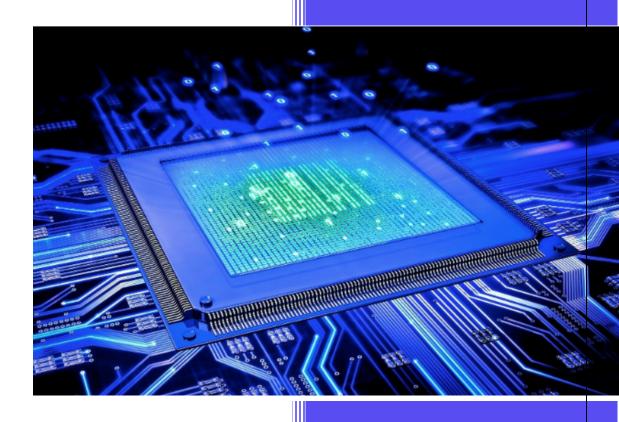
RATE MANUAL E-FILING GUIDE



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Instructions for the e-filing of the Québec automobile insurance rate manual

Background

Under section 180 of the *Automobile Insurance Act* (CQLR, c. A-25), every authorized insurer must file a copy of its rate manual with the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF). As part of a commitment to continual systems improvement and modernization, the automobile rate manual will now have to be filed in electronic form twice annually, i.e., on <u>April 1 and October 1</u>. This will enable the AMF to handle and process the rate manuals more effectively.

The rate manual is a manual that is made up of the documents of an authorized insurer in which its rules of classification of risks and the premiums applicable to each are identified and defined.

Technical information

You must submit the rate manual as a non-password protected document in searchable PDF format.

To ensure efficient compliance analyses by the AMF, a manual filed in **searchable PDF** format must:

- be of high print quality
- use a font size that is readable when zoom is set at 100%

Each page/section/table must:

- be paginated
- be identified with the insurer's name
- indicate the effective date of the manual

You must submit **three separate files** based on the vehicle categories underwritten, and each file **must not exceed 35 MB.**

The three files must be submitted and named as follows:

File 1: Private passenger vehicles 920

File 2: Other vehicles_930 (all except private passenger vehicles)

File 3: Summary of Filed Amendments_940

For some insurers, **File 1** and/or **File 2** may exceed 35 MB, in which case you must submit the files through the File Transfer Service (FTS). However, these files must not exceed 500 MB.

For the procedure, please contact us at the following address:

Info-Automobile@lautorite.gc.ca

The file named Summary of Filed Amendments is available on the AMF website at:

https://lautorite.qc.ca/en/professionals/insurers/automobile-insurance/automobile-rate-manual/

Contents of a complete manual

The rate manual must contain at least the following information:

- 1. The **Private passenger vehicles** and **Other vehicles** files must include <u>a table of contents</u> to facilitate navigation within the files. The following is an example of a table of contents:
 - A. General policies
 - B. Definitions
 - **C.** Underwriting standards and procedure. In this subsection, we expect to receive all items used to determine your rules of classification of risks, including:
 - Driving behaviour (driving record, loss history, etc.)
 - Credit scoring
 - Discounts and surcharges
 - Rules for anti-theft systems
 - Rules relating to claims and offences
 - Telematics
 - Etc.
 - **D.** Protections, deductibles and limits
 - E. Description of territories and lists of municipalities
 - F. Description and list of vehicle groups
 - G. Description and list of rates
 - H. Endorsements
 - I. Premium calculation algorithm
 - J. Etc
- 2. General rules and standards used for risk classification and rating
- **3.** A detailed description of territories used.
- **4.** A definition of <u>all rules</u> used for determining an insured's premium based on personal characteristics (age, gender, civil status, occupation, etc.), vehicle use, driving record, distance travelled (annually or other), etc.

These definitions must cover all classes of insureds, driving records as well as any factors, discounts, surcharges, forgiveness clauses or any other items that affect premiums based on these criteria. The policies used for determining the class of driver and the driving record of each insured must be clearly set out according to the contract guarantees, in particular.

5. A definition of <u>vehicle rate groups</u> (rate group tables) applicable to all vehicles as well as of all conditions imposed on coverage, discounts or other programs in connection with the insured vehicle.

With respect to vehicle categories for which these criteria are applicable, differences resulting from use of the vehicle, its total load weight, cylinder capacity, etc. must be clearly set out.

