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Medical Review Committee

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Mandate:

The Medical Review Committee hears appeals whereby a person's driver's licence has been suspended, cancelled or refused due to medical reasons.

Authority:

[*The Highway Traffic Act*](#)

[*The Drivers and Vehicles Act*](#)

Responsibilities:

The Medical Review Committee provides an appeal process in cases where a person's driver's licence has been suspended, cancelled or refused on medical grounds. In making their decisions, the Committee must ensure that in all cases the safety of the general public is considered above the exceptional hardship that will result if the suspension, cancellation or refusal to issue a license remains in effect.

The committee determines whether the standards, as set out by The Canadian Medical Association, The National Safety Code are applied in a fair and equitable manner and whether an exception to the rule may be made.

Upon hearing an appeal, the medical review committee may require an appellant to undergo further medical examinations or to produce medical reports from qualified medical practitioners. The committee will receive evidence and arguments submitted by the appellant, the registrar, or both, and will consider the evidence and arguments as they think fair and just and may confirm, quash or vary the decision of the registrar. The decision of the committee is final.

Membership:

At least five (5) members appointed by the Minister (Including Chair & Vice Chair)

- a) Three (3) qualified practitioners: one specializing in neurology, one specializing in cardiology or internal medicine, and one a general practitioner
- b) One (1) person who is a qualified ophthalmologist or optometrist; and
- c) One (1) person who is not a qualified medical practitioner (Lay Person)

The minister may appoint one member to be vice-chair or to be acting chair for any period of time, to act on behalf of the chair on the request of the chair or the minister during the illness or absence of the chair or during their inability from any cause to discharge their duties.

Quorum:

Three (3) members.

Length of Terms:

No Fixed Terms, 10 Year Max Recommended.

Desirable Expertise:

The members of the committee have specific expertise pertaining to each type of hearing; neurology and/or alcohol-related, cardiology, or vision.

Meetings:

Frequency: Quarterly
Location: Winnipeg
Duration: 9am to 5pm

Remuneration:

General Practitioner/
Optometrist: \$120.00/day & \$40.00/case
Medical Specialist: \$150.00/day & \$60.00/case
Lay Person: \$100.00/day & \$20.00/case

*An incremental case fee of \$5.00 in addition to the amounts shown above for a general practitioner or optometrist who acts as the chairperson of the committee. A case fee will only be paid once regardless of the number of occurrences that a given case may be reviewed by the committee.