

# HOSPITAL APPEAL BOARD

HOSPITAL ACT  
(s.46, R.S.B.C. 1996, c.200)

## PRACTICE DIRECTIVE NO. 1

### Timelines for Completing an Appeal/ Release of Final Decision with Reasons

a) Completion of a Hearing

The Hospital Appeal board is committed to providing a fair, timely and effective avenue of appeal for practitioners. Appeals to the board will be processed as quickly as practicable, and generally within the following timelines:

- For matters where the total number of hearing days required to complete the matter is 2 or less, the hearing will generally be completed within 4 months from the date that a Notice of Appeal is received by the board.
- For matters where the total number of hearing days required to complete the matter is 3, 4 or 5 days, the hearing will generally be completed within 6 months from the date that a Notice of Appeal is received by the board.
- For matters where the total number of hearing days required to complete the matter is 6 or more, the hearing will generally be completed within 9 months from the date that a Notice of Appeal is received by the board.

b) Release of Final Decision and Written Reasons

The panel presiding over an appeal will endeavour to provide the parties with its final decision and written reasons as soon as practicable after the completion of the hearing. Final written decisions with reasons will generally be released within the following timelines:

- For matters where the total number of hearing days required to complete the matter is 2 or less, the final decision will generally be released within 3 months of the close of the hearing and receipt of all closing submissions.
- For matters where the total number of hearing days required to complete the matter is 3, 4 or 5 days, the final decision will generally be released within 6 months of the close of the hearing and receipt of all closing submissions.
- For matters where the total number of hearing days required to complete the matter is 6 days or more, the final decision will generally be released within 9 months of the close of the hearing and receipt of all closing submissions.

Derek Brindle  
Chair  
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