The rate group tables must be detailed and the rate pages must identify the premium applicable to all vehicles, regardless of the assigned rate group.

It must be possible to determine the rate group applicable to existing and new models for each category of vehicle for which a rate group table is used.

- **6.** A definition of all <u>coverage limits and deductibles available</u> as well as related terms and conditions.
- **7.** The definition of all <u>endorsements offered</u> and the applicable rates must correspond to forms in effect and approved by the AMF.
- 8. <u>Details of rates, discounts and surcharges</u> applicable to ALL insureds.
- **9.** All calculation coefficients must be presented clearly and column headings must be reproduced on each page.
- 10. Clear explanation of the meaning of codes, abbreviations or symbols used.
- **11.** The <u>calculation method</u> for manually determining the final premium for a risk must be clearly set out in the manual.
- **12.** PARTICULAR OR EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENTS WITH EXCLUSIVE AGENTS OR DAMAGE INSURANCE FIRMS:

Any risk and premium classification rules contained in these agreements that differ from those set out in the rate manual must be part of the manual and filed with the AMF.

Information provided through a BULLETIN, STATEMENT OR OTHER COMMUNICATION that has an impact on insurance classification and rates must be part of the rate manual and be filed in electronic form within the time period stipulated in section 180 of the *Automobile Insurance Act*.

13. Any information that helps to clearly and precisely identify the rules of risk classification and rating must be filed with the AMF and be part of the manual.

File submission

1. Requirements related to the filing of the automobile insurance rate manual

Under section 180 of the *Automobile Insurance Act* (CQLR, c. A-25), every authorized insurer must file a copy of its rate manual with the AMF. The AMF has determined that two annual filings of the automobile insurance rate manual are required on or before April 1 and October 1.

Notices are posted on the AMF website, including the appendices detailing specific filing requirements.

All required documents and information must be filed electronically via AMF E-Services.

2. Document submission

You must submit your disclosures through AMF E-Services. To access E-Services, you must first register with clicSÉQUR, the Québec government's authentication service by going to the web page at https://www.lautorite.qc.ca/en/professionals/e-services/ and clicking on "Create your clicSÉQUR account."

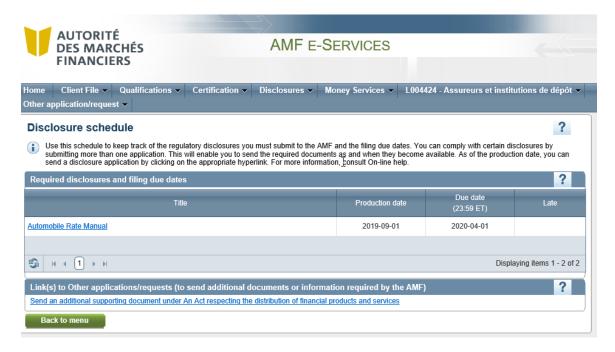
Once registered, you will be able to access your client file, view the schedule detailing the disclosures to be submitted to the AMF and send us one or more disclosure-related documents.

2.1 Access your disclosure schedule

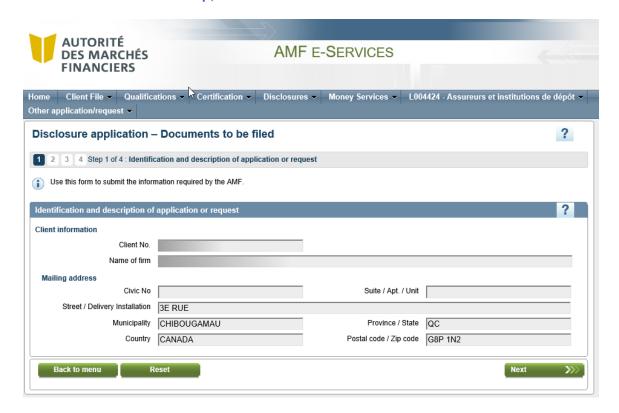
From your client file in AMF E-Services, you can access your **Disclosure schedule** under **Client File**. This schedule displays the links you will be able to use to submit the disclosures and/or supporting documents expected over the next 12 months. The links will be available as of the indicated production date.



