

## Definitions

### General

“**Act**” means *The Legislative Assembly Act*.

“**allowance period**” means the period from April 1 of one year to March 31 of the next year; a fiscal year.

“**annual allowance**” in relation to any type of allowance for an allowance period, means the maximum amount payable to a Member in that allowance period as an allowance of that type.

“**authorized expenses**” means an expense authorized to be paid out of an allowance under the *Members’ Allowances Regulation*.

“**capital property**” means personal property purchased by or for a Member with the Member’s Constituency Allowance unless the property:

- a) was purchased as a single item, or as a set, for less than the capital threshold amount;
- b) has a useful life of less than one year; or
- c) is a cell phone or other device referred to in clause 12(1)(d.1)3 of the *Members’ Allowances Regulation*.

Capital property is the **property of the Legislative Assembly**.

“**non-partisan**” means:

- a) without reference to any word, initial, colour or device that would identify a political party. The only exception is that party name, colour and logo may be used on business cards, letterhead, envelopes and internet communication referred to in clauses 12(1)(g) and (h) of the *Members’ Allowances Regulation*;
- b) free of any solicitation for money or votes on behalf of a person or political party;
- c) free of any statement advocating that money or votes not be given to a person or political party; and

- d) free of any statement advocating that a person
  - i) join or not join a political party, or
  - ii) continue to be, or cease to be, a member of a political party.

## **Accommodation**

**“commercial accommodation”** means single accommodation for an overnight stay provided by a hotel, motel or other similar establishment for which a charge is made.

**“non-commercial accommodation” or “private transient accommodation”** means single accommodation for an overnight stay provided without charge. *Common in Northern areas where a hotel may not be available; stay with a mayor, chief, etc.*

## **Assembly**

**“intersessional period” (Intersessional Committee Allowance)** means a period when the legislature is not sitting **and** has not sat for at least 10 days.

**“LAMC”** is the Legislative Assembly Management Commission, which consists of representatives from recognized parties. It is chaired by the Speaker and meets at the call of the Speaker. LAMC, is governed by The ***Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act***. The Commission reports to the Assembly at least once a year.

**“legislative session”** (Commuter Allowance) means the period beginning on the first day of a session and ending on the day before the first day of the next session. In the case of a general election, the period ends when the writs of election are issued and begins again on election day.

**“non-sitting month”**(Living Allowance) means a month in which the Legislature does not sit.

**“sitting month”** (Living Allowance) means a month in which the Legislature sits for one day or more. For the purpose of the Living Allowance, a month in which a standing or special committee sits is considered a sitting month. Note that LAMC is not a standing or special committee.

## Meals

**“In areas covered by remoteness allowances”** means **meals** consumed in the course of travel throughout the Northern constituencies of Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon and Kewatinook *as well as the communities of Bissett, Crane River, Dauphin River (Anama Bay), Easterville, Grand Rapids, Manigotagan, Matheson Island and Waterhen* may be claimed **at the civil service northern rate**.

**“In all other areas”** means **meals** consumed in all other areas not indicated in areas covered by remoteness allowances may be claimed **at the civil service southern rate**.

## Member

**“Winnipeg Member”** means a Member who has a constituency in the City of Winnipeg.

**“Southern Member”** means a Member who has a constituency in the rural areas with the exception of the northern constituencies.

**“Northern Member”** means a Member who has a northern constituency. The four northern constituencies are Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon and Kewatinook.

## Relationships

**“common-law partner”** of a person means an individual who, not being married to the other person, is cohabiting with him or her in a conjugal relationship of some permanence.

**“relative”** of a Member means:

- a) a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent or grandparent of the Member or of the Member’s spouse or common-law partner, and
- b) the spouse or common-law partner of a child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent or grandparent of the Member or of the Member’s spouse or common-law partner.

Please refer to **Schedule 4** for a Diagram of Relationships defined by “Relative”.

**“non-arm’s-length expenses”** means expenses are not eligible for reimbursement if any of the following persons has a direct financial interest in the contract or arrangement of:

- a) the Member or the Member’s spouse or common-law partner or a corporation in which any of them has a direct financial interest, or
- b) a **relative** of a Member or of a Member’s spouse or common-law partner or corporation in which any of them has a direct financial interest, or
- c) another Member, another Member’s spouse or common-law partner, or a child of any of them.

**Note:** b) and c) apply if the Member knows or ought reasonably to know of the financial interest.

Please refer to **Schedule 4** for a Diagram of Relationships defined by “Relative”.

**“direct financial interest”** means if a Member, a Member’s spouse or common-law partner or a relative of a Member or of a Member’s spouse or common-law partner receives a benefit from ownership of a business, property, investment or other thing, then that person has a direct financial interest. This definition is used in connection with non-arm’s length expenses.

Please refer to **Schedule 4** for a Diagram of Relationships defined by “Relative”.

## **Travel**

**“civil service mileage rate for travel by private vehicle”** means the single trip mileage rate for travel by private car that applies:

- a) north of the 53rd parallel for Northern Members representing the constituencies of Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon and Kewatinook, and
- b) south of the 53rd parallel for all other Members.

When the Member claims over 25,000 kilometres in a fiscal year, the kilometres claimed over 25,000 will be reimbursed at the Member’s mileage rate plus an additional 5 cents per kilometre.