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## New edition of *Manual 023*

Today we released a new edition of [Manual 023 Licensee Life-Cycle Management](#) that includes clarifications based on feedback received as part of the ongoing implementation of the Government of Alberta's [Liability Management Framework \(LMF\)](#), including the following:

- general administrative and editing clarifications
- the addition of definitions for active liability, inactive liability, and marginal liability
- the removal of references to closure spend forecasts and changes to support the end of the supplemental closure spend quota, first announced in [Bulletin 2023-35: Mandatory Closure Spend Quotas for 2024](#) (section 4)
- clarification of the security refund request process for liability programs identified in [Directive 088: Licensee Life-Cycle Management](#) (section 6)
- the incorporation of the following changes to the licensee capability assessment (LCA) that were introduced November 28, 2023:
  - an update to the closure spend parameter in the closure factor to use actual reported spend rather than estimated spend for all licensees
  - an update to the orphan fund levy compliance parameter in the administration factor to include late and payment plan data
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  - various bug fixes regarding data anomalies

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