

- (i) The rules of practice set out in paragraph (g) should apply to an Examiner's Hearing, and the applicant may, if he desires, have his claim presented by an advocate or other representative, in the same manner as that provided for Entitlement Hearings. The applicant and his witnesses shall appear at public expense.
- (j) A record shall be made of all discussions at the Examiner's Hearing and a transcript of evidence prepared which, with supporting documentation would be forwarded to the Head Office of the Commission where such shall be placed before an Entitlement Board for decision.
- (k) The decision of the Entitlement Board shall be in sufficient detail to provide an explanation of the issues, the evidence, the legislation and its interpretation, the evaluation of the claim, the inferences and presumptions, the findings of fact, and conclusions of law. Copies of this decision shall be communicated to the applicant and to those who represent him.
- (l) (i) Instructions for the preparation of documentation required in Entitlement Board proceedings should include each of the following where applicable:
- (a) *Statement of Case:* This to be prepared by Commission staff and to include:
- Issues:* The claim or claims of the applicant to be separately stated.
- Summary of Evidence:* The evidence pertinent to the issue raised in the application including location and circumstances of service, military medical record and other evidence from file to be given. This summary to be in chronological order and to include all occurrences pertinent to the case which are a matter of record.
- Citations of pertinent legislation:* The appropriate sections of the Act, published interpretations, etc., to be included.
- (b) *Decisions of Entitlement Boards:* These shall be prepared by the presiding member or another member and shall include:
- Issues:* A statement of the issue or issues, the names of witnesses at the hearing, and the names of any persons consulted by the Board apart from the Commission staff, to be given.
- Contentions:* The contentions of the applicant to be stated in formal terms.
- Evidence:* A condensation of the evidence, both favourable and unfavourable, which is pertinent to and has a bearing on the contentions advanced, diagnosis and clinical findings to be included, with explanation in non-medical terms where possible to be stated.
- Inferences and presumptions:* The inferences and presumptions drawn by the Commission to be explained.
- The Law:* Legislation and published interpretations to be explained, pointing out the statutory and regulatory provisions governing entitlement benefits sought.
- Evaluation:* This to include an explanation or clarification of the reasoning which the Entitlement Board used in arriving