

Bureau of Occupational & Industrial Safety Waivers and Refunds Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022

On July 8, 2021, Act 24 of 2021 required the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to waive fees normally due under Section 613-A of the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 240.13, for any applicant that is a school district, intermediate unit, or area career and technical school. These fees are tied to services provided by the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety (BOIS).

Act 24 also mandates that L&I refund any fees paid, on or after June 30, 2020, by a school district, intermediate unit or area career and technical school for BOIS services, provided that the applicant requests a refund and the Governor approves. These refunds are not paid from appropriations to L&I for either general government operations or for BOIS operations, but rather are deemed a refund of a charge collected, but not legally due, and are paid from the General Fund. L&I must provide a report detailing the number of applicants that received a waiver during the prior fiscal year and the total amount of fees which were waived during the prior fiscal year.

Table 1 lists the number of applicants by month that received a waiver for SFY 21-22. The total number of waivers for SFY 21-22 amounted to 300 and the total amount waived was \$183,126.78.

Month	Number of Applicants	Amount
July	0	0
August	39	\$18,942.29
September	18	\$16,582.80
October	46	\$35,408.05
November	0	0
December	19	\$7,883.94
January	3	\$2,128.15
February	37	\$20,018.96
March	60	\$36,988.43
April	23	\$12,748.80
May	39	\$23,788.36
June	16	\$8,637.00
Total	300	\$183,126.78

Table 1

Table 2 lists prior-year refund requests by month that were received in SFY 21-22. The total number of refunds issued in SFY 21-22 amounted to 201 and the total amount refunded was \$826,905.23. All refund requests were approved.

Number of Applicants	Amount
0	\$0
28	\$51,478.80
58	\$111,872.04
13	\$26,180.24
15	\$437,411.19
1	\$3,213.11
2	\$10,895.25
6	\$14,476.15
33	\$64,997.81
29	\$83,736.43
10	\$14,905.07
6	\$7,739.14
201	\$826,905.23
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Table 2