

## **Automobile Insurance Rate Board Filings 4th Quarter 2019**

(Filings approved by the Board and implemented between October 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019)

The Ministerial Order limiting the Automobile Insurance Rate Board (AIRB) from approving rate increases greater than 5% on an individual insurer's overall rate level expired on August 31, 2019, after being in place since November 1, 2017. Over 92% of the private passenger vehicle market submitted filings for a rate change from September to December 2019, and many were implemented for new business during this quarter.

The AIRB reviews all filings for rate changes based on their merits under our filing guidelines considering actuarial justification and the insurer's individual circumstances to ensure insurance is accessible, equitable and sustainable for all Albertans.

The approved overall rate level change does not reflect how an individual driver's premium may change as a result of the insurer's rate filing, but reflects the average rate level change for all drivers who are insured with the insurer. Basic coverage includes third party liability and accident benefits coverage and additional coverage includes collision, all perils, comprehensive, specified perils coverage and underinsured motorist coverage.

Driver premiums are calculated using many different factors (e.g. number of years driving, claims, traffic convictions, location in which you live, type of vehicle or coverage, etc.). Based on a detailed analysis, each of these factors may be increased or decreased, as such; the change in premiums for individual drivers may vary as a result of an approved change to these factors. This could occur even if a driver has no accidents and convictions. For example, an insurer was approved for a 10% increase in basic coverage; an adjustment was made to territories; Calgary -4%, Edmonton 0%, Red Deer +12%, etc. For this rate level change, drivers in Calgary would see their premium change by less than the 10% average and Red Deer would see their premium increase by greater than the 10% average. All factors used to determine premium are analyzed and may be adjusted; the sum of these adjustment reflects the change in premium for an individual driver.

Following nearly two years of rate restriction, some Albertans found it difficult to obtain the coverage they required or access to payment plans. These actions by insurers were directly related to their inability to receive approval for rates commensurate with the risk. The AIRB expects insurers who received approval for a rate increase to cease practices that limit access to certain coverages for Albertans.

Alberta has a competitive marketplace, with 69 active insurers and 46 who offer private passenger vehicle insurance. Consumers are encouraged to shop the market as insurance premiums vary from insurer to insurer as is evidenced on our [comparative rating tool](#). Each insurer offers a variety of discounts, ask your insurance representative if you qualify for any. There are also other ways to save money on vehicle insurance premiums including:

- Remove collision coverage on your older vehicles. If your vehicle is older, it may cost less to just pay for your own repairs and not purchase collision coverage. You will still be protected if you get into a collision. By law, insurance will cover the damages to the other driver's vehicle.
- Increase the deductible on your vehicle. This is the portion of the final claim settlement you are responsible to pay. When your deductible increases your premium decreases.
- Consider bundling your vehicle insurance with your property insurance, many insurers offer multi-policy discounts.

Private Passenger Vehicles							
Insurer Name	Approved Rate Change			Full or Simplified	New Business Date	Renewal Business Date	Market Share
	Basic	Additional	Combined				
Allstate Insurance Company of Canada	8.8%	11.9%	10.0%	F	October 5, 2019	December 5, 2019	3.20%
Pembridge Insurance Company	10.1%	9.8%	10.0%	F	October 8, 2019	December 8, 2019	0.73%
Optimum West Insurance Company	24.9%	13.2%	20.0%	F	October 15, 2019	November 15, 2019	0.17%
Certas Direct Insurance Company	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	October 18, 2019	December 17, 2019	0.66%
Certas Direct Insurance Company	29.8%	-0.2%	20.0%	F	October 18, 2019	December 17, 2019	0.66%
Intact Insurance Company	4.9%	2.6%	4.0%	S	October 22, 2019	November 22, 2019	14.89%
Novex Insurance Company	6.6%	2.3%	4.8%	S	October 22, 2019	November 22, 2019	1.95%
Sonnet Insurance Company	15.6%	28.2%	20.0%	F	October 24, 2019	December 8, 2019	0.44%
The Sovereign General Insurance Company	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	S	October 28, 2019	November 27, 2019	0.00%
Facility Association	0.0%	1.4%	0.3%	S	November 1, 2019	November 1, 2019	0.22%
The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	November 1, 2019	November 1, 2019	13.80%

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Millennium Insurance Corporation	7.9%	0.0%	3.8%	S	November 1, 2019	November 1, 2019	0.55%
Peace Hills General Insurance Company	27.9%	8.5%	19.8%	F	November 1, 2019	December 15, 2019	1.54%
Unifund Assurance Company	18.0%	-2.4%	7.8%	F	November 1, 2019	December 1, 2019	4.36%
Intact Insurance Company	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	F	November 6, 2019	December 6, 2019	14.89%
Novex Insurance Company	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	F	November 6, 2019	December 6, 2019	1.95%
Belair Insurance Company Inc.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	F	November 7, 2019	January 1, 2020	1.99%
Sonnet Insurance Company	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	S	November 8, 2019	December 31, 2019	0.44%
Economical Mutual Insurance Company	21.5%	5.4%	15.0%	F	November 8, 2019	December 31, 2019	2.87%
Economical Mutual Insurance Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	November 17, 2019	December 23, 2019	2.87%
Certas Home and Auto Insurance Company	17.7%	8.5%	14.7%	F	November 29, 2019	January 28, 2020	4.39%
The Personal Insurance Company	23.6%	2.9%	14.7%	F	November 29, 2019	January 28, 2020	2.76%
Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada	7.2%	2.5%	5.0%	S	December 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	1.01%
SGI Canada Insurance Services Limited	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	December 1, 2019	December 1, 2019	2.00%
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Security National Insurance Company	14.0%	3.7%	10.0%	F	December 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	11.53%
Primum Insurance Company	12.9%	3.7%	10.0%	F	December 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	4.16%
TD Home and Auto Insurance Company	17.3%	-0.8%	10.0%	F	December 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	0.30%
Coseco Insurance Company	18.2%	2.4%	10.5%	F	December 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	0.83%
Intact Insurance Company	0.0%	0.9%	0.3%	S	December 2, 2019	May 1, 2020	14.89%
Allstate Insurance Company of Canada	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	December 4, 2019	December 4, 2019	3.20%
Pembridge Insurance Company	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	December 4, 2019	December 4, 2019	0.73%
Belair Insurance Company Inc.	14.2%	1.6%	10.0%	F	December 5, 2019	January 16, 2020	1.99%
Co-operators General Insurance Company	12.8%	10.7%	12.0%	F	December 11, 2019	January 10, 2020	7.26%
The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company	20.8%	0.0%	12.1%	F	December 15, 2019	December 15, 2019	13.80%

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	Basic	Additional	Combined				
The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company	18.2%	10.7%	15.0%	F	December 15, 2019	January 1, 2020	2.09%
Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.	0.1%	-2.2%	-1.1%	S	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019	0.00%

Commercial (COM) and Interurban (IU) Vehicles							
Insurer Name	Approved Rate Change			Full or Simplified	New Business Date	Renewal Business Date	Market Share
	Basic	Additional	Combined				
Facility Association (COM & IU)	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	November 1, 2019	November 1, 2019	4.61%
Economical Mutual Insurance Group (COM)	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	November 16, 2019	November 16, 2019	6.68%
The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company (COM)	9.6%	9.1%	9.4%	S	December 1, 2019	December 1, 2019	13.21%
Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada (COM)	0.0%	-2.4%	-1.3%	S	November 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	6.83%
Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada (IU)	0.0%	-1.3%	-0.8%	S	November 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	6.83%

Miscellaneous Vehicles							
Insurer Name	Category	Approved Rate Change			Full or Simplified	New Business Date	Renewal Business Date
		Basic	Additional	Combined			
The Sovereign General Insurance Company	All-Terrain Vehicles, Snow Vehicles	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	October 28, 2019	November 27, 2019

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		Basic	Additional	Combined			
CUMIS General Insurance Company	All-Terrain Vehicles	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	S	October 1, 2019	December 1, 2019
CUMIS General Insurance Company	Motorhomes	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	S	October 1, 2019	December 1, 2019
CUMIS General Insurance Company	Snow Vehicles	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	S	October 1, 2019	December 1, 2019
CUMIS General Insurance Company	Mopeds	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	October 1, 2019	December 1, 2019
Intact Insurance Company	Motorhomes, Collector Vehicles	0.0%	0.9%	0.3%	S	December 2, 2019	May 1, 2020