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RFA-1LC Electronic Submission Mandate

Electronic Submission Methods

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Overview





eForms - RFA-1LC transaction submission

11/02/2023: Subject Number 046-1636 announced mandate of the electronic submission of the *Request for Further Action by Legal Counsel (Form RFA-1LC)* starting in late 2024, with the following electronic options:



eForms Web App

Users submit eForm via eCase.



eForms REST API

Organizations can submit electronically using our REST API.



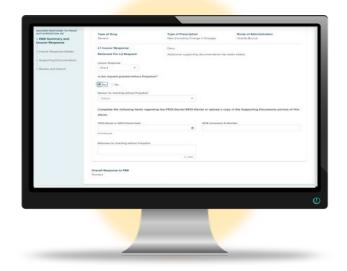
sFTP Process

Organizations can use our file-based Secure File Transfer Protocol (sFTP) to submit multiple RFA-1LC transactions in a single XML file.



Benefits of electronic submission

- Improved efficiencies, faster processing
- Improved user experience via guided form submission
- Near real-time feedback on submissions & immediate placement into case folder
- Benefits the injured worker





RFA-1LC Electronic Redesign



eForms – *RFA-1LC* categories and request reasons



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0	Claimant is not working and not receiving payments
0	Claimant has not been paid properly for lost time (current or past payments)
0	Claimant, Attorney, or Licensed Representative has not been paid per decision or was paid late
0	Payments need to be adjusted based on average weekly wage (AWW)
0	Claimant has concurrent employment
0	Claimant is entitled to reduced earnings
0	Claimant was convicted and has been released from incarceration (payments should resume)
- Me	dical
	Claimant has raised a hady part/acadition that is (a) in dispute, or (b) not accepted an a First Depart of Injury (FDOI) or (a) that should be added to an actablished accepted
	Claimant has raised a body part/condition that is (a) in dispute, or (b) not accepted on a First Report of Injury (FROI), or (c) that should be added to an established case
	Prior Authorization Request (PAR) was denied or granted in part by the Insurer
	Prior Authorization Request (PAR) was denied or granted in part by the Medical Director's Office (MDO)
	Claimant is at maximum medical improvement and agrees with insurer's IME permanency report or has obtained their own IME permanency report
	Medical and transportation reimbursement request has been denied by Insurer or has not been responded to within 60 calendar days
	Claimant is classified and has a change in condition
	Request for authorization of non-medical devices or services that fall outside the Prior Authorization Request(PAR) process
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	Claim is controverted and claimant did not attend or was not ready to proceed at the last hearing
	Claimant has discontinued or settled a lawsuit pertaining to this case
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	Request preclusion of medical report(s)

Request to Update Employer, Insurer, TPA information, and/or Date of Injury



eForms - RFA-1LC example

Request Reason: Claimant is not working and not receiving payments.

- Provide a payment reason, either "Payments were suspended and should be reinstated" or "Payments have not been made to date."
- Provide the degree of disability and begin/end dates.
- Is continuing payment requested? Y/N
- Is an expedited 45-day hearing needed? Y/N



Technical Overview





eForms – RFA-1LC transaction submission



eForms Web App

Users can submit *RFA-1LC* form data electronically using the eForms web application by signing into the eCase application. eCase will be the entry point to the eForms application.



eForms REST API

Organizations can submit *RFA-1LC* form data using our REST API. This method can be used to submit a single, real-time transaction through an automated transfer of the *RFA-1LC* form XML data to WCB.

