

Canadian Independent Adjusters' Association Backgrounder

As of January 1, 2020, the Saskatchewan insurance industry will be governed by a new Act: *The Insurance Act*.

There are several changes in the act that will affect how you do business in Saskatchewan.

To ensure a smooth transition and compliance with the new act, the Insurance Councils of Saskatchewan (ICS) is committed to educating all our stakeholders about key changes in the Act and any actions that you must take as a result of these changes.

This backgrounder covers the changes you need to know and tells you what you need to do to make sure your business is in line with the new legislation.

New definitions and rules

The definition of "property and casualty insurance" has been updated. As of January 1, 2020, it means any class of insurance other than life insurance.

There is also a new definition of "general insurance." As of January 1, 2020, it means any class of property and casualty insurance other than accident and sickness insurance.

Audits

As of January 1, 2020, ICS will have the ability to audit your business.

The Insurance Regulations allow the General Insurance Council (GICS) to carry out audits, examinations, inspections and investigations of licensees and persons who are required to be licensed.

Designated Representatives

There are many changes and new responsibilities for Designated Representatives (DRs) under the new Act; we've included a summary here.

Adjusting firms are required to have a DR. That DR must understand their responsibilities.

Adjusting firm DRs are responsible for screening new licence applicants and for the ongoing monitoring of licensees that represent the business. The DR must have procedures in place and use those procedures to ensure that applicants and licensees have the knowledge needed to obtain and maintain the licence for whichever classes of insurance they are adjusting.



If an Adjusting firm DR resigns is terminated or dies a new DR must be immediately appointed by the Adjusting Firm.

When an adjuster licensee leaves the adjusting firm, the DR of that firm needs to notify the GICS **immediately** that the licensee's recommendation is cancelled and why the recommendation has been cancelled.

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