

Amendments to the ARB Rules of Practice and Procedure FAQs

1. Why are new amendments being made to the ARB Rules of Practice and Procedure?

To prepare for the new assessment cycle (2017-2020), the Assessment Review Board has held numerous consultations with stakeholders to develop an efficient dispute resolution system. The Board intends to resolve 100% of its current and new caseload within the next four-year cycle ending March 31st, 2021.

A full revision of the ARB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) and Practice Directions will assist in achieving this goal. Revised procedures will be consistent with:

- the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness,
- proportionality principles reflected in the [Rules of Civil Procedure section 1.04\(1.1\)](#), and
- best practices at other Ontario tribunals.

All of this has been done to make the Board's processes more accessible and efficient.

2. Who participates in recommending amendments?

Recommended amendments to the ARB Rules of Practice and Procedure have been received from outreach consultation and the ARB Rules Committee comprised of ARB Members, staff and other key stakeholders. Stakeholders and the public will have an opportunity to comment on these recommendations.

3. Can I participate in providing feedback to the amendments?

Yes, the public will have an opportunity to participate in providing feedback on the amendments by sending an e-mail to feedback.elto@ontario.ca. Feedback received between January 4, 2017 and January 27, 2017 will be considered.

4. When will the new Rules of Practice and Procedure be in effect?

The final Rules of Practice and Procedure will be posted on our website by February 15, 2017. The new Rules of Practice and Procedure will take effect on April 1, 2017.

5. Will amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure impact the ARB appeal process?

Any changes to the ARB appeal process will be posted on our website by February 15, 2017.