

## **AUTO INSURANCE RATES FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 2003**

Ontario private passenger auto insurance rates rose during the first quarter of 2003 (January 1, 2003 to March 31, 2003).

The rate applications approved during the first quarter of 2003 indicate an average increase of 7.32 per cent, when weighted by market share for those insurers making rate changes. The weighted average rate changes for the previous four quarters were 5.18%, 5.9%, 8.33% and 9.2% for first quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2002 and fourth quarter 2002, respectively.

The average cost of auto insurance in Ontario at the end of the first quarter of 2003 was 19.16 per cent higher when compared with the end of the first quarter a year earlier. This calculation is based on the renewal effective dates of the rate changes. The average cost of auto insurance is now 20.09 per cent higher than the third quarter of 1996, preceding the introduction of Bill 59 (the *Automobile Insurance Rate Stability Act, 1996*) on November 1, 1996.

The approved rate change shown for each insurance company is the average for that particular company. The impact of a rate change on an individual consumer will vary depending on where the consumer lives, the type of car he or she is driving, and other risk characteristics.

FSCO will continue to ensure that insurance companies' rate changes are reasonable and justified, and that the rates insurers charge are balanced with their ability to meet their future claims costs.

### **ONTARIO PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATE FILINGS APPROVED**

**January 1, 2003 to March 31, 2003**

<b>Insurer</b>	<b>2001 Market Share (%)</b>	<b>Effective New Business Date</b>	<b>Effective Renewal Business Date</b>	<b>Approved Rate Change (%)</b>
Ascentus Insurance Ltd.	0.00	15-Feb-03	15-Apr-03	15.10
AXA Insurance (Canada)	2.47	15-Mar-03	10-Apr-03	5.00
AXA Pacific Insurance Company	0.05	10-Apr-03	20-Apr-03	5.00
Belair Insurance Company Inc.	1.93	10-Jan-03	23-Feb-03	25.00
CAA Insurance Company (Ontario)	1.32	01-Apr-03	01-May-03	13.00
Certas Direct Insurance Company	2.02	31-Jan-03	01-Apr-03	7.00

Citadel General Assurance Company	0.64	15-May-03	15-Jun-03	5.00
COSECO Insurance Company	1.28	15-Feb-03	01-May-03	4.90
Echelon General Insurance Company 1	0.51	20-Jan-03	21-Feb-03	0.00
Echelon General Insurance Company	0.51	17-Mar-03	23-Apr-03	5.00
Economical Mutual Insurance Company	4.21	15-Feb-03	01-Apr-03	11.00
Federated Insurance Company of Canada	0.02	01-May-03	01-May-03	7.00
Federation Insurance Company of Canada	0.77	01-Jun-03	01-Jun-03	16.80
Gore Mutual Insurance Company	0.92	15-Jan-03	15-Mar-03	7.00
Guarantee Company of North America	1.06	01-Apr-03	18-May-03	5.00
ING Insurance Company of Canada	8.36	25-Jan-03	15-Mar-03	6.56
ING Novex Insurance Company of Canada	0.86	25-Jan-03	19-Mar-03	7.00
Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	3.54	19-Feb-03	05-Apr-03	12.51
Pembridge Insurance Company Limited 1	1.77	15-Mar-03	15-Mar-03	0.00
Pembridge Insurance Company Limited	1.77	01-Apr-03	01-May-03	10.20
Personal Insurance Company	1.86	07-Mar-03	06-May-03	5.00
Perth Insurance Company	0.55	15-Feb-03	01-Apr-03	22.80
Portage La Prairie Mutual Insurance Company	0.07	01-Mar-03	01-Apr-03	7.00
RBC General Insurance Company	0.92	17-Feb-03	03-Apr-03	5.00
Scottish & York Insurance Company Limited	1.37	01-Apr-03	01-May-03	5.00
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company 1	9.63	01-Jun-03	01-Jun-03	0.00
Western Assurance Company	2.13	15-Feb-03	15-Apr-03	10.00
York Fire & Casualty Insurance Company	0.20	01-May-03	01-May-03	5.00
Zurich Insurance Company	0.00	15-Mar-03	09-May-03	5.00
<b>Total Market Share Represented</b>	<b>48.46</b>			

1 Rate changes with no overall impact.