

NEW! Alberta Auto Insurance Changes

The Alberta Government has passed changes that introduce Direct Compensation for Property Damage (DCPD) coverage to all automobile insurance policies throughout the province effective January 1, 2022.

What is Direct Compensation for Property Damage (DCPD)?

- DCPD is a coverage that applies to your not at-fault portion of a collision between two vehicles.
- ***This does not change the automobile coverage, only who pays for the damage.***
- If your vehicle is involved in a collision and you are not-at-fault, your vehicle damage will be paid for by your DCPD coverage.
- If your vehicle is considered partially at-fault, then the not-at-fault portion will be paid by your DCPD and your at-fault portion will be paid by your collision coverage (if purchased).

What are the benefits of DCPD?

DCPD is a more streamlined process that provides the advantage of dealing with your own insurer to process your claim resulting in better service and receiving appropriate compensation quicker.

Do I need to do anything to ensure I have DCPD coverage?

No. These changes will take effect January 1, 2022, regardless of your insurance renewal date and will be reflected in your new policy documents when they are sent at renewal time.

Will rates change under DCPD?

DCPD is designed to align insurance premiums better with the costs associated with repairs for a damaged vehicle. Based on vehicle type, some customers may experience an increase (more expensive vehicles) or decrease (less expensive vehicles) in their rate or premium.

- 15% will see no change in premium
- 42% will see a reduction in premium
- 43% will see an increase in premium

COVERAGE COMPARISON CHART

At fault or not at fault?	PREVIOUS COVERAGE	NEW COVERAGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022
NOT AT FAULT	You deal with your insurance company AND the other driver's insurance company to get compensation for your vehicle and its contents.	You now ONLY deal with your insurance company to get compensation for your vehicle and its contents.
PARTIALLY AT FAULT	You deal with your insurance company AND the other driver's insurance company to get partial compensation for your vehicle and its contents.	You now ONLY deal with your insurance company and will receive a partial payment for your vehicle and its contents, based on the percentage you were not at fault for the collision. If you purchase optional physical damage (Collision or All Perils) coverage, you'll also have coverage for the percentage you were at fault for the collision.
100% AT FAULT	You'll only receive coverage for the damage to your vehicle and its contents if you purchase optional physical damage (Collision or All Perils) coverage.	You'll only receive coverage for the damage to your vehicle and its contents if you purchase optional physical damage (Collision or All Perils) coverage.