EXAMPLES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The burden of proof rests with the Claimant. Submittal of supporting documentation is the responsibility of the Claimant and not the Board of Adjustment or the state agency against which the claim is filed.

Documentation may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. **PROOF OF ACCIDENT/INJURY/INCIDENT.** An official accident/incident report, a report from a supervisor or some other official, any other evidence to prove that the incident upon which claim is based did take place. Date of accident/incident should be included.

2. **UNINSURED MEDICAL EXPENSES.** Evidence (itemized bills) to show what treatment was provided, when it was provided, and the charge, as well as evidence of insurance filing and payments (insurance company summary sheets or claims reports, etc.) indicating what was paid by your insurance must be included. The Board of Adjustment will not make awards for injuries covered by private insurance. If claimant is not covered by insurance, this should be clearly stated.

3. **PERMANENT DISABILITY.** Evidence (usually a letter, statement, or report from physician) that claimant has reached maximum medical improvement (MMI) and is left with a disability stated in percentage of physical impairment to the whole body or whatever part (arm, leg, finger, etc...) is involved. Also include verification from your employer of rate of pay at time of injury.

4. **LOST WAGES AND/OR COMPENSATION FOR LEAVE USED.** Evidence from doctor (or some other official) that claimant was unable to work because of the accident/injury stated, verification from the employer of the time lost from work or the leave deducted and verification from the employer of the claimant’s rate of pay at the time of the accident/injury.

5. **DAMAGES TO PERSONAL PROPERTY.** Bills, receipts, estimates of repair, or any other document to substantiate the expense claimed. Identify the property involved (year, make and model of automobile, clothing, jewelry, etc.). If automobile, provide at least two estimates. The Board of Adjustment will not make awards for damage covered by private insurance. Coverage information and deductible amounts must be provided.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER EXPENSES.** Evidence to support and substantiate whatever miscellaneous expenses the Claimant chooses to claim. Examples: unpaid invoices from a prior fiscal year, expense incurred for travel 1/1/2005 40.5 cents/mile; 9/1/2005 48.5 cents/mile; 1/1/2006 44.5 cents/mile; 1/1/2007 48.5 cents/mile; 1/1/2008 50.5 cents/mile; 7/1/2008 58.5 cents/mile; 1/1/2009 55 cents/mile for medical treatment or home care, or any expenses incurred which do not fit the listed categories. Provide complete explanation of expenses claimed.

7. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.** Claims must be presented to the Board of Adjustment within one year after the date of the cause of action or within two years in claims for injury resulting in death.

The Board of Adjustment will not make awards for damage or injuries covered by private insurance. Complete information pertaining to insurance coverage must be included with the Claim Form.

Mail completed claim forms and all documentation to:

STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
600 DEXTER AVENUE, SUITE E-302
MONTGOMERY, AL 36130-1435
TELEPHONE (334) 242-7175/FAX (334) 242-2008

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State of Alabama
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Instructions for Filing a Claim with the Board of Adjustment
CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE

Claims filed against departments, boards, commissions and instrumentalities of the State of Alabama must be filed on the Claim Forms approved by the Board of Adjustment. **Claims filed on other forms or Claims not meeting the following criteria WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED to the Claimant.**

1. Claims filed on a photocopied or faxed copy of a blank or uncompleted Claim Form will be accepted for filing ONLY if all parts of the Claim Form appear on the copy. All entries made by a Claimant on the Claim Form should be **printed** in ink or typewritten.

2. You **must** file the original Claim Form with the Board. Copies of any supporting Documentation **must** be included with the Claim Form.

3. The Claimant’s **name, address and Social Security Number (FEIN if a business)** must be included in the spaces provided. If the Board of Adjustment authorizes an award, a check cannot be issued without this information. Claims without SSNs or FEINs cannot be processed and will be returned to the Claimant.

4. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.** State Law prohibits the Board of Adjustment from considering most types of claims that arose more than one year before the date the Claim is **filed** with the Board. Generally, the Claim Form must be **received in the Board’s office** within one year from the date of the accident or injury that is the basis of the Claim. **Section B.1. on the Claim Form must be completed.** Completed Claim Forms may be faxed to the Board, within 30 days of the statute of limitations, only to establish the Date of Filing, however a Claim Form with original signatures must be filed with the Board within (10) days; otherwise, the Claim will be barred by statute and returned to you.

5. **STATEMENT.** The **Statement of Facts** [Section B.3.] must be completed so that the department the Claim is filed against can understand the basis of the Claim. The State agency the claim is filed against **must** also be included.

6. **EXPENSES.** Itemize all expenses claimed in section C.1., D.5., E.3., F.1. and F.2. Include only those expenses that are specific to your claim. If requested information does not pertain to your claim, fill in the blank with N/A. **The Board of Adjustment will not make awards for damage or injuries covered by private insurance.** Complete information pertaining to insurance coverage must be included with the Claim Form. Total all expenses and enter that amount in Section H. of the Claim Form.

7. **SIGNATURES.** The Claim must be signed and the information that you provide verified as truthful under oath before a notary public. Claim Forms not containing both **original** signatures will be returned. Claims with photocopied signatures will not be accepted.

8. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.** The Claimant is responsible for including copies of all documents needed to support his/her Claim. Examples of Supporting Documentation are listed on the reverse side.

THE DEPARTMENT THE CLAIM IS FILED AGAINST HAS 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COPY OF THE CLAIM TO FILE AN ANSWER WITH THE BOARD ADMITTING LIABILITY OR DISPUTING THE CLAIM. The Board of Adjustment staff cannot settle your claim for you. The Board does not have money with which to pay claims. The payment of claims is the responsibility of the department the Claim is filed against ONLY IF liability is admitted by the department or determined by the Board.