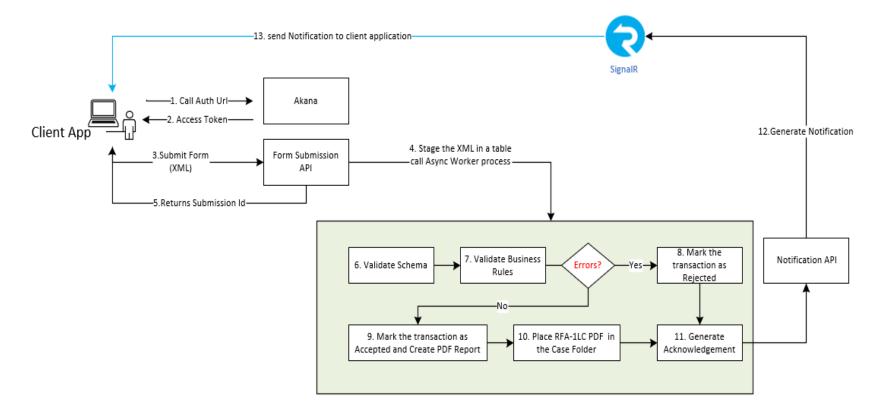


sFTP Process

Organizations can use our sFTP platform to submit multiple *RFA-1LC* form transactions in a single XML file.

RFA-1LC form submission – eForms REST API





RFA-1LC form submission – eForms REST API

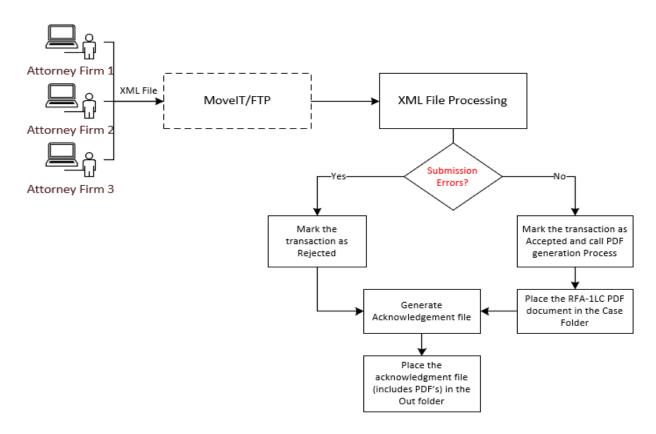


Requirements:

- Register with WCB to get access to eForms REST API.
- Complete series of test scenarios (in test environment) to finalize production access.
- Organization's client application submits RFA-1LC transaction in XML format.
- Transaction accepted following validation; API generates the case folder RFA-1LC PDF document as part of acknowledgement.
- Transaction that does not pass validation is marked as Rejected with specific rejection reason(s).
- Acknowledgement with Rejected/Accepted status through SignalR notifications. (Documentation will be provided.)

RFA-1LC form submission – SFTP process





RFA-1LC form submission – sFTP process



Requirements:

- Register with WCB to get credentials to access sFTP location.
- Complete series of test scenarios (in test environment) to finalize production access.
- Organization uploads XML file(s) to our sFTP server.
- WCB processes all submissions contained in the uploaded XML files, including an XML schema validation as well as functional validation checks.
- If the transaction passes all validation checks, the system marks it as Accepted.

 If the transaction does not pass all validation checks, it is marked as Rejected.
- For each XML file submitted, a corresponding XML acknowledgement file is created and stored on our sFTP server and contains acceptance/rejection status for each transaction and the RFA-1LC case folder PDF for each accepted transaction.



