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INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Guidance—Discontinuation of Temporary Resident Producer Licensure; Notice 2020-21

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This notice is being issued to all insurers, insurance agencies and interested parties in this Commonwealth to provide information on the discontinuation of temporary resident producer licensure in this Commonwealth. This notice modifies notice 2020-12 published at 50 Pa.B. 2354 (May 2, 2020).

On April 22, 2020, to assure the continuity of certain vital insurance services and to address the disruption caused by the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in this Commonwealth, the Insurance Department (Department) issued notice 2020-12 to announce the Department's beginning of temporary resident producer licensure to qualifying individuals under section 609-A of The Insurance Department Act of 1921 (40 P.S. § 310.9). Since test centers are now operating, and online remote testing is available for insurance license examinations in the Commonwealth, the disruption caused by COVID-19 has been mitigated. Therefore, effective October 19, 2020, the Department will no longer accept applications for temporary licensure.

As a reminder, temporary producer licensees must adhere to the following terms and conditions to convert a temporary license to a full resident producer license:

- Individuals will be required to take and pass the appropriate producer licensing examination.
- Producer licensing examination sites adhere to the safety restrictions and guidelines to enforce social distancing established by Governor Tom Wolf and the Department of Health. Note that the operating status of an examination site is subject to change should such closure become necessary to protect the health of the public.
- The Department offers the option of remote testing for insurance license exams. Confirm that individuals meet all technical compatibility requirements when scheduling the examination.
- Be aware that the appointment with the sponsoring insurer will be cancelled when the individual's full resident producer license is issued.

If individuals take and pass the producer licensing exam while their temporary license is active:

- The examination score will be forwarded to the Department.
- The full resident producer license will be issued upon receipt of the individual's passing exam score.
- Individuals will receive an e-mail notification with their resident producer license number.

o Individuals do not need to submit a new application, pay a fee or complete a fingerprinting/background check.

If individuals take and pass the producer licensing exam within 6 months after their temporary license expires:

- The examination score will be automatically sent to the Department.
- Individuals do not need to submit a new application or pay a fee.
- Individuals must complete a fingerprinting/background check at an Identogo enrollment center. To pre-register and schedule an appointment, visit uenroll.identogo.com and enter service code 1KG8Q3.

If individuals take and pass the licensing exam 7 or more months after their temporary license expires:

- Individuals will be required to submit a new application and pay a fee.
- Individuals must complete a fingerprinting/back- ground check at an Identogo enrollment center. To pre-register and schedule an appointment, visit uenroll.identogo.com and enter service code 1KG8Q3.

Individuals with questions about this notice should contact the resource account, ra-in-producer@pa.gov, (717) 787-3840.

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