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## *Manitoba Public Insurance - Rates Appeal Board*

### **Board Members**

#### Chairperson

RJ (Dick) Mulholland, Winnipeg

#### Members

Barry Watson, Pinawa

Heather Charles, Winnipeg

#### **Mandate:**

The Rates Appeal Board has the exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all appeals respecting additional driver premiums charged by Manitoba Public Insurance for universal compulsory automobile insurance.

#### **Authority:**

*The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act*

#### **Responsibilities:**

The Rates Appeal Board serves as an independent appeal tribunal to ensure decisions made by Manitoba Public Insurance are equitable and correct. Appeals are made on the grounds that the additional driver premium is unduly harsh and/or it was assessed on an incorrect record of input factors, other than at-fault claims, as per the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act. Manitoba Public Insurance does not possess discretionary powers to alter charges for additional driver premiums on the basis of individual driver's financial circumstances. The Rates Appeal Board reports to the Minister.

#### **Membership:**

Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Rates Appeal Board is to consist of one or more members, as per the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act.

#### **Length of Terms:**

There is no fixed term or expiry date.

#### **Desirable Experience:**

Familiarity with interpreting legislation and a background in adjudicating or resolving issues.

#### Board members:

- Must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language
- Have active listening skills
- Be able to read and interpret legislation and how it applies to the case
- Use plain language
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.

**Time Commitment:**

The Rates Appeal Board meets approximately five times per month on Tuesdays, and the occasional Saturday. Additional sessions may be scheduled as required. The sessions are generally scheduled between 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesdays and when a Saturday is scheduled the session is 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. Approximately 2 hours of preparation time is required prior to each session.

**Meetings:**

Location: Meetings are held in downtown Winnipeg  
Meeting Times: Tuesdays between 5pm – 8:30pm, occasionally Saturday 10:30 – 3pm with additional sessions as required  
Frequency: Approximately five times per month

**Remuneration:**

Chair: \$54.00 for the first sitting of the Board on each day and \$37.80 for each subsequent sitting on the same day.  
Members: \$43.20 for the first sitting of the Board on each day and \$37.80 for each subsequent sitting on the same day.

Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Board.