

AGENT SERVICES

TO: All Surplus Lines Licensees
FROM: Agent Services Division
DATE: July 2, 2012
RE: North Carolina Surplus Lines License Renewals Ready on NIPR

North Carolina Surplus Lines individual and business entity licenses are now available for renewal through the National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR). Surplus Lines licensees can access their renewal applications through the new NIPR Producer Landing Page: http://www.nipr.com/producer_landing.htm. Notifications were sent to all Surplus Lines licensees notifying them of the process to complete their license renewal and Surplus Lines Renewal FAQs are available on the Department's website in the following location: http://www.ncdoi.com/ASD/ASD_Agents_Adj_FAQs.aspx.

Effective April 17, 2012, the North Carolina Licensing Office of Pearson VUE began providing administrative services on behalf of the Agent Services Division of the NC Department of Insurance. These services include, but are not limited to, renewal license application and new license application review/processing. Pearson VUE charges a processing fee for their services that is included in the Surplus Lines license renewal application fees in addition to all other current license fees.

All North Carolina Surplus Lines licenses expire annually on 8/31 each year and require completion of the NIPR renewal application and payment of renewal fee due by 8/31/2012. Failure to complete the renewal application and pay the renewal fee through NIPR will result in the Surplus Lines license expiring effective 8/31/2012.

Important License Reminders

In accordance with N.C.G.S. 58-21-40(d): "Each resident surplus lines licensee shall maintain active membership in a regulatory support organization (North Carolina Surplus Lines Association) as a condition of continued licensure." Furthermore, N.C.G.S. 58-21-65(d) provides "Any person who places surplus lines insurance without a valid surplus lines license in effect shall pay a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1000) and be subject to such other penalties as provided by law."

Legislation that May Impact Your License Renewal

Implementation of the Federal Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act (NRRRA) may impact your Surplus Lines licensure requirements in North Carolina. Effective July 21, 2011, NRRRA provides that only the insured's home state may require a surplus lines broker to be licensed to sell, solicit or negotiate nonadmitted insurance with respect to such insured. The Department has issued Bulletin 11-B-07 to outline these national regulatory changes that affects licensure requirements and the placement of nonadmitted insurance in North Carolina. Bulletin 11-B-07 is posted under Hot Topics on the Department's website in the following location: http://www.ncdoi.com/PC/PC_Surplus.aspx

If you have any questions regarding this license renewal process, contact:

- North Carolina Licensing Office of Pearson VUE - 866-265-6329 or e-mail at northcarolinalicensingoffice@pearson.com (business hours: 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. ET, M-F)