

INSURANCE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ("Council")

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

As a result of continued growth in demand for its services, Council has operated with a budget deficit over the past five fiscal years, relying on its unrestricted surplus to make up the difference. Based on the current demands on its resources, Council projects that by the end of the 2018/2019 fiscal year, it will have depleted its unrestricted surplus.

In approving its budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year, Council determined that a fee increase is warranted. In reaching this decision, Council took into consideration that it had last increased its fees in 2009, when it raised its annual filing fee to \$160.00* and its licence application fee to \$200.00*. While Council's licence application fee remained unchanged over the last eight years, the annual filing fee was reduced during the same period to where Council's 2016 annual filing fee was \$95.00*.

Based on this review, Council is announcing the following fee increases, which are permitted in accordance with Council Rule 5 – Council Fees.

2017 Annual Filing Fee

Council's Annual Filing fee for 2017 has been set at **\$140.00**. This represents a Council fee of \$115.00 plus the \$25.00 government licence fee.

At this time, Council also anticipates the 2018 annual filing fee will require another increase, which is expected to be an additional \$20.00.

Licence Examination Fees

Council's Licence Examination fee is being increased to **\$125.00**, which will be applicable to examination registrations received by Council on, or after, June 1, 2017.

The Examination fee is currently \$100.00. Over the past three years, Council's examination administration cost has exceeded the examination revenue generated. As Council strives to fund its costs based on a user pay basis, it determined that the increase was warranted.

Council has determined that its licence application fee should also be reviewed. However, as Council is currently assessing the maximum amount permitted in accordance with Council Rule 5 – Council Fees, a Rule change is required before an increase to the licence application fee can be considered.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Regulatory Services by emailing info@insurancecouncilofbc.com or calling Council's main number, and at the prompt press "2".

** In addition to Council's annual filing fee and licence application fee, Council also assesses and collects a \$25.00 licence fee on behalf of the provincial government.*

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