



Manulife

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Potential WestJet Flight Attendants Strike

WestJet flight attendants may take strike action as of August 2, 2026. Effective July 17, 2026, Manulife Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance coverage may be affected. Any coverage available under Manulife travel insurance policies is subject to coordination of benefits and is secondary to other sources of compensation, including remedies offered by the airline or travel supplier, applicable credit card refunds, or other available coverage.

How the potential strike may impact Manulife travel insurance customers flying with

WestJet When flights are cancelled or modified due to the strike

If WestJet cancels, modifies, or interrupts flights because of the flight attendants strike, WestJet may be responsible for providing refunds, rebooking options, or travel credits to affected passengers.

You must approach the airline first to address these changes directly. If there are other compensation or remedies available to you, Manulife travel insurance policies are secondary to these primary sources, subject to other terms of the insured's policy. However, depending on the insured's specific circumstances and policy terms, certain benefits such as misconnection or travel disruption coverage may still apply (see policy for complete details).

When a WestJet flight is cancelled or interrupted before departure

- **Policy purchased before July 17, 2026:**
Misconnection or disruption benefits may apply (see policy for complete details).
- **Policy purchased on or after July 17, 2026:**
Benefits related to this potential strike may not apply, as we would consider this to be an announced strike, as per the policy.

When a WestJet flight is cancelled or interrupted after the insured has already departed

- **Policy purchased before July 17, 2026:**
If the potential strike causes a delay or disruption to an insured's return home, the insured may be covered under their policy's misconnection or disruption benefits (see policy for complete details).
- **Policy purchased on or after July 17, 2026:**
Benefits related to this potential strike may not apply, as we would consider this to be an announced strike, as per the policy.

Automatic extension of coverage

For eligible Manulife travel insurance policies purchased prior to July 17, 2026, coverage may be automatically extended for up to 72 hours if a common carrier or vehicle is delayed and prevents the insured from traveling on their policy expiry date. See the policy for complete terms and eligibility.