

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WILLIAM COX and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
HOLMESBURG STATION, Philadelphia, PA

*Docket No. 98-1217; Submitted on the Record;
Issued June 21, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly reduced appellant's compensation benefits based on its determination that the selected position of collection clerk fairly and reasonably represented appellant's wage-earning capacity.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office hearing representative dated July 10, 1997 which affirmed the Office's January 15, 1997 decision is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated July 10, 1997 and the Office's January 15, 1997 decision are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
June 21, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member