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BULLETIN NO. 21-02

TO: ALL PRODUCERS AND INSURERS TRANSACTING BUSINESS IN NEW JERSEY AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: MARLENE CARIDE, COMMISSIONER

RE: TERMINATION OF ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSES

On March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy declared a state of emergency and public health emergency through the issuance of Executive Order No. 103 (March 9, 2020) 52 N.J.R. 549(a) (April 6, 2020) (“EO 103”), to contain the spread of the Coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Banking and Insurance (“Department”), on May 1, 2020, issued Bulletin No. 20-21, which outlined procedures for the issuance of temporary insurance producer licenses due to the inability of applicants to take producer examinations. Bulletin No. 20-21 states that temporary resident producer licenses will be issued during the duration of the state of emergency and public health emergency declared by EO 103. The bulletin explains that the temporary producer license is valid “during the state of emergency and public health emergency declared by EO 103 and for 30 days thereafter or for 180 days from the date of issuance, whichever is shorter.”

On August 3, 2020 Bulletin No. 20-28 was issued to supplement Bulletin No. 20-21 and to explain how applicants could apply electronically for a temporary producer license through the National Insurance Producer Registry.

The PSI test centers resumed administering producer examinations on or about July 15, 2020. On September 11, 2020, the Department issued Bulletin No. 20-32, allowing remote testing for insurance producer and public adjuster licenses to commence. Remote producer examinations began on September 16, 2020.

Applicants for resident insurance producer licenses are now able to take the written examination required for issuance of a producer license either in person or remotely. Because the availability of remote testing removes the health risks associated with an in-person test during a pandemic, the need for temporary licenses as set forth in Bulletin No. 20-21 no longer exists.

Therefore, the Department will not accept temporary insurance producer applications based on the criteria of Bulletin No. 20-21 after January 31, 2021.

Temporary licenses that have been issued will continue in force, as set forth in Bulletin No. 20-21, until the applicant earns a regular license by passing the examination or the temporary license expires, which will not exceed the shorter of 180 days from the date of the issuance of the temporary license or 30 days after the end of the state of emergency and public health emergency declared by EO 103, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department's Insurance Licensing Unit at inslic@dobi.nj.gov.

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Date



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