

2. has been employed in the selling of insurance in the State.

(4) (i) To increase the level of education of [agents and brokers] INSURANCE PRODUCERS, an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER shall obtain continuing education in the kind or subdivision of insurance for which the [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER has received a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE.

(ii) Each [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER who possesses a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE to sell health insurance and who sells long-term care insurance shall receive continuing education that directly relates to long-term care insurance.

(5) If continuing education is required, the Commissioner may grant a waiver to an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER who has requested a waiver for reasons that the Commissioner determines warrant the waiver.

(6) An insurer may not prohibit one of its [agents] INSURANCE PRODUCERS from obtaining continuing education credits from any course approved by the Commissioner.

(b) The following individuals are exempt from the continuing education requirements under this section:

(1) employees of a health maintenance organization who are employed solely to solicit membership in the health maintenance organization under a contract between the health maintenance organization and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(2) attorneys at law of the State who are qualified as title insurance [agents or brokers] PRODUCERS and who do not hold a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE in any other kind or subdivision of insurance; [and]

(3) INDIVIDUALS WHO HOLD ONLY A LIMITED LINES LICENSE TO ACT AS AN INSURANCE PRODUCER FOR LIMITED LINE CREDIT INSURANCE; AND

[(3)] (4) [agents or brokers] INSURANCE PRODUCERS who hold only a [restricted certificate of qualification] LIMITED LINES LICENSE in any type of insurance designated by the Commissioner.

[(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a nonresident certificate holder who is issued a certificate of qualification after completing the uniform application form under § 10-119.1 of this subtitle is exempt from the continuing education requirements of this section.

(2) A nonresident certificate holder whose state of residence does not have a continuing education requirement shall fulfill the continuing education requirements of this section.

(3) A nonresident certificate holder whose state of residence has a continuing education requirement shall fulfill all the requirements of the state of residence of the certificate holder.]