

The Inter-jurisdictional Trucking Agreement

Alternative Assessment Procedure

In the past, trucking companies and independent operators traveling between provinces and territories were faced with different rules in each jurisdiction for determining employment relationships and for paying premiums. The result? Excess administration for both the companies and for the WHSCC/WCBs and, in some cases, the over-charging of premiums.

To address these problems, the Canadian Workers' Compensation Boards and the Canadian Trucking Association worked together to create an Alternative Assessment Procedure for inter-jurisdictional trucking.

The Alternative Assessment Procedure began as a three-year pilot project in 1995 and has been extended year-to-year.

You now have two options:

- Continue to pay premiums based on the kilometers driven in each jurisdiction (prorating method)
- Choose to pay premiums to the WHSCC/WCB in the province in which your employees reside. *

* Exception: The Saskatchewan WCB elected not to participate. All trucking firms must still report and pay premiums to the Saskatchewan WCB.

How can the Alternative Assessment Procedure reduce your paperwork?

No more prorating kilometers and paying premiums to the WHSCC/WCB in every province your brokers travel through. Now simply report earnings to the WHSCC/WCB in the province(s) in which your employees reside-your **Assessing Board/Commission(s)**. In the provinces your trucks travel through, you will be registered with the local WHSCC/WCB for information purposes but will not pay them any premiums-these boards are your **Registering Board/Commission(s)**.

How to get started?

- Determine which WHSCC/WCB will be your **Assessing Board/Commission(s)** and which will be your **Registering Board/Commission(s)**, based on where your employees live.
- Complete an "Application for Alternative Assessment Procedure for inter-jurisdictional trucking" and promptly return it to your **Assessing Boards/Commission(s)**.

An application is included in this guide and is available from any participating WHSCC/WCB office in Canada. Make sure you review the terms and conditions and double-check your completed application to make sure you haven't missed anything.

Your **Assessing Boards/Commission(s)** will inform you when your application has been approved and will notify the appropriate **Registering Board/Commission(s)** of your participation in the plan.

Reporting and Payment

Once accepted into the plan, you will report insurable earnings and pay premiums based on the actual earnings of employees to the WHSCC/WCB where your employees reside [Assessing Board/Commission(s)].

You are required to provide the **Registering Board/Commission(s)** with satisfactory evidence of premium payment when asked.

Please Note: The Alternative Assessment Procedure:

- ✓ does not change the protections offered to the employer and the worker.
- ✓ does not change the payment of premiums for employees who are not involved in inter-jurisdictional trucking
- ✓ does not apply to Saskatchewan or the United States

PART A

Legal Name: _____ Employer #: _____

Trade/Company Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

PART B

Holder of Operating Authority: _____

PART C

Please check the boxes that apply to your operations and enter the firm number:

Province or Territory	Truckers/Workers Traveling In/Through	Truckers/Workers Resident In	Employer Firm Number
Alberta			
British Columbia			
Manitoba			
New Brunswick			
Newfoundland			
Northwest Territories			
Nova Scotia			
Ontario			
Prince Edward Island			
Quebec			
Saskatchewan *			
Yukon			

* Saskatchewan WCB is not party to this agreement and existing reporting requirements apply.

PART D

Terms and Conditions

1. This procedure only applies to inter-jurisdictional trucking.
2. The assessing WHSCC/WCB will notify the registering WCB's on behalf of the applicant. Additional information will be provided to the registering WCB's upon request.
3. The election to claim benefits from the jurisdiction of residence or the jurisdiction of injury remains unchanged by this procedure.
4. The applicant may not opt-out of the procedure part way through a calendar year. However they may opt-out for the following year by providing two (2) months written notice (by October 31st).
5. This procedure began January 1ST, 1995 and has been extended to December 31ST, 2004

The applicant agrees to abide with the provisions in the Alternative Assessment Procedure for the Inter-jurisdictional Trucking Industry.

PART E

I/we (Print Legal Name in space provided) _____
apply to pay assessments under the "Inter-jurisdictional Agreement - Alternative Assessment Procedure for Inter-jurisdictional Trucking" to the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of New Brunswick.

Authorized Signature: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____