eForm Data Requirements





eForm data requirements

	Business Name	XML Name	Rule	Error Code	Error	Schema Validate	Element Error Text
	Event Code	EventCode	Must be equal to 'RFA-1LC'.	1008	Invalid code		Invalid code. Must be equal to 'RFA-1LC'.
	Reason Code	ReasonCode	Must contain values listed in the "List of				Invalid code. Must contain values listed in
			Valid Values" tab.	1008	Invalid code		the "List of Valid Values" tab.
	Reason Code Category	ReasonCodeCategory					
			Must contain values listed in the "List of				Invalid code. Must contain values listed in
Ļ			Valid Values" tab.	1008	Invalid code		the "List of Valid Values" tab.
1	WCB Case ID	WCBCaseID	Must contain a valid WCB Case Number in				
			correct format (which must be 8 characters				
			long, where the 1st and 2nd characters must				
			be A-Z or 0-9 and the 3rd through 8th				Invalid Case Number. Must be @@#####
ŀ			characters must be 0-9).	1002	Invalid format		with # = 0-9 and @ = A-Z or 0-9.
	WCB Case ID	WCBCaseID	WCB Case ID will be validated against the				Match data value not consistent with value
			Board's case to make sure it has at least one				listed on Board's case. Is in WCB Case for
			match for the following: Date of Injury		Corresponding data not		but no data element match found. Check
				1003	found	_	eCase.
	T	TransactionSequenceNumber	Must be unique number. Sequence number	4004			
	Transaction Sequence Number	-D-1-00	for submitted transactions. Must be in valid format of YYYY-MM-DD.		Must be unique Invalid format		Not a unique sequence number. Must be in valid format of YYYY-MM-DD.
	Date of Injury	<dateofinjury></dateofinjury>	Must be in valid format of YYYY-MM-DD.	1002			Must be in valid format of YYYY-MM-DD.
	Data affaire.	<dateofinjury></dateofinjury>	Must match valid date fields from CIS.	1003	Corresponding data not		Must match valid date fields from CIS.
ŀ	Date of Injury	DoiMonth	Must match valid date fields from cis.	1003	found		Must match valid date fields from Cis.
		DOIMOITH					
							Must be two digits (00, 12, etc.) Use 00 if
	Date of Injury Month		Two digits (01, 12, etc.) Use 00 if unknown.	1015	Must be valid content		unknown.
	bace of injury month	DoiDay	Two digits (01) 12) etail ose oo ii diikilowiii	1010	inast be vand content		Must be two digits (00, 31, etc.) Use 00 if
	Date of Injury Day	J	Two digits (01, 31, etc.) Use 00 if unknown.	1015	Must be valid content		unknown.
ŀ	bate or injury out	DoiYear	Four digits (1990, 2001, etc.) Use 0000 if	2020			Invalid content. Must be four digits (1990
Date of Injury Year			unknown.	1015	Must be valid content		2001, etc.) Use 0000 if unknown.
	, .,						, ,,
	Claimant Reduced Earning Status	ClaimantReducedEarningStatus	Must contain values listed in the "List of				Invalid value. Must contain values listed
	ľ	1	Valid Values" tab.	1009	Invalid code		the "List of Valid Values" tab.



Draft XML Submission Example







Case ID: 55555565

Name: Johnny Appleseed

DOI: 7/23/1990

Reason: Claimant is not working and not receiving payments

Payment status: "payments were suspended and should be reinstated"

From	То	Degree of Disability
8/1/2023	8/15/2023	100%
8/15/2023	10/24/2023	75%
CCP	Yes	
Expedited hearing	No	

Additional Proposed Findings: No

Reference doc ID: 985247514, Form Id MED-NARR, Received date 7/1/2023

Sample XML and XSD files



Sample XML

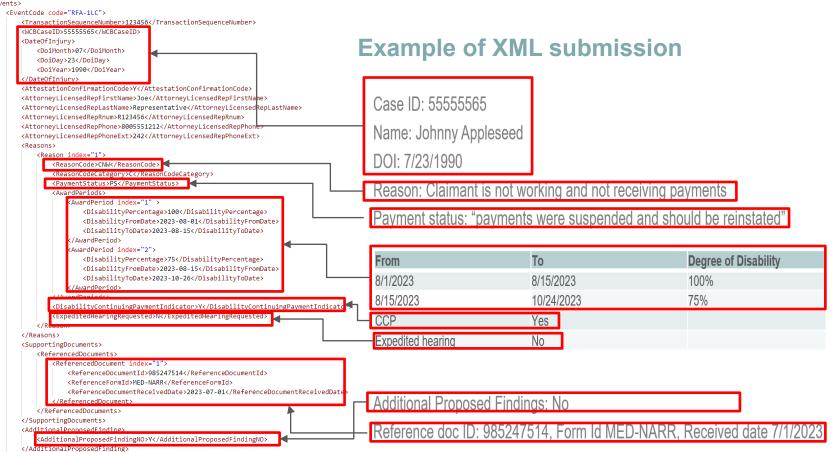
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k?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<eForms>
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        <APIHeader>
            <Submitter>clientIdGoesHere</Submitter>
            <Name>Test Firm Name
       </APIHeader>
    </Header>
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Sample XSD

