

Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal
Manual of Rules, Practices and Procedures (MRPP)
Summary of Amendments — March 29, 2004

ITEMS	SUBJECT
1.10	Notice of changes to MRPP to be given on internet site
1.30	Add (i) concerning client service, to WCAT's guiding principles
1.40	Various changes concerning appointments, resulting from Bill 68
2.10 2.21	Clarification re RD's and WCAT's jurisdiction on s. 96(2) reopening appeals
3.40	Date of receipt of documents within workers' compensation system used in applying time limit for appeals to WCAT
3.60	Charter notices showing proof of service on Attorneys General must be given to WCAT at least 30 days in advance of hearing
4.32 and 4.36	Appeals which may affect status of multiple persons – such as status of workers/independent operators – notice and participation
4.10, 4.40, 4.50, 8.70 9.20	Complex stream added; differentiated from specialty stream, WCAT panel assigned at outset in specialty stream only
5.20	Parties must notify WCAT of their current address, failure to provide current address will not negate deemed delivery of notices if sent to last known address
5.30	Explanation of grounds for considering extension of time to appeal
5.55	Clarification of example, dealing with suspension of an appeal pending a decision by a board officer on a related matter
8.60	Clarification – subpoena authority rests with WCAT
9.23	Late appearance (separated from 9.24)
9.24	Clarification of procedures concerning appellant's failure to appear for a hearing; submission process; issuance of numbered summary decisions with reasons if there is any apparent dispute as to course to be taken
9.40	Hearings recorded where practicable, but absence of recording does not affect validity of proceeding
9.72, 10.10	Late submissions will be marked excluded (but not returned to party), Panel may consider reasons, in deciding whether to receive submission
10.20	New evidence at rebuttal, may be marked as excluded, or received with a further opportunity for comments from the respondent
10.30	Submissions with identifiers, return to parties deferred
11.30	Terms of reference for IHP to include findings of non-medical fact
13.00 to 13.26	Costs and Expenses, detailed practice and procedure, generally consistent with policy in Rehabilitation Services and Claims Manual
14.00 14.10	Hallmarks of quality decision-making, (f) and (i) - consistency with WCAT decisions published in WCR, and established positions, unless inconsistency identified and explained
15.23	Clarification, summary decisions subject to same reconsideration grounds as merit decisions

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15.24	Updated reference to BCCA decision, confirming authority to reconsider on common law grounds – reconsideration limited to one time only
21.25	Appeal numbers will not be used in the body of a decision; not to be posted to internet
22.00	Updated internet link for WCAT employees' code of conduct
23.00	Oral hearing guidelines added to WCAT members' code of conduct
26.60 to 26.60	Voluntary "parking lot" for backlog / transition appeals