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INITIAL INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSING PROCESS

Please follow these instructions before applying for a new insurance producer license. **NOTE: The pre-licensing education and fingerprinting portion of these instructions do not apply to individuals adding a line of authority to an existing producer license. If adding a line of authority to an existing license, you may submit a licensing application online at www.sircon.com/pennsylvania or www.nipr.com after passing any required examination(s).**

PRE-LICENSING EDUCATION

- You must first complete 24 hours of pre-licensing education credits. A listing of approved courses can be obtained at http://www.sircon.com/pennsylvania by following these steps:
 - o click on "look up education courses/credits"
 - o select "approved courses inquiry"
 - o choose Pennsylvania as your state and then click the "submit" button
 - o change the education type to "pre-licensing education"
 - select your preferred instruction method or leave blank and then click the "submit" button by clicking on the provider's name you will then be given contact information and a link to available course offerings for that particular provider.
- The course provider will issue you a certificate of completion after you have successfully finished your prelicensing education course.

EXAMINATION

- After you have completed the pre-licensing education requirements, register for the appropriate insurance examination by contacting PSI Services LLC (PSI) at https://candidate.psiexams.com or 1-800-733-9267.
- Once your examination has been scheduled, you must bring a copy of your pre-licensing education certificate of completion and a valid form of identification with you to the testing center. Examples of acceptable identification would be a U.S. government-issued document such as a passport, state-issued driver's license or identification card or military identification. The document must have a current photo and include your signature, and the name on the identification must be the same as the name used to register for the examination. It is also strongly recommended that you bring a credit card with you (Visa, MasterCard or American Express) since you will be able to apply for your license at the testing center through Sircon or NIPR once you pass your examination.

APPLYING FOR YOUR LICENSE

- Once you have passed your examination, you are now eligible to apply for your producer license. You will be given the opportunity to submit a license application online through Sircon at http://www.sircon.com/pennsylvania or NIPR at www.nipr.com immediately after passing the exam, or you may choose to apply online using your own computer. The initial licensing application fee is \$55.
- For situations where an examination is not required (e.g. limited lines producer license, change of home state provision or the holding of a professional designation such as CIC, CPCU or CLU), we request that you apply electronically through Sircon at http://www.sircon.com/pennsylvania or NIPR at www.nipr.com to expedite the licensing process. You will then have to submit your fingerprints at an IdentoGO enrollment center per the instructions included in the fingerprinting section below.
- The option to apply using a paper application is available only if you are unable to apply online. You must include a cover letter explaining why you are unable to apply online; otherwise, the application will be returned along with a letter telling you to apply online. Be advised that the paper licensing process will be less convenient and may take considerably longer than the electronic method. If you must apply via paper, an application can be obtained from our website at www.insurance.pa.gov/licensees. After your license application has been received and reviewed by the Department, you will then be provided with instructions on how to submit your fingerprints at an IdentoGO enrollment center.
- You may view the status of your license application on our website at www.insurance.pa.gov/licensees. Once your license has been issued, you may obtain your license number and print your license from our website. Please be advised that the Department no longer mails licenses.

FINGERPRINTING

- Fingerprinting is required of all applicants for a new resident producer license and must be done at an IdentoGO enrollment center. Applicants are required to register online via the IdentoGO website at https://uenroll.identogo.com or by telephone at 844-321-2101 Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. EST. Following registration, the applicant will be provided with a registration number which they will take with them when they go to the IdentoGO site for fingerprinting. Applicants must be registered with IdentoGO prior to arriving at a fingerprinting site. When registering online an applicant must use the appropriate service code assigned to the Insurance Department, which is 1KG8Q3. Using the correct service code ensures the background check is processed for the correct agency and submitted for the correct purpose.
- The total fingerprinting fee is \$22.60. Payment is made at the IdentoGO center after the applicant's fingerprints have been submitted. Credit card, debit card, certified check or money order, are the only payment methods accepted. No cash transactions or personal checks will be accepted.
- As a reminder, individuals should not register for a fingerprinting appointment and submit their fingerprints until after they have passed any examination requirements and applied for licensure. <u>Any fingerprint results received without a corresponding license application will be destroyed, and individuals will be required to repay the fingerprinting fee and resubmit their fingerprints at an IdentoGO center.</u>