

Bulletin to All Insurers

Update to Technical Guidance

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Purpose

The Automobile Insurance Rate Board (AIRB) is issuing this Bulletin to advise all automobile insurers operating in Alberta of amendments to the technical guidance for both private passenger and other than private passenger vehicles.

Background

In accordance with [AIRB Policy Po4 Automobile Insurance Rating Program Approvals](#), the AIRB develops and updates filing guidelines to communicate the requirements and expectations for submitting a request to change or adopt a new rating program.

Process

The AIRB regularly reviews its filing guidelines and technical guidance to provide the most current information to insurers in preparing their filings to change or adopt a rating program.

The changes to the filing guidelines include:

- 1 Cannabis** - Removed statement "The AIRB will continue to monitor the trends for the impacts of cannabis use once credible Canadian data is available, this will enable the AIRB to make evidence-based decisions with respect to this risk". It is our view credible data has been released from the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. Removal of the statement from the technical guidance does not impact the AIRB's commitment to making evidence-based decisions.
- 2 Credit Score** - Added a section on credit score directing readers to the section on rating variables to ensure clarity of information available within the technical guidance.
- 3 Rate Pause** - Added section on the rate pause to address frequently asked questions related to the Ministerial Order.
- 4 Short Rate Calculation** - Removed statement "If an insurer requires the short rate cancellation table for six-month policies, please contact the AIRB."

Action Required

All insurers should review the technical guidance in conjunction with the filing guidelines when preparing their filings for submission effective immediately.

Should you have any questions relating to this Bulletin, please contact our office at (780) 427-5428 or by email: airb@gov.ab.ca.

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