



## PDF & PCL Forms September 15, 2000

**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Centre for Study of Insurance Operations (CSIO) releases their forms in PDF and PCL5 format.

Toronto, September 15th, 2000 - CSIO, today announced the immediate availability of CSIO forms (both English and French) in PDF (Portable Document Format) and PCL5 (Printer Control Language) format as part of its ongoing forms initiative. CSIO members will soon be able to access and download these forms from the CSIO web-site at [www.csio.com](http://www.csio.com). PDF forms can be displayed on Windows based PCs using Adobe Acrobat Reader which is free to all users. Once displayed, the user can enter data into the form's boxes and print out the completed form at that moment. The PCL format is commonly used by broker and company computer systems to generate forms with imbedded data on laser printers. The PDF and PCL versions of CSIO forms will be circulated to CSIO members on a CD along with a copy of the Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Daphne Horn, CSIO Standards Specialist, is excited about the benefits that this new technology will bring to CSIO's members. "We see these computer based forms as an important first step towards a reduced reliance on paper forms in the industry. Over time, insurance companies and automation vendors will integrate PDF and PCL forms into their systems resulting in new workflow efficiencies and reduced costs." These forms can be used on Internet screens, PC networks and even laptops.

Klaas Westera, CSIO President, stated that "it has been clear for some time that a move towards computer based forms was a necessary step for the entire industry. CSIO's leadership in developing this new technology will save all of our members time and money in development and in paper costs. This initiative only marks the beginning of our efforts to expand our forms products and services even further down the road." CSIO will continue to support and enhance its library of paper forms into the foreseeable future.

The Centre for Study of Insurance Operations (CSIO) is a national organization, supported and funded by committed broker insurance companies and the brokerage community at large. Its mission is to assume a leadership role in facilitating the

continuous improvement in efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of insurance and complementary products and services to the client. CSIO is the Canadian organization responsible for the development and maintenance of industry standards in the areas of EDI, forms and web screen transactions.

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