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**Bulletin 08-16**

**September 26, 2016**

**To: Commercial Vehicle Automobile Insurers**

**Subject: Commercial Vehicles Industry Benchmark Schedule – October 1, 2016**

The Automobile Insurance Rate Board is issuing this Bulletin to advise all commercial vehicle automobile insurers operating in Alberta that the AIRB's 2016 review of commercial vehicle experience has been completed based on data to December 31, 2015. The Commercial Vehicles Industry Benchmark Schedule effective October 1, 2016 has been approved by the Board. The Schedule and the related actuarial report have been posted on the AIRB website (<https://airb.alberta.ca/industry-information/communications/bulletins/>). Insurers in preparation of filings should incorporate the most current Industry Benchmarks to the extent that their own data is not fully credible. The Commercial Industry Benchmarks will also be used as the basis of the Board's review of Commercial Vehicle filings submitted on or after October 1, 2016.

**Background:**

The Insurance Act Section 602(1) requires that all insurers' rating programs and changes thereto be approved by the AIRB. Prior to 2015, the Board reviewed commercial vehicle trend rates on an annual basis for internal use in the review of Commercial filings. At its meeting of October 23, 2015, the Board decided to provide greater transparency by placing the approved Benchmark Schedule and the actuarial report on the AIRB website (<https://airb.alberta.ca/industry-information/filing-guidelines/>). Based on the industry feedback, an open but simplified process for Commercial vehicle experience review is preferred. As a result, the Board invited written submission from the industry this year and will continue this process.

**The Process:**

All filings received on or after October 1, 2016, should incorporate the most current Industry Benchmarks to the extent that the insurer's own data is not fully credible. The Board will use this schedule as a basis for its review of Commercial filings. If you have any questions, please contact the Board at 780-427-5428 or by email [vivian.cao@gov.ab.ca](mailto:vivian.cao@gov.ab.ca) or [kimberley.kern@gov.ab.ca](mailto:kimberley.kern@gov.ab.ca).

**Attachment:**

2016 Annual Review Industry Benchmarks Schedule – Commercial - Effective October 1, 2016

Sincerely,

*"Original signed"*

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Executive Director

# 2016 Annual Review

## Industry Benchmarks Schedule - Commercial

*Effective Date: For Basic and/or Additional coverage rate filings submitted on or after October 1, 2016*

### Loss Development Factors

The Board approved benchmark loss development factors for use by insurers in developing filings are outlined in Attachment #1.

### Loss Trends

The Board approved benchmark trend rates for use by insurers in developing filings:

Coverage	Past/Future Trend Rates
TPL - Bodily Injury	+5.0%
TPL - Property Damage	+5.5%
TPL – Subtotal	+5.25%
Accident Benefit	+0.0%
Collision	+5.0%
Comprehensive	+1.0%/+5.0%*
Specified Perils	+1.0%/+5.0%*
All Perils	+5.0%
Underinsured Motorist	+5.0%

\* Level change factor of 1.12 at 2015.1

The Board acknowledges that insurers may select different trend rates based on their own claim experience. Insurers have the option to (a) use their own experience where it is fully credible; (b) use their own experience to the extent credible and apply the Board's accepted industry benchmark trend rates without adjustment as the complement of credibility; or (c) apply the Board's accepted industry benchmark trend rates without adjustment. The trend rates are updated on an annual basis.

### Catastrophe Loading

The Board approved Catastrophe Loading is 20%. Where insurers' own claim experience differs from industry and is credible, the Board acknowledges that insurers may select a different catastrophe loading based on their own claim experience. The Catastrophe Loading is updated on an annual basis.

## **Investment Income Rate**

The Board approved risk-free rate for all coverage is 0.65%. Insurers must use a risk-free rate that is no lower than 0.65% when discounting claims in the filings submitted with the Board. This rate is updated on a semi-annual basis.

## **Administrative Expense & Unallocated Loss Adjustment Expense (ULAE)**

The Board approved expense ratio is 25.4% based on 2014 AIFI results; and the approved ULAE factor is 1.103 based on the published GISA accident year 2015 ULAE provision. The ratios are updated annually based on GISA's publication schedule.

Insurers' own experience should be used when filing with the Board.

## **Health Cost Recovery**

Health Cost Recovery is a component of claims costs reported by insurers. Insurers must use the most current percentage published on the Minister of Finance's website: [http://www.finance.alberta.ca/publications/tax\\_rebates/healthcostsrecovery/](http://www.finance.alberta.ca/publications/tax_rebates/healthcostsrecovery/). The factor is updated on an annual basis and the 2016 assessment factor is 5.90%.

## **Profit**

The Board approved 7% of premium as a target pre-tax profit provision for all coverage.

**Oliver Wyman Selected Age-to-Ultimate Development Factors  
As of December 31, 2015  
Alberta  
Commercial Vehicles**

**As of 2015-2  
Age-to-Ultimate Factors  
Incurred Claim Amount**

	<b>Bodily Injury</b>	<b>Property Damage</b>	<b>Accident Benefits</b>	<b>Collision</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b>	<b>Specified Perils</b>	<b>All Perils</b>
180-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
174-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
168-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
162-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
156-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
150-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
144-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
138-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
132-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
126-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
120-Ult	1.000	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
114-Ult	1.004	1.000	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
108-Ult	1.015	1.000	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
102-Ult	1.008	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
96-Ult	1.016	1.001	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
90-Ult	1.031	0.997	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
84-Ult	1.041	0.997	0.997	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
78-Ult	1.053	0.997	0.996	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
72-Ult	1.061	0.996	1.008	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.998
66-Ult	1.036	0.998	1.025	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.997
60-Ult	1.043	0.998	1.018	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.996
54-Ult	1.083	0.994	1.037	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.996
48-Ult	1.126	0.996	1.069	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.994
42-Ult	1.190	0.991	1.066	0.997	1.000	1.000	0.994
36-Ult	1.245	0.994	1.066	0.996	1.000	1.000	0.993
30-Ult	1.370	0.989	1.045	0.993	0.998	1.000	0.988
24-Ult	1.560	0.983	1.064	0.981	0.997	1.000	0.978
18-Ult	1.754	1.007	1.085	0.954	0.995	0.997	0.959
12-Ult	2.019	1.068	1.094	0.861	0.985	0.991	0.913
6-Ult	2.655	1.528	1.009	0.786	1.076	0.992	1.090

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180-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
174-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
168-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
162-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
156-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
150-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
144-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
138-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
132-Ult	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
126-Ult	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
120-Ult	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
114-Ult	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
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102-Ult	0.997	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
96-Ult	0.996	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
90-Ult	0.992	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
84-Ult	0.990	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
78-Ult	0.988	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
72-Ult	0.984	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
66-Ult	0.980	1.000	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
60-Ult	0.976	1.000	0.999	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
54-Ult	0.969	1.000	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
48-Ult	0.963	1.000	0.998	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
42-Ult	0.954	1.000	0.997	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
36-Ult	0.948	1.000	0.995	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
30-Ult	0.928	0.998	0.989	0.998	1.000	1.000	0.997
24-Ult	0.900	0.996	0.982	0.992	1.000	1.000	0.991
18-Ult	0.878	1.007	0.974	0.974	1.000	0.995	0.969
12-Ult	0.853	1.010	0.947	0.903	0.990	0.978	0.928
6-Ult	1.074	1.150	0.801	0.714	0.935	0.957	0.834