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Division of Workers' Compensation closing EAMS forms testing lab

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will be closing a testing environment established for external forms developers to test the forms they created for use in the Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS). The lab, which opened last June at DWC headquarters in Oakland, was designed to provide a place for vendors who produce court forms to test those forms to ensure they are compatible with EAMS. The lab will close Jan. 16, 2009.

Anyone interested in using the forms testing lab before it closes must reserve a space by sending an email to EAMS@dir.ca.gov by Jan. 7, 2009. Please put "forms testing lab" in the subject line of the message.

The lab was designed to enable forms developers to test the optical character recognition (OCR) forms they created for use in auto-populate systems to ensure they worked in an equivalent manner to the OCR forms created by the DWC. The testing lab was also designed to be temporary and was originally scheduled to close Aug. 1. However, DWC extended the testing environment until early in 2009 at the request of forms developers.

At the time the lab opened, the DWC forms were still in draft form. The final forms were approved with the EAMS regulations on Nov. 17. The approved forms and the regulations are both available on the DWC Web site at www.dwc.ca.gov/eams. Filers were provided a four-week transition period between when regulations requiring use of OCR forms became effective (Nov. 17) and when their use became mandatory for filing at district offices on Dec. 12.

Continuous updates about the division's activities are available by [subscribing to the DWC Newsline](#). EAMS-specific information is also available on the [DWC EAMS Web site](#) and by subscribing to [EAMS Insider](#), the division's EAMS newsletter.

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