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## 1. Go to CanLII's Website

- a. Open your internet browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari, etc.).
- b. Type **CanLII** in the search bar or go to [www.canlii.org](http://www.canlii.org).

## 2. Find Appeals Commission Decisions

- a. Under Primary law, select **Alberta**.

Search all databases

Document text

Case name, document title, file number, author or citation

Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or docketts

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**Primary law**

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<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	<a href="#">Quebec</a>	<a href="#">Yukon</a>
<a href="#">Alberta</a> ←	<a href="#">New Brunswick</a>	<a href="#">Northwest Territories</a>
<a href="#">Saskatchewan</a>	<a href="#">Nova Scotia</a>	<a href="#">Nunavut</a>
<a href="#">Manitoba</a>	<a href="#">Prince Edward Island</a>	

- b. Select **Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation** under **Boards and Tribunals**.

**Boards and Tribunals** ⓘ

ABESU	Alberta Employment Standards Umpire	2000 -	2018-08-01	295
ABGAA	Alberta Grievance Arbitration Awards	2007 -	2018-08-16	982
AHRC	Alberta Human Rights Commission	2000 -	2018-07-31	239
ABLRB	Alberta Labour Relations Board	2008 -	2018-08-10	983
ABLCLB	Alberta Land Compensation Board	2004 -	2018-08-14	135
ABLERB	Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board	2013 -	2018-08-02	556
ABPLAB	Alberta Public Lands Appeal Board	2015 -	2016-08-11	37
ABSEC	Alberta Securities Commission	2008 -	2018-08-20	4,047
ABSRB	Alberta Surface Rights Board	2001 -	2018-08-15	2,083
ABTSB	Alberta Transportation Safety Board	2012 -	2018-07-26	1,093
ABWCAC	Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation	2004 -	2018-08-21	15,876
CGYSDAB	Calgary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	2007 -	2018-08-20	1,759
ABCPSDC	College of Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Committee	2008 -	2018-08-15	61
ABLS	Law Society of Alberta	2007 -	2018-07-26	384
ABOIPC	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	1996 -	2018-08-10	1,066
ABPACA	Physiotherapy Alberta College Association	2008 -	2017-05-26	6
ABRECA	Real Estate Council of Alberta	2019 -	2018-08-08	18

## 3. Begin Your Search

a. **Use the search box:** Type in words or phrases related to the topic you are looking for.

- **Type your search words in the Document Text box.**  
For example, try typing *temporary total disability*
- **Type a case number in the Case Name box to find a specific decision.**  
For example, try *2023-0124*
- Please note, there are several ways to search for decisions.

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b. **Use keywords:** Try to use a few key words that best describe what you need and enter in the Document text box, in quotation marks. For example:

- If you're looking for a decision about economic loss payments, type **"economic loss payments" AND "Policy 04-04"**.
- The search prompt will bring up decisions that contain the phrases **economic loss payments** and **Policy 04-04**.

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1. [Decision No.: 2023-0454](#), 2024 CanLII 4199 (AB WCAC)  
 Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation — Alberta  
 2024-01-11 | 19 pages  
*worker — earning capacity — economic loss payment — vocational — suitable*

