

Membership with CDIC is limited to banks, trust companies and loan companies. To obtain membership, an application must be submitted and approved. Approval is subject to the fulfilment of certain standards and conditions and, in the case of a provincial institution, authorization by the province of incorporation is also required. Federally incorporated financial institutions cannot accept deposits from the public unless they are a member of CDIC. For provincially incorporated institutions, this requirement is dependent on provincial legislation.

The maximum deposit insurance provided by CDIC is \$60,000 per person with each member. This amount applies to the combined total of all the insurable deposits a person may have with the same member. Separate insurance, to the \$60,000 maximum, applies for joint deposits, trust deposits and deposits held in registered retirement savings plans and registered retirement income funds.

CDIC insures Canadian currency "deposits" made with members. A deposit is the unpaid balance of monies received or held by a member in the usual course of its deposit-taking business for which the member has issued a receipt, certificate, debenture (other than bank debenture), draft, certified draft or cheque, travellers' check, prepaid letter of credit, money order or any other instrument that the member is primarily liable for and that is repayable on demand or, on or before the expiration of five years from the date the monies are received by the member.

18.5.2 Provincial government insurance

Manitoba. The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation is a Crown corporation established under the Automobile Insurance Act. The Act, now known as the Manitoba Public Insurance

Corporation Act, provides for establishment of a universal, compulsory automobile insurance plan and of other plans of automobile insurance within the province. The corporation started operations in November 1971. Revenue for the plan comes from two sources — premiums on drivers' licences and premiums on vehicles. Premiums are also based on such factors as year, make, model and use of the car, and rating territory, based on the address of the vehicle owner. Since mid-1975, the corporation has offered a wide range of non-compulsory general insurance coverages in competition with private insurance companies.

Saskatchewan. SGI Insurance Services, a provincial Crown corporation in Saskatchewan, was established in 1944 as a general insurer with the principal purposes of providing insurance coverage at reasonable rates and boosting the provincial economy by generating investment income and premium tax revenue. It became one of the largest casualty/property insurance companies in Canada.

SGI offers comprehensive home and tenant policies and most other personal lines of insurance, excluding sickness and life. Commercial property insurance, business interruption insurance, commercial auto coverage, and liability insurance are available for businesses.

SGI also administers the Automobile Accident Insurance Act (AAIA) on behalf of the province. This provides Saskatchewan motorists with comprehensive universal insurance coverage, including \$200,000 third party liability, medical and disability coverage (plus loss of income) and collision coverage. This is the minimum required by law; extended coverage may be purchased from SGI or any other insurer. SGI competes directly with other insurers for automobile insurance beyond the compulsory coverages.

Sources

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- 18.2.1 Industrial Organization and Finance Division, Statistics Canada.
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- 18.4.3 Office of the Fire Commissioner of Canada, Department of Labour.
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