

Continuing Education Biennium Change West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner

The West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner has changed its continuing education biennium for a resident producer from a set biennium ending on June 30 every two years to coincide with a producer's license renewal/expiration date. This change was to bring West Virginia into compliance with the NAIC uniformity and reciprocity requirements, which were promulgated under the requirements of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Pub.L. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338). West Virginia will be compliant with the concurrent continuing education and licensing periods requirement.

Depending upon when a producer was first licensed, this transition may be effective immediately or occur over a period of time, all being contingent upon a producer's **First Active Date**. For newly licensed producers this change will be immediately implemented. For existing licenses, this change will be phased in.

For instance:

If a resident producer was licensed on or before June 30, 2011, he/she was required to be in compliance by the June 30, 2012 continuing education compliance date. The producer will not be required to be in compliance by the expiration date currently on his/her license. The continuing education compliance end date will be at the second renewal after the end of the June 30, 2012 biennium.

For Example:

NPN	Last Name	First Name	First Active Date	1st renewal Expiry Date	2nd renewal / CE Compliance Expiry Date
999999	Doe	John	7/28/2008	1/31/2013	1/31/2015

If a resident producer was licensed on or after July 1, 2011 he/she is required to be in compliance with CE by the expiration date currently on the license.

For Example:

NPN	Last Name	First Name	First Active Date	Renewal / CE Compliance Expiry Date
111111	Doe	Jane	7/1/2011	8/31/2013

**Expiration date is based upon the birth month schedule*

Sixty days prior to the expiration date of the license, notice will be mailed as a reminder of the continuing education requirement. Renewal of the license will also be due and will not be accepted if the continuing education requirement is not met.

West Virginia's compliance requirement remains the same, a producer must complete 24 hours of continuing education every biennium and of those credits, at least 3 must be from courses categorized as Ethics.

In order for a producer's license to continue, before the expiration date of the license, a producer must meet the continuing education requirement and renew the license.

To view a producer's transcript go to www.Sircon.com, select Lookup Education Courses/credits, select Continuing Education Transcript Inquiry.

This office respectfully requests that your records be updated effective immediately. Should you have any questions, you may go to www.wvinsurance.gov select Agent Licensing, Continuing Education Links or please contact the Agent Licensing Division at 304-558-0610.