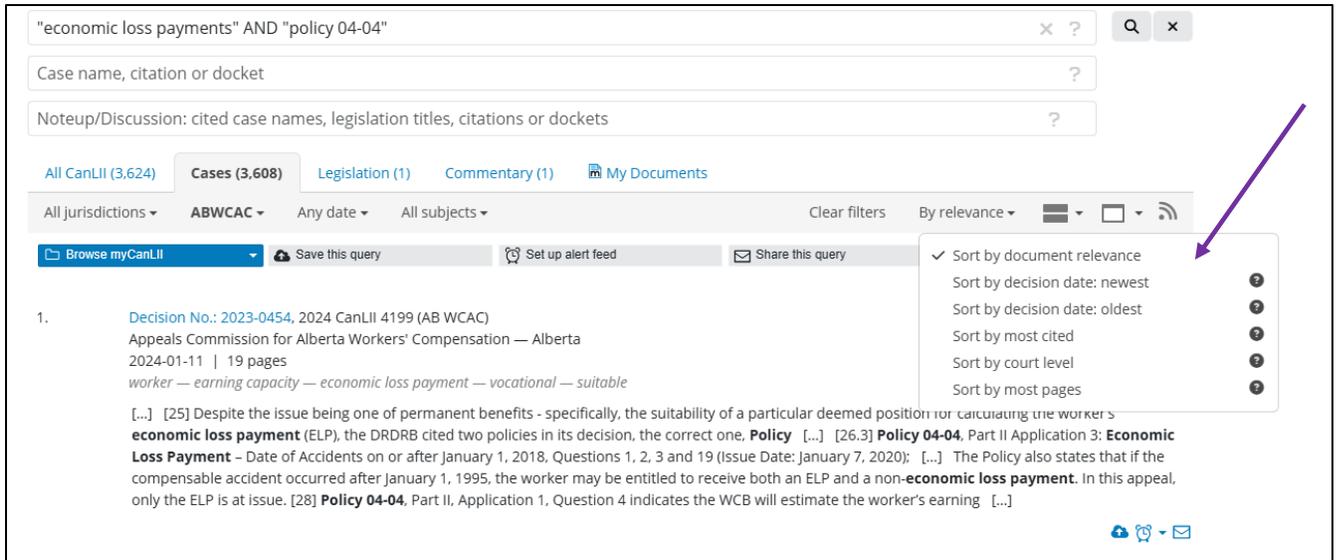
[...] [25] Despite the issue being one of permanent benefits - specifically, the suitability of a particular deemed position for calculating the worker's **economic loss payment** (ELP), the DRDRB cited two policies in its decision, the correct one, **Policy** [...] [26.3] **Policy 04-04**, Part II Application 3: **Economic Loss Payment** – Date of Accidents on or after January 1, 2018, Questions 1, 2, 3 and 19 (Issue Date: January 7, 2020); [...] The Policy also states that if the compensable accident occurred after January 1, 1995, the worker may be entitled to receive both an ELP and a non-**economic loss payment**. In this appeal, only the ELP is at issue. [28] **Policy 04-04**, Part II, Application 1, Question 4 indicates the WCB will estimate the worker's earning [...]



## 4. Narrowing Your Results

After you press **Enter**, you will see a list of results, which you can filter.

- a. **Narrow by date:** If you're looking for something recent, you can filter results by **year** or **date range**. Policy can also change over time. If your hearing is upcoming, recent cases may be more helpful.



The screenshot shows the CanLII search interface. The search query is "economic loss payments" AND "policy 04-04". The results are filtered by "Cases (3,608)". A dropdown menu is open, showing sorting options: "Sort by document relevance" (selected), "Sort by decision date: newest", "Sort by decision date: oldest", "Sort by most cited", "Sort by court level", and "Sort by most pages". A purple arrow points to the "Sort by decision date: newest" option.

b. **Use Boolean Searches**

- Boolean Searches help narrow your results.
- For example, using an asterik \* will replace zero, one or more characters at the end of a word. Negligen\* will result in negligent, negligence or negligently.

By default, the search engine processes a space between terms as a logical AND. The following operators allow you to change this default processing.

Operators (in order of priority)	Description	Examples
*	Replaces zero, one or more characters at the end of a word.	constru*
" "	Groups words to form a phrase.	"R. v. Douglas"
( )	Gives priority to an operator: EXACT, OR, /n, /s, /p, NOT or AND.	(contract /2 sale) OR seller
EXACT()	Restricts the query to the exact terms contained within the parentheses by deactivating stem search (only available in the Document's text field).	EXACT(reviewable transaction)
OR or OU	Retrieves documents containing either of the two terms.	city OR municipality
/n	Retrieves documents containing the two terms placed within n terms of one another.	letter /5 credit
/s	Retrieves documents containing both terms in the same sentence.	tax /s income
/p	Retrieves documents containing both terms in the same paragraph.	levy /p probate
NOT, NON or -	Retrieves only documents that do not contain the term that follows.	custody NOT child
AND or ET	Retrieves documents that contain all the terms.	permit AND hunting
[No operator]	Retrieves documents that contain all the terms (i.e., it is equivalent to AND). Documents matching the same adjacent terms possibly forming a phrase are ranked first in search results.	privacy access housing unit

For an introduction to CanLII's search, please review our [help page](#) and [videos](#).

## 5. Reading the Results

Click on a result that looks like your issue(s). This will take you to the full text of the decision.

### Tips for Searching

- Be specific: The more detailed your keywords are, the better your results will be.
- Browse different results: If the first result doesn't seem applicable, try another one.

## More Resources

CanLII has more resources to help you available on their website and their YouTube page:

- YouTube: has several videos to assist with the search process.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF9v-JqgLppi0sYzW\\_I5ARw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF9v-JqgLppi0sYzW_I5ARw)
- [CanLii Search Help](#)