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USE OF WCB CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES


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Under the *Worker's Compensation Act*, where a person (principal) contracts with another person (contractor) for work, it is the duty of the principal to ensure that any contractor or subcontractor has paid their Worker's Compensation Assessments. If the principal fails to do so, they

are personally liable for the payment to the Board, but are entitled to seek recourse from the contractor.

A practical approach to avoid this problem is to request a Certificate of Clearance from the Worker's Compensation Board. They are valid for 45 days and attest that the

account of the contractor is paid up to date. The certificates can be requested before work is begun or before making final payment to the contractor.

This approach may save you considerable inconveniences and payments that you may never recover. 

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