

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS USED IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AME	Agreed Medical Exam (Injured worker has an attorney; all parties have to agree on evaluation)
AOE - COE	Injuries Arising Out of Employment/During the Course of Employment
AWW	Average Weekly Wage
C & R	Compromise & Release
CT	Continuing Trauma Injury (Gradual onset of injury, not specific incident)
CTS	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (Wrist)
DC	Doctor of Chiropractic
DEPO	Deposition
DEU	Disability Evaluation Unit
DOI	Date of Injury
DOL	Date of Loss
DOR	Declaration of Readiness (Filed at WCAB to obtain hearing/conference date)
DX	Diagnosis
EE	Employee
EF5	Essential Function Job Analysis - County
ER	Employer
ERTW	Estimated Return To Work/Early Return To Work
5020	Employer's First Report of Work Injury (Form #)
F & A	Findings & Award (Award from WCAB of PD and future medical)
FCE	Functional Capacity Evaluation
FD	Full Duty
HX	History
IME	Independent Medical Examiner (WCAB appointed physician who determines PD)
IND	Indemnity
JA	Job Analysis
LC	Labor Code
LD	Light Duty
LOV	Last Office Visit
LT	Lost Time
MMI	Maximum Medical Improvement
MOD	Modified Duties at Work
MSC	Mandatory Settlement Conference (Conference at WCAB)
NCM	Nurse Case Management
NLT	No Lost Time from Work
NOV	Next Office Visit
ORTHO	Orthopedic Surgeon
OT	Occupational Therapy
OTC	Over The Counter (Drugs)
OV	Office Visit

PD	Permanent Disability
PPD	Permanent Partial Disability
P & S	Permanent & Stationary (Has stabilized and reached maximum medical improvement)
PSYCHE	Psychiatrist/Psychologist
PTD	Permanent Total Disability
PT	Physical Therapy
QIW	Qualified Injured Worker (Eligible for vocational rehab)
QME	Qualified Medical Exam
ROM	Range of Motion (Measurement of joint movement, knee, elbow, fingers, etc.)
RTW	Return to Work
RTWM	Return to Work Modified
RX	Pharmaceutical Prescriptions
SDT	Subpoena Duces Tecum (Used to obtain records)
SIF	Secondary Injury Fund
SIU	Special Investigations Unit
STIP	Stipulated Award
SUBRO	Subrogation
SUB - ROSA	Investigator does undercover investigation of employee (films employee, etc.)
S & W	Serious & Willful Misconduct Suit (When the employee sues the employer for additional benefits due to unsafe conditions at workplace)
TPD	Temporary Partial Disability (Disability based upon wage loss)
TTD / TD	Temporary Disability (Wage replacement)
TX	Treatment
U & C	Usual & Customary (Job duties)
VR	Vocational Rehab (Retraining to new job)
VRM	Vocational Rehab Maintenance Allowance
VRTD	Temporary Disability Paid during VR Process
WC	Workers' Compensation
WCAB	Workers' Comp Appeals Board (Judge at WCAB determines outcome of litigated cases)
WCIRB	Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau