

What types of assessment decisions can be appealed?

All decisions made through the Assessment Services Department can be appealed. Examples of these types of decisions include situations in which the WCB has applied an administrative penalty or interest on payment due, rate determinations, results of an audit, application of cost relief, transfer of costs, and/or determination of worker status.

What do I do if I don't agree with an assessment decision?

If you disagree with a decision made by the Assessment Services Department, you may appeal the decision by documenting your disagreement with the issue or decision in writing and sending it to:

WCB Assessment Committee
333 Broadway
Winnipeg MB R3C 4W3
Fax: (204) 954-4900
Toll-free fax in Canada: 1-866-245-0796

Your written objection should include your account number, the issue you want addressed and any information that you think should be considered when the decision is reviewed.

Who can contact the WCB to appeal an assessment decision?

Any employer, or a representative of an employer (authorization for the representative must be provided), may contact us regarding an appeal of an assessment decision at any time after the initial decision has been made.

Who will be reviewing the appeal of the assessment decision?

The Assessment Committee is a reconsideration level of appeal for assessment decisions. The committee is made up of three senior individuals from the Assessment Services Department. To maintain impartiality, any person who was involved in the initial decision does not sit as a member of the Assessment Committee.



What does the Assessment Committee do with the appeal?

When the Assessment Committee receives your request for appeal, they will notify you of receipt of your appeal and provide you with an expected time frame within which you can expect a decision.

The Assessment Committee will conduct an independent review of the information.

In its review, the Assessment Committee will consider all information relevant to the issue, conduct further investigation and request new or additional information if appropriate.

The Assessment Committee will communicate their decision to you in writing.

How long will it take for the appeal to be decided?

The majority of decisions are rendered within 30 days of being filed.

What if I don't agree with the decision of the Assessment Committee?

If you don't agree with the Assessment Committee's decision, you can proceed to the final level of appeal which is the Appeal Commission.

To begin your appeal with the Appeal Commission, request an assessment appeal form by contacting the Scheduling Coordinator at (204) 925-6110 or by fax at (204) 943-4393. When you complete the assessment appeal form, be sure to identify the issue that you wish to appeal.

If your appeal includes new information, then you need to send the information back to the Assessment Committee as the Appeal Commission cannot hear, or rule on, any matter that has not been considered by Assessment Committee.

Although the Appeal Commission functions separately from the Workers Compensation Board, it is bound by The Workers Compensation Act legislation and WCB Policies.

For further information on having assessment decisions reviewed, contact the WCB Assessment Services Department at (204) 954-4505 or toll-free in Canada and the United States at 1-855-954-4321.