**Section 200.1050 Evidence**

a) Admissibility: A party shall be entitled to present his or her case or defense by oral or documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct such cross‑examination as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts. Any oral or documentary evidence may be received, but a presiding hearing officer shall exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious. The rules of evidence and privilege applied in civil cases in the courts of the State of Illinois shall be followed; however, evidence not admissible under those rules of evidence may be admitted, except when precluded by statute, if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonable, prudent men in the conduct of their affairs. Subject to these requirements, when a hearing will be expedited and the interests of the parties will not be prejudiced, a hearing officer shall allow evidence to be received in written form.

b) Official Notice: Official notice may be taken of any material fact not appearing in evidence in the record if the circuit courts of this State could take judicial notice of that fact. In addition, notice may be taken of generally recognized technical or scientific facts within the Department's specialized knowledge.

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