assessment

Funding requirement projected for 2025	\$ 18,451,722	=	0.0309
Divided by total claim payments projected for 2025 ¹	\$ 596,337,062		
Selected rate based on rate stability consideration	.0367*.75	=	0.0275

Step 3 — Final adjustment to take experience rating into account


Base rate for assessment from FY2025	0.0275	=	0.0280	◀ Final Rate
Divided by the aggregate adjustment factor for 2025 ²	0.982988			

Notes about your assessment

- Recommended rate was selected to be 75% of the prior year's rate of 0.0367.
- Your contribution to the Second Injury Fund will reflect your actual usage of the fund in the previous three fiscal years. After being adjusted by your experience factor, your rate will appear in Box 8 of your quarterly report.³
- Adjustments for prior years were made to ensure fund operations were maintained above the minimum balance required by rule.
- The Department sets the Second Injury assessment rate on an annual basis rather than quarterly so that rates are stable, which helps the self-insured community with their budgeting.

Questions?

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Projected claim payments do not include Department of Energy claims and reflect the expected impacts of the current recession.

² This is an aggregate adjustment factor that ensures the amount collected for the Second Injury Fund is proportional to the amount expended, as required by RCW 51.44.040.

³ In accordance with WAC 296-15-225.