2.2 Click on the disclosure hyperlink



2.3 At the identification step, click on Next

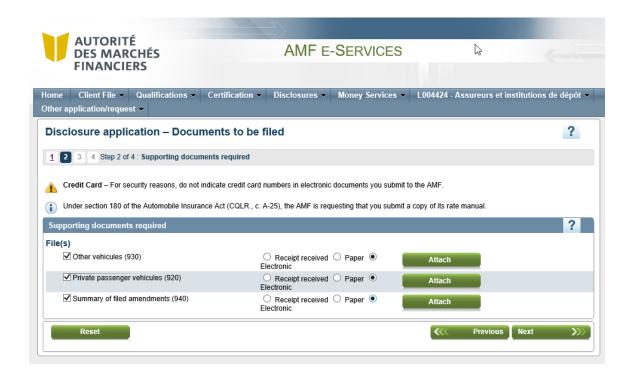


2.4 Tick the box(es) corresponding to the documents to be submitted

The documents may be submitted as and when they become available. Several submissions may therefore be made within the time period set out in the schedule.

- **Step 1**: Select the disclosure or supporting document you want to attach.
- Step 2: Click on Attach to attach the disclosure or supporting document.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 to attach all documents to be submitted.



2.4.1 File type requirements

Important:

- Documents to be filed must not be protected by a password or any other security measure.
- If you are an automobile insurer but are not filing a rate manual, follow these steps:
- Step 1: Complete and attach the Summary of Filed Amendments.

Step 2: To ensure that the application does not remain incomplete, please attach the PDF document provided for this purpose for the Private passenger vehicles (920) and Other vehicles (930) files. Doing this confirms that you are not filing a rate manual.

This file is available on the AMF website at the following address:

https://lautorite.qc.ca/en/professionals/insurers/automobile-insurance/automobile-rate-manual/

2.5 Click on Next to submit the attached documents

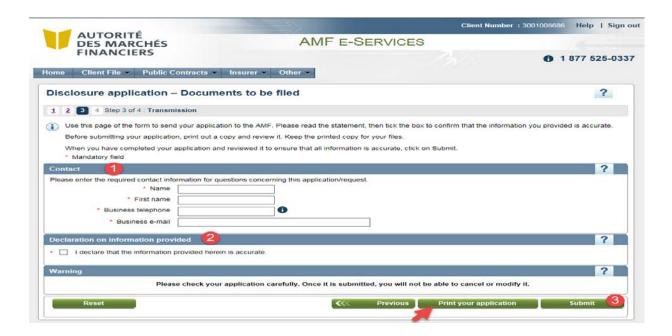
2.6 Submitting your application

You use this page to submit your application.

You can view and/or print the disclosure application before submitting it, including the list of attached supporting documents, by clicking on **Print your application**.

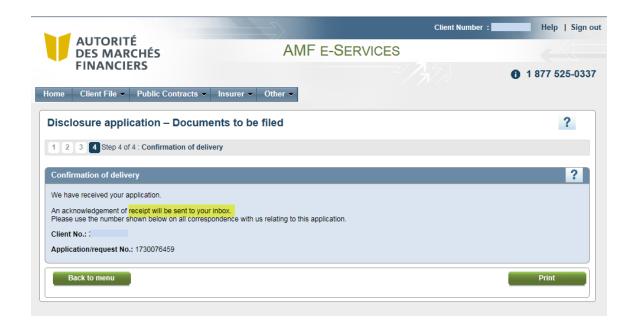
Complete the page by following these steps:

- Step 1: Complete Contact information section.
- Step 2: Tick the box "I declare that the information provided herein is accurate."
- Step 3: Click on Submit.



2.7 Confirmation of receipt by the AMF

After the documents have been submitted, an acknowledgement of receipt, including the list of documents to be filed, will be sent to your **Secure Message Inbox**. You can also print this confirmation from the screen by clicking on **Print**.



2.8 Previously submitted documents

You can send your documents one at a time, in separate submissions. The confirmation message **Received on: (date)** will appear below the name of the document submitted. You must follow the above steps for each document you wish to submit.

Should you (or the AMF after analysis) determine that certain previously submitted documents are not compliant, you may resubmit them.

Important: The documents must be submitted using the same disclosure application in the disclosure schedule as the one for which the original filing was made.

You must then follow the process described in 2.4.

Note that all documents must be submitted before the filing due date (Eastern Time).