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<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified" elementFormDefault="qualified" xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
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       <xs:complexType>
            <xs:seauence>
                <xs:element name="Header" type="HeaderType"/>
               <xs:element name="Events">
                    <xs:complexTvpe>
                       <xs:sequence>
                           <xs:element name="EventCode" maxOccurs="10">
                               <xs:complexType>
                                    <xs:sequence>
                                        <xs:element name="TransactionSequenceNumber" type="xs:positiveInteger" />
                                        <xs:element name="WCBCaseID" type="CaseNum"/>
                                        <xs:element name="DateOfInjury" type="DoiType"/>
                                        <xs:element name="AttestationConfirmationCode" type="YesNo"/>
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                                        <xs:element name="AttorneyLicensedRepLastName" type="NameType"/>
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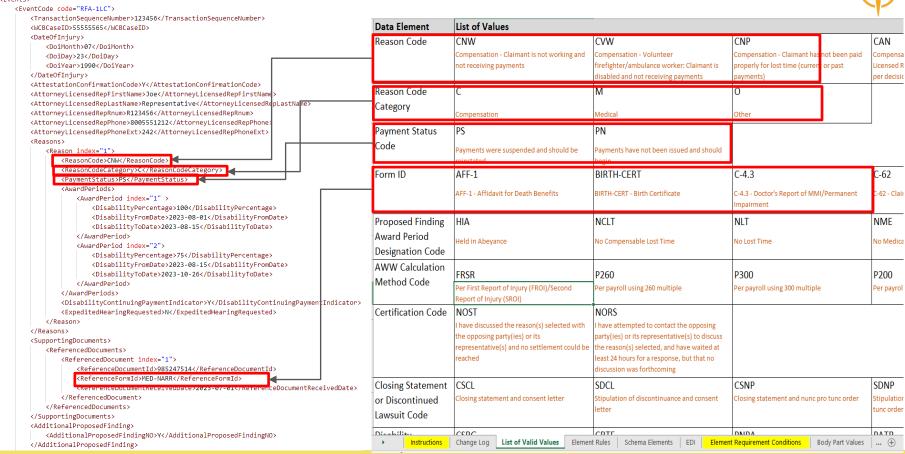
Example of XML mapping





List of valid values





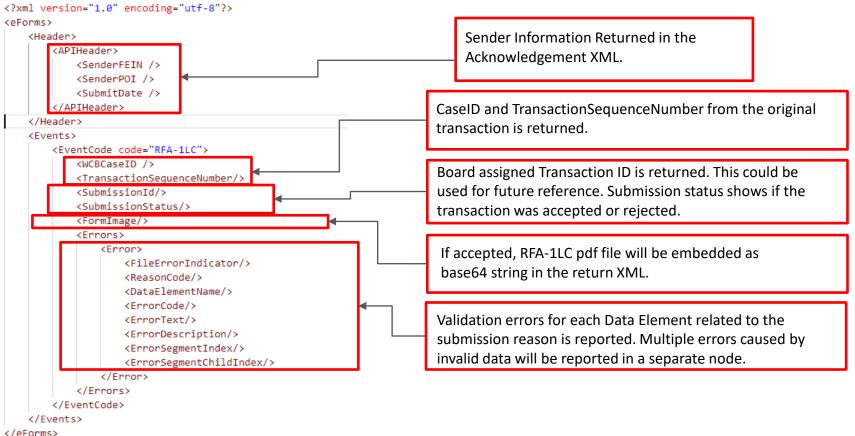
Mandatory sections of XML



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                                                                                                      in the XML in base64 string.
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      </ReferencedDocuments>
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                                                                                                      Each RFA-1LC must be certified by completing the
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                                                                                                      certification section of the XML.
      <CertificationCode></CertificationCode>
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      </AttemptedCertificationContacts>
  </Certification>
  <VirtualHearingIndicator></virtualHearingIndicator</pre>
/EventCode>
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Acknowledgement XML







Next Steps



Next steps - API/sFTP

- RFA-1LC go-live late 2024
 - Decision to use sFTP or REST API
 - WCB will post technical instructions & documentation
 - Beta testing summer 2024
 - Prep application based on WCB documentation
 - Work within test windows to validate submissions



Questions?

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