

ONTARIO INSURANCE COMMISSION

Guidelines for filing underwriting rules

for categories other than private passenger automobile insurance under

Section 238(l) of the *INSURANCE ACT*

R.S.O. 1990, CHAP. I.8

Section 238(l) of the *Insurance Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. 1.8 requires every insurer to file with the Commission ' a list of grounds (underwriting rules) for which the insurer declines to issue, terminates or refuses to renew a contract or refuses to provide or continue a coverage or endorsement.

The attached forms are designed to provide insurers with a standard format to file underwriting rules for risks in vehicle categories other than private passenger automobile (PPA) that comprise the following:

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| a. | Personal Vehicles | - Motorcycles |
| b. | Personal Vehicles | - Motor Homes |
| c. | Personal Vehicles | - Off-road Vehicles |
| d. | Personal Vehicles | - Motorized Snow Vehicles |
| e. | Commercial Vehicles | - Trailers |
| f. | Commercial Vehicles | - Other than Trailers |
| g. | Public Vehicles | - Taxis and Limousines |
| h. | Public Vehicles | - Other than Taxis and Limousines |

For the purposes of this submission, these categories are defined as *Other Categories*.

For the PPA category follow the *Guidelines for filing underwriting rules for private passenger automobile insurance* (Appendix A).

As an insurer, you must refile a complete list of rules each time you change a rule. Your filing must include the appropriate form. If your rate manual includes your underwriting rules, you should update the rate manual and file it with the Commission.

All insurers are required to submit either Form BI or B2, as applicable, in accordance with the following guidelines-

Form BI - Underwriting rules not required

Submit Form BI if you are licensed for auto and if either

- you do not write contracts of automobile insurance for *Other Categories*, or
- you write contracts of automobile insurance for *Other Categories* but only on a fleet basis.

Form B2 - Underwriting rules - categories other than PPA

Submit Form B2 if you write contracts of automobile insurance for *Other Categories* on a non-fleet basis.

You are required to confirm the categories of vehicles you currently write. This should include any in-force policies you expect to renew when they expire.

Use the category titles from Form B2 whenever possible. You can sub-divide these categories but show carefully which category the sub-division falls into.

Attach to Form B2 any underwriting rules you use to decline to issue, terminate or refuse to renew a contract, or refuse to provide or continue a coverage or endorsement. Where you use alternative rules for the different categories within *Other Categories*, file the rules in separate exhibits attached to Form B2.

Include in your rules, at a minimum, your reasons for

- declining statutory coverages, i.e., third party liability (BI, PD-DC, PD-Tort), accident benefits, uninsured automobile
- declining any optional coverages, i.e., collision, comprehensive
- upon renewal, offering different deductible levels and/or limits of liability

based on the following factors:

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| ● territory | ● accident history |
| ● vehicle types | ● convictions |
| ● driving records | ● other features |
| ● driver classes | |

FORM B1 - Underwriting rules not required

I, _____, _____
(Name of Officer) (Office held)

of _____ (the "Insurer")
(Full name of company)

CONFIRM THAT (circle appropriate paragraph)

1. The Insurer does not write contracts of automobile insurance for *Other Categories*.
2. The Insurer writes contracts of automobile insurance for *Other Categories* but only on a fleet basis.

where *Other Categories* is defined as

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|----|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| a. | Personal Vehicles | - | Motorcycles |
| b. | Personal Vehicles | - | Motor Homes |
| c. | Personal Vehicles | - | Off-road Vehicles |
| d. | Personal Vehicles | - | Motorized Snow Vehicles |
| e. | Commercial Vehicles | - | Trailers |
| f. | Commercial Vehicles | - | Other than Trailers |
| g. | Public Vehicles | - | Taxis and Limousines |
| h. | Public Vehicles | - | Other than Taxis and Limousines |

FORM B1 - Underwriting rules - categories other than PPA

I, _____, _____
(Name of Officer) (Office held)

of _____ (the "Insurer")
(Full name of company)

CONFIRM THAT

1. The Insurer writes contracts of non-fleet automobile insurance for the following vehicle categories **(circle all that apply)**:
 - a. Personal Vehicles - Motorcycles
 - b. Personal Vehicles - Motor Homes
 - c. Personal Vehicles - Off-road Vehicles
 - d. Personal Vehicles - Motorized Snow Vehicles
 - e. Commercial Vehicles - Trailers
 - f. Commercial Vehicles - Other than Trailers
 9. Public Vehicles - Taxis and Limousines
 - h. Public Vehicles - Other than Taxis and Limousines
2. The Insurer's grounds for declining to issue, terminating or refusing to renew a contract, or refusing to provide or continue a coverage or endorsement for each of the applicable vehicle categories are set out in the attached exhibit(s).