Human Resources Legislative Update

Mandatory WSIB Coverage for Construction Industry To Commence January 1, 2013

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Effective January 1, 2013, amendments to the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* outlined in Bill 119, the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act, 2008* will extend mandatory WSIB coverage to certain persons in the construction industry. These amendments will apply, with certain exceptions, to independent operators who carry on business in construction, and to sole proprietors and partners in a partnership and executive officers who carry on business in construction.

On January 1, 2012, a free, “voluntary pre-registration” period of one year will commence during which affected persons may register electronically on the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (“WSIB”) website, through the WSIB’s eServices. Premiums will not become due until January 1, 2013.

The pre-registration period will coincide with a year-long education campaign designed to educate persons in the construction industry about the new mandatory coverage.

More information about mandatory coverage in the construction industry and the pre-registration period is available in an “F.A.Q.” information sheet, which has been posted to the WSIB website.