

Decision of the Chair, Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal

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Date: March 29, 2004
Subject: Manual of Rules, Practices and Procedures

1. Whereas under section 234 of the *Workers Compensation Act* the chair is responsible for the general operation of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal ("WCAT").
2. And whereas the chair's authority includes responsibility, among other things, for:
 - establishing any rules, forms, practices and procedures required for the efficient and cost effective conduct of appeals to WCAT;
 - making accessible to the public any rules, forms, practices and procedures established by the chair;
 - establishing administrative practices and procedures for the effective operation of WCAT;
 - providing for public access to WCAT decisions in a manner that protects the privacy of the parties to the proceedings; and,
 - establishing a code of conduct, including conflict of interest provisions, that governs the conduct of the members, officers, employees and contractors of WCAT.
3. And whereas the chair's authority under section 43 of Part 2 of the *Workers Compensation Amendment Act (No. 2), 2002* (Bill 63), includes responsibility for establishing rules, forms, practices and procedures for the efficient and cost effective conduct of proceedings before WCAT under the transitional provisions contained in Part 2 of Bill 63.
4. Pursuant to the chair's authority, the attached *Manual of Rules, Practices and Procedures* (MRPP) dated March 29, 2004, is approved as an amendment and replacement of the MRPP effective March 29, 2004.

5. These rules, practices and procedures remain in effect until their amendment, replacement or revocation by the chair.

Jill Callan
Chair, Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal

Signed at Richmond, British Columbia, this 29th day of March, 2004.