

## Auto insurance rates for third quarter of 2003

Ontario private passenger auto insurance rates rose during the third quarter of 2003 (July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003).

The rate applications approved during the third quarter of 2003 indicate an average increase of 8.22 per cent, when weighted by 2002 market share for those insurers making rate changes. The weighted average rate changes for the previous four quarters were 8.33%, 9.2% and 7.32% and 8.48% for third quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2002, first quarter 2003, and second quarter 2003, respectively.

The average cost of auto insurance in Ontario at the end of the third quarter of 2003 was 19.43 per cent higher when compared with the end of the third 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 27.67 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

**July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003**

Insurer	2002 Market Share (%)	Effective New Business Date	Effective Renewal Business Date	Approved Rate Change (%)
Ascentus Insurance Ltd.	0.24	18-Aug-03	17-Oct-03	13.70
AXA Pacific Insurance Company	0.09	20-Aug-03	20-Aug-03	8.00
Belair Insurance Company Inc.	1.57	07-Aug-03	26-Sep-03	12.00
Certas Direct Insurance Company <sup>1</sup>	1.92	27-Oct-03	26-Dec-03	0.00
Chubb Insurance Company of Canada	0.38	01-Oct-03	01-Jan-04	5.20
Citadel General Assurance Company	0.54	01-Nov-03	01-Dec-03	7.10
Coachman Insurance Company <sup>1</sup>	0.39	01-Aug-03	01-Aug-03	0.00

Facility Association	2.07	15-Oct-03	15-Oct-03	27.20
Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company (Lindsay)	0.28	01-Nov-03	01-Nov-03	6.00
Gore Mutual Insurance Company	0.93	08-Sep-03	15-Nov-03	6.04
Guarantee Company of North America	1.22	01-Oct-03	15-Oct-03	9.00
ING Insurance Company of Canada	7.84	12-Aug-03	01-Oct-03	6.80
ING Novex Insurance Company of Canada	0.88	01-Sep-03	26-Oct-03	8.72
Motors Insurance Corporation	0.70	01-Oct-03	01-Dec-03	13.00
Optimum Frontier Insurance Company	0.38	15-Oct-03	15-Nov-03	9.00
Personal Insurance Company <sup>1</sup>	1.99	27-Oct-03	26-Dec-03	0.00
RBC General Insurance Company	1.25	30-Sep-03	14-Nov-03	7.00
Scottish & York Insurance Company Limited	1.21	01-Oct-03	01-Dec-03	-0.60
Security National Insurance Company	3.61	29-Sep-03	29-Nov-03	10.00
TD General Insurance Company	0.61	01-Sep-03	01-Oct-03	4.00
Western Assurance Company	2.11	01-Aug-03	01-Oct-03	11.90
<b>Total Market Share Represented</b>	<b>30.21</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Rate changes with no overall impact.