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Senate Bill 1598 passed during the 2021 legislative session and was signed into law. As a result, independent and public adjusting firms are now required to be licensed. Per section 626.112(9)(a), Florida Statutes, an individual, a firm, a partnership, a corporation, an association, or any other entity may not act in its own name or under a trade name, directly or indirectly, as an adjusting firm unless it complies with section 626.8696, Florida Statutes, with respect to possessing an adjusting firm license for each place of business that engages in an activity that may be performed only by a licensed insurance adjuster.

However, an adjusting firm that is owned and operated by a single licensed adjuster conducting business in his or her individual name and not employing or otherwise using the services of, or appointing, other adjusters is exempt from the adjusting firm licensing requirements.

To apply for an <u>independent adjusting firm</u> or <u>public adjusting firm</u> license, please apply through <u>MyProfile</u> on the Department's website. Note: A new "Adjusting Firm" MyProfile account will need to be created for the adjusting firm, regardless of whether you or your firm already have an existing MyProfile account. Once you log in, select "New License" in the menu on the right to complete the application.

If you have any questions, please email <u>agentlicensing@MyFloridaCFO.com</u> and the Department will be happy to assist you.