

PERSONAL INJURIES ASSESSMENT BOARD

- The procedures pertaining to and details of the PIAB may be found at <https://www.piab.ie/>. The intention of this document is not to repeat the detail publicly available but, to provide an interpretation and recommendation in the handling of claims subject to Injury Board Proceedings.
- The PIAB is by its nature purely an Assessment Board. The Board will simply assess damages and hand down an Award. That Award holds the authority, standing and weight of a Court Order.
- The Board will not deal with liability or credibility issues.
- It is the function of the Board to award damages promptly, efficiently and without the historical delays and procrastination.
- It is the function of the Board to hand down its Award without red tape, without Court procedures and without the ancillary costs attached thereto.
- The Board in effect replaces the Court in assessment only cases. Research states, 92% of cases are historically settled before reaching the Courtroom. The Board provides the opportunity to the parties to remedy those cases and thereby free up the Courts to deal with the seriously contentious cases.
- A Plaintiff is entitled to obtain legal advice but must do so at his/her own expense.

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- An Insurer/Defendant (Respondent) is obliged to make early decisions particularly in relation to liability - 90 days from the institution of PIAB Proceedings. That said a, 'Consent' is not a formal admission. Liability may be reintroduced should Court Proceedings ensue.
- Contrary to much perception, the PIAB does not eliminate negotiations.
- Cases will be dealt with in the normal manner, pre-PIAB as pre-litigation.
- Negotiations and settlement may take place between the parties prior to the Plaintiff's application to the PIAB, during the 90 days to the Return Date and at any time prior to the Award.
- The PIAB will remedy the case should the parties fail to find agreement in advance.
- At all times, therefore, the opportunity to negotiate is open to the parties.
- In summary, the PIAB provides an efficient procedure to secure a timely Award, free of bureaucracy while eliminating legal costs estimated at 47%. In this way, a substantial saving is provided to Defendants and without penalty to the Plaintiff.