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SUBJECT: **Automobile Insurance Benchmark Schedule**

The Board's Benchmark Schedule includes guideline assumptions to be used by automobile insurers in the rate filing process. Insurers are not required to use any of the Board's guideline assumptions, but supporting justification for the use of alternate assumptions must be provided.

In the preparation of a rate filing insurers should confirm they are referencing the most recently accepted Benchmark Schedule when proposing to adopt any of the Board's guideline assumptions.

Loss Trends

The current guideline loss trend rates for use by insurers in developing filings are based on industry data through December 31, 2020 outlined as follows:

Private Passenger Automobiles			Commercial Vehicles		
Coverage	Past Loss Cost	Future Loss Cost	Coverage	Past Loss Cost	Future Loss Cost
Bodily Injury	-1.0%	-1.0%	Bodily Injury	-5.0%	-5.0%
Property Damage	+1.5%	+1.5%	Property Damage	-0.5%	-0.5%
AB-Total	+1.5%	+1.5%	AB-Total	+6.0%	+6.0%
Uninsured Auto	+1.5%	+1.5%	Uninsured Auto	+6.0%	+6.0%
Collision	+3.5%	+2.5%	Collision	+3.0%	+3.0%
Comprehensive	+4.5%	+4.5%	Comprehensive	+3.0%	+3.0%
Specified Perils	+4.5%	+4.5%	Specified Perils	+3.0%	+3.0%
All Perils	+5.0%	+4.0%	All Perils	+3.0%	+3.0%
Underinsured Motorist	+3.5%	+3.5%	Underinsured Motorist	+0.0%	+0.0%

The current loss trend analyses, including development factors, prepared by the Board's actuarial consultants, Oliver Wyman Limited, can be found as follows:

- [Oliver Wyman Limited - NL Private Passenger Loss Trends w/ Appendices – 2020-02](#)
- [Oliver Wyman Limited - NL Commercial Loss Trends w/ Appendices – 2020-02](#)

Profit Provision

All insurers must derive their rate indications based on a target profit provision stated as a percentage of premium, with the same provision for all coverages. The guideline profit range as a percentage of premium that the Board will generally accept as reasonable in rate filings is **5%-6%**.

Health Levy

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador assesses an annually adjusted amount to industry to cover the cost of health services provided to victims of automobile accidents. The annual levy is set as a dollar amount per insured vehicle and is reset annually.

The current Health Levy provision to be included in rate filings is **\$28.95 per vehicle**.

CLEAR

The Board's benchmark CLEAR base rate adjustment factors for the 2021 CLEAR rate group table are provided below:

Coverage	Rate Group Drift	Loss Trend*	2021 Base Rate Adjustment
Collision	2.14%	3.5%	1.2%
Comprehensive/Specified Perils	4.07%	4.5%	0.3%
All Perils	2.72%	4.0%	1.1%
Accident Benefits	0.78%	3.5%	2.5%

*Selected loss trends are Board approved guidelines based on data through Dec.31, 2019

Insurers proposing to adopt the 2021 CLEAR table may do so by submitting a rate filing to the Board in accordance with the CLEAR Filing Guidelines, or as part of a Mandatory or Mandatory Simplified rate filing. Please see Information Bulletin A.I. 2021-01 for additional information.