



An important producer reminder—watch your renewal dates PIA Licensing Compliance Central can help

New York has changed its licensing statutes and regulations to reflect the model licensing procedures of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). This means individuals licensed as insurance producers are undergoing a transition to license renewal dates that are based on their date of birth. One feature of the transition will be a unique licensing period that begins on the usual date but ends on a date reflecting the producer's birth date.

PIA would like to remind agency owners to share this important bulletin with their respective staff members, as many agency employees have individual licenses they need to track for renewal and continuing education purposes.

Sublicensee clarification

PIANY has received clarification from the New York State Insurance Department's Licensing Division on how a business entity license renewal will affect the sublicensees of the corporation. If any of the sublicensees are designated as having the lines of authority for the business entity license, they will be required to show proof of continuing education for that authority for the business entity license to renew. Agencies with current property/casualty agent business entity licenses will expire on June 30, 2008. For information on other business entity license renewals dates, logon to http://www.pia.org/IRC/qs/qs_other/QS31380business.pdf.

If your agency has corporate sublicensees who also hold individual licenses, their individual licenses will renew based on his or her birthdate, so sublicensees have to be cautious and watch all of their pending license renewals to be certain they have met the necessary continuing education requirements.

We're your education source

PIA offers many courses, both classroom and online, that can be used to meet your continuing education requirements. For a listing of upcoming classroom courses, logon to <http://www.pia.org/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/piaonline/edudesc3.cgi?state=NY>; or for information on self-study opportunities, be sure to check out our offerings at http://www.pia.org/EDU/etrain/learn_jump.shtml.

PIA's Licensing Compliance Central

PIA's Licensing Compliance Central offers an interactive section that will help you determine when your own license(s) (personal AND business) will complete the transition period.

This tool kit also offers your staff:

- a summary of New York's latest licensing changes and what they mean to you;
- continuing education requirements;
- information on the new flood insurance training requirements;
- access to upcoming PIA education courses; and
- other helpful licensing-related resources.

To learn more, click here. Link to <http://www.pia.org/IRC/licensing/>.

PIANY's Industry Resource Center staff also is available to assist you with your specific licensing inquiries at (800) 424-4244, by fax at (888) 225-6935 or by e-mail at resourcecenter@pia.org.

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