

Alternative Assessment Procedure (AAP) for interprovincial transportation

The Interjurisdictional Agreement (IJA) is an agreement between Canada's provincial and territorial workers' compensation authorities (WCBs). It benefits workers and employers whose business take them into more than one jurisdiction (except in Nova Scotia as they have not signed the assessment part of the IJA).

The IJA is intended to avoid duplication of payments and premiums and to aid injured workers in claiming and receiving compensation when more than one jurisdiction is involved. Under the IJA, employers are usually required to register with and pay workers' compensation premiums to each jurisdiction they work in.

The WCB's have implemented the AAP to simplify the registration process and premium payment process for employers in specified transportation industries.

AAP

The AAP is an optional procedure for interjurisdictional transportation employers. Employers registered in the AAP report earnings and pay premiums only to the WCB in the jurisdiction where their workers reside.

Injured workers retain their right to claim compensation from the WCB either where they reside or where they are injured. This procedure eliminates the need to prorate earnings between each province and territory that workers travel in or through (for information on prorating earnings, see our fact sheet on [prorating assessable earnings](#)).

Base of operations and residence

If you maintain a base of operations in a province or employ a resident of that province, you must report assessable earnings for your workers, including resident drivers, to that province's WCB.

A base of operations is established if you maintain an office, depot or warehouse facility in a province or territory or if you employ a resident of that province or territory. If you have bases of operations in more than one province or territory, you need to maintain an account with each respective jurisdiction and report assessable earnings for those workers, including resident drivers, to that respective compensation board.

Indicators of residence include having a permanent residence, immediate family, a bank account, registered vehicles/assets and/or paying provincial taxes. There is no requirement for Alberta residents to perform work in Alberta before or after working outside of Alberta—an Alberta resident does not necessarily have to be working in Alberta to be considered a resident to Alberta.

Personal Coverage for proprietors/directors

Personal coverage holders who choose to participate in the AAP can claim in either the province of residence or the province in which the injury occurs.

Application and opt out deadlines

For trucking or courier businesses already operating inter-provincially, you must apply before February 28 to participate in the current year. New interprovincial businesses have 30 days to apply for participation in the current year. You cannot opt out mid-year. To opt out effective January 1 of the following year, written notice to WCB-Alberta is required by October 31.

Quick facts

- AAP only applies to drivers who travel in more than one province or territory.
- Trucking and courier employers who decide not to participate in the AAP must report and allocate their assessable earnings to the WCB of each jurisdiction they travel through each year.
- Participating in the AAP requires the reporting of assessable earnings to the WCB only in the province where the drivers reside.
- Trucking or courier businesses who participate in the AAP must still register with the WCB of each jurisdiction for administrative purposes.
- Effective January 2014 interurban/rural bus, charter bus and scenic/sightseeing transportation businesses that travel inter-provincially may also participate in the AAP.

- Effective January 2014 log hauling may also participate in the AAP.
- This agreement does not apply nor extend outside of Canada.
- This agreement may apply to ice road trucking depending on the classification of the business and if the industry falls under AAP. More information can be found on our [out of province coverage fact sheet](#).
- All applicable compensation boards will be notified by WCB-Alberta to which jurisdiction(s) your premiums will be paid.

To participate in the AAP, you must:

- Complete an AAP application. This form can be found on our [website](#) or by contacting our office.
- Give consent to the disclosure of information between the respective WCBs.
- Maintain a workers' compensation account with all applicable WCBs.
- Provide information to respective WCBs as required.
- Continue to report assessable earnings for those not driving (such as dispatchers, shop workers and administration) in the province or territory where they are employed.

