



Classification changes effective 2026

NCCI has an ongoing process dedicated to the systematic research, analysis, and maintenance of NCCI's class system. This process ensures that the class system remains healthy, viable, and responsive to the needs of various industry stakeholders. This process also ensures that the system reflects the responses that various industries and their operations make to technological, competitive, and regulatory changes. Classifications and industry-grouped classifications are analyzed to determine which, if any, should be considered for modernization, consolidation, discontinuation, or clarification.

In addition, the Oregon Workers Compensation Rating System Review & Advisory Committee (ORAC) may direct NCCI to make various changes to the Oregon Special Classifications section in NCCI's Basic Manual to address issues and concerns specific to Oregon.

Here are the classification changes resulting from NCCI and ORAC's work in 2025. No classifications are being added or removed, only revisions to existing classifications:

- **Effective January 31, 2025, the operations outlined in the SCOPE description for code 8006 were updated to reflect that receiving and stocking prepackaged fresh meat on shelves or in cases by the employer is not considered handling of fresh meat for this code**

Code 8033 applies to grocery operations engaged in the handling of fresh meats. The employer's books of accounts show that the cost of fresh and cured fish, meats, or poultry does not exceed 65% of the total cost of all merchandise purchased during the policy period.

A survey letter was sent to impacted SAIF policyholders, asking them to confirm their operations. Any changes to the classification based on the survey responses will take effect at policy renewal.

In February 2025, a review of the filed language in the NCCI Basic Manual, for codes 2704 - Logging—Wildland or Forest Firefighting by Contractor—All Operations at Location & Drivers and 7710 - Firefighters & Drivers was completed with our business partners.

Code 2704 is designated for contractors who provide wildland or forest fire suppression services, encompassing all operations such as back burns, construction of fire breaks and fire trails, hose layout, maintenance or repair of equipment in the field, mobilization of equipment and supplies, mop-up, slash piling and burning, and training.

Code 7710 applies to organizations that serve the public through firefighting and related fire protection services. A fire department or district's involvement in or collaboration with a wildland firefighting incident does not alter its classification as an organization serving the public in this capacity.

Fire departments or districts endorsed with both codes were identified. Notification letters were sent to impacted policyholders stating that at the time of policy renewal, Code 2704 - Logging—Wildland or Forest Firefighting by Contractor—All Operations at Location & Drivers would be removed from the policy, as these activities fall under Code 7710 - Firefighters & Drivers.

01-OR-2025—Revisions to Basic Manual Classifications Related to Home Healthcare, and Adult Day Care Centers

NCCI's analysis determined that driving exposure is inherent due to the nature of the traveling services provided under code 8835. As a result, the phrase "& Drivers" has been filed to ensure consistency of home healthcare and adult day care operations.

Effective April 1, 2025, driving and chauffeuring will be included under Code 8835 for all new and renewing policies. Employers will no longer need to track hours associated with driving and chauffeuring separately.

Notification letters were sent to affected SAIF policyholders.

02-OR-2025—Revisions to Basic Manual Classifications in Oregon

Effective July 1, 2025, code 5403 was updated to clarify that certain trim carpentry work is separately rated under Code 5437—Carpentry—Installation of Cabinet Work or Interior Trim.

In addition, the classification phraseology for Code 7710—Fire Patrol or Protective Corps & Drivers—No Salvage Operations, and Code 7710—Forest or Wildland Firefighting & Drivers was also revised. The reference "7711" was replaced with "8411" because Code 7711—Firefighters & Drivers—Volunteer does not apply in Oregon.

The phraseology notes for Code 7705—Ambulance Service Companies and EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Providers & Drivers, and Code 7710—Firefighters & Drivers, were updated to clarify that the reference to separately rated qualified volunteer search and rescue personnel for Code 7729 is not restricted to self-insured counties.

There was no impact on policyholders, as these changes aligned with SAIF's current practices.

There are no classification filing changes scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2026.