

[certificate of qualification] LICENSE remains in effect until the DECISION OF THE Commissioner [renews the certificate of qualification] REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL IS FINAL.

[(f) (1) The Commissioner may not renew the certificate of qualification of an agent if, for 2 years before the date of renewal, the agent has not had any appointments from insurers doing business in the State.

(2) If the certificate of qualification of an agent is not renewed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commissioner may require the individual to pass an examination to determine the competency of the individual.]

[(g)] (F) The Commissioner may adopt regulations to:

(1) carry out this section; and

(2) develop a staggered system of renewals for [certificates of qualification] LICENSES of [agents and brokers] INSURANCE PRODUCERS.

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(a) (1) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the Commissioner shall require an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER to receive continuing education as a condition of renewing the [certificate of qualification] LICENSE of the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER.

(2) The Commissioner may not require an individual who holds [an agent's certificate of qualification, a broker's certificate of qualification, or both] A LICENSE to receive more than:

(i) 16 hours of continuing education per renewal period, if the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER has held a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE for less than 25 consecutive years; and

(ii) 8 hours of continuing education per renewal period, if the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER has held a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE for 25 or more consecutive years.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER may satisfy the continuing education requirements of this subsection by submitting to the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee:

(i) proof that the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER has completed at least 16 hours of continuing education for the applicable renewal period; or

(ii) proof that the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER has completed at least 8 hours of continuing education for the applicable renewal period and an affidavit that, over the previous 25 consecutive years, the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER continually:

1. has held [an agent's certificate of qualification or a broker's certificate of qualification] A LICENSE in the State; and