

# PPD Calculation

[See State of Kentucky PPD Calculator Here](#)

1. Obtain AWW - an average weekly wage worksheet from the employer average weekly wage, use State form AWW-1
2. Multiply average weekly wage by two-thirds - the "comp rate" is two-thirds the average weekly wage subject to the maximum for the year of the injury - whichever is less. Look at the PPD maximums published by the state every year
3. Look at the statute KRS 342.730 - multiply the PPD comp rate by the applicable factor
4. Multiply the above number by the AMA impairment rating to arrive at the basic weekly benefit

Example: \$2,500.00 a week average weekly wage, but the maximum PPD rate for 2025 is \$923.41 per week times AMA impairment rating 11% times first multiplier 1.0 so that is **\$923.41 (per week) x .11 x 1.0 = \$101.58 unenhanced basic benefit**

## Add-On Multipliers:

- Did the worker quit work for you but return to work elsewhere with AWW equal or greater than at the time of the injury? If making less, you will probably have to multiply the unenhanced benefit by **2** - \$203.15 per week
  - **OR** does the employee does not retain the physical capacity to return to the type of work performed at the time of the injury, multiply by **3** - \$304.73 per week
  - If older than 55, add on **0.4** to the multiplier
  - If older than 60, add on **0.5** to the multiplier
  - If less than 12 years of education, add on **0.2** to the multiplier
  - If less than 8 years of education, add on **0.4** to the multiplier
- 2 times **or**  
3 times  
multiplier,  
not both

Example: A claimant who does not retain the physical capacity, is 61 years old with less than 8 years of education would equate to a 4 multiplier  
**\$101.58 per week x 4 + \$406.32 per week**

For the standard employee, if the AMA impairment rating is under 32.5%, the statutory period is 425 weeks, although all income benefits end at the age of 70 or four years, whichever is greater. Thus a 68-year-old claimant will get four years of aggregate benefits.

If the AMA impairment rating is 33% or above, the PPD award period extends to 520 weeks. Then the questions becomes whether the plaintiff is permanently totally disabled which is an entirely different calculation to be imposed by the Administrative Law Judge, not subject to the above PPD calculations at all.