

Sec. 31-91-37. Evidence

(a) The parties may offer such evidence as they desire and shall produce such additional evidence as the panel members may deem necessary to an understanding and determination of the dispute. The panel members shall be the judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence offered. Conformity to legal rules of evidence shall not be necessary. All evidence shall be taken in the presence of all panel members and both parties, except where any of the parties is absent, in default or has waived his right to be present.

(b) Documents, records and other pertinent data, when offered by either party, may be received in evidence by the panel. Written evidence must be submitted either in the original or proper copies thereof. The names and addresses of all witnesses and exhibits in order received shall be made a part of the case file and recorded on the official hearing forms supplied by the board. The panel shall not be required to return exhibits.

(c) In tripartite proceedings the parties shall be required to submit five copies of each exhibit to the chairman at the hearing: one copy for each of the three panel members; one copy for the other party; and one copy for the case file. In proceedings before a single arbitrator, three copies of each exhibit must be submitted.

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