



**Assessment Review Board**

**Practice Direction on Combined Proceedings**

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There are situations in which the parties wish to have a number of appeals heard together. The Assessment Review Board's (the ARB) Rules of Practice and Procedure set out the situations in which appeals may be combined or heard together. This practice direction sets out the process by which parties may request that appeals be heard together or combined.

Rule 85 sets out the three implications of having appeals combined and are outlined below:

- Deadlines set for the procedural steps in the schedule of events, applies to each appeal.
- The parties to each appeal all become parties to the combined appeal.
- The evidence presented in the combined appeal applies to all of the appeals.

The Board may only combine proceedings with the consent of all parties.

If the parties to a group of appeals all agree that those appeals should be combined, they must request a combined proceeding in writing, setting out the:

- a) appeals to be combined;
- b) questions of fact, law or policy, common to the appeals; and
- c) written consent of all parties to the appeals.

The request must be sent to the Board by way of an Expedited Board Directions Form to [ARB.Registrar@ontario.ca](mailto:ARB.Registrar@ontario.ca) Reasons will be provided for any denied requests to combine proceedings.