



ATA COMP FUND

2019 Renewal Changes

The ATA Comp Fund is implementing changes for the 2019 Renewal Year. Please review these important revisions outlined below:

WHAT?	WHY?
Combination of Short-Haul (7228) and Long-Haul (7229) Trucking Class Codes to Trucking (7219)	Due to a change in NCCI guidelines, 7228 and 7229 will be merged into one trucking code, 7219 .
Increase in weekly wage base rate for Owner Operators and Lease-Purchase Owner Operators from \$550/wk to \$675/wk	The standard base rate of \$550 per week (\$28,600 annual) will increase to \$675 per week (\$35,100 annual). Fund Members with a rate higher than \$675 per week will remain the same.
Allowable Per Diem Wage increase from \$30 per day to \$75 per day	Due to a change in NCCI guidelines, the Fund will exclude from wages up to \$75 per day in per diem payments; any amount paid over the \$75 per day will be included as wages for remuneration purposes
Automatic renewal processing	The Fund will no longer require signed Binders for the Alabama or Cross Border policies. These policies will renew with an effective date of 1/1/2019 unless written notice of non-renewal is received in our office by 12/1/2018 .
Commissions distributed on Paid Basis	In order to streamline our processes, and due to a software conversion, commissions will be distributed on a paid basis based on Fund Member payments received by the 1st of each month.
Cross Border policies to be Direct-Billed	Cross Border policies will be billed directly to the Fund Member to streamline our billing processes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (334) 834-7911 or via email at ServiceRequest@ATACompFund.org.

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Combination of Short-Haul (7228) and Long-Haul (7229) Trucking Class Codes to Trucking (7219)

Though the ATA Comp Fund is not an insurance company regulated by insurance company guidelines, we utilize the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) standards and regulations as a basis for the Fund's coverage, practices and procedures. Per NCCI guidelines, the ATA Comp Fund has adopted the combination of Short-Haul Trucking (7228) and Long-Haul Trucking (7229) class codes into Trucking (7219).

Increase in weekly wage base rate for Owner Operators and Lease-Purchase Owner Operators from \$550/wk to \$675/wk

The weekly wage base rate will change from a standard base of \$550 per week worked, or \$28,600 annually, to \$675 per week worked, or \$35,100 annually. Fund Members who currently choose to have their Owner Operators and/or Lease Purchase Owner Operators picked up at a higher rate than \$675 will continue as chosen. The decision to increase this weekly wage was done so to provide a higher weekly benefit in the event of a claim, one that indemnifies the injured driver more adequately in comparison to their actual wages. **While wage renumeration will increase, we will be underwriting to losses incurred and there will not be an increase in cost of coverage based on this wage base increase, unless losses incurred justify an increase.**

Allowable Per Diem Wage increase from \$30 per day to \$75 per day

One of the NCCI guidelines adopted in the past was the regulation on wages allowable and excludable for per diem purposes. In prior years, the Fund allowed payments of \$30 per day to be excluded from chargeable wages. For 2019 the Fund has adopted the new NCCI per diem standard excluding up to \$75 per day (Please note: the IRS will allow a maximum rate of \$66 per day for incidental expense in 2019). Any per diem amount paid in excess of \$75 per day will be included as wage renumeration. **While wage renumeration will decrease, we will be underwriting to losses incurred and there will not be a decrease in cost of coverage, unless losses incurred justify a decrease.**

Automatic renewal processing

As conveyed in our Participation Agreement, the Fund can process automatic renewals unless a 30-day notice of non-renewal/cancellation is received. For the 2019 renewals, we will not require a signed Binder for the Alabama or the Cross Border policies. These policies will automatically renew for the 2019 year with an effective date of 1/1/2019. If a Fund Member wishes to non-renew their coverage for the 2019 renewal, the Fund must be notified in writing, by an appropriate officer of the Member company, no later than 12/1/2018 in order to avoid the automatic renewal processing.

Commissions distributed on a Paid Basis

In order to streamline our monthly billing and commission payment processes, and due to a software conversion, the Fund will now be issuing commissions on a cash-flow basis, based on Fund Member payments received by the 1st of each month. As you are aware, the Fund bills in 10 equal installments and this will remain unchanged. We will, however, be including audited premiums in commission calculations beginning with the 2019 Fund Year.

Cross Border policies to be Direct-Billed

In order to streamline our billing process, the Fund will begin billing the Cross Border policies directly to the Fund Member effective January 1, 2019.