

*Virtual Meeting**(in lieu of meeting at the 2021 Summer National Meeting)***PRODUCER LICENSING (D) TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. ET / 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. CT / 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. MT / 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PT

**Meeting Summary Report**

The Producer Licensing (D) Task Force met Aug. 4, 2021. During this meeting, the Task Force:

1. Adopted its March 21 minutes.
2. Heard an update on state implementation of online examinations. Forty jurisdictions offer online examinations for producer licensing.
3. Discussed the anticipated referral from the Special (EX) Committee on Race and Insurance, which directs the Task Force to provide a report on the availability of producer licensing exams in foreign languages, the steps exam vendors have taken to mitigate cultural bias, and the number and location of producers by company compared to demographics in the area.
4. Discussed the review of the NAIC's *Guidelines for State Insurance Regulators to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994*, with a focus on how to simplify the guidelines for use by state insurance regulators as they assess the impact of criminal convictions and work toward greater consistency in the review of "1033 Waiver" requests.
5. Discussed an announcement in June from the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance (DOI) on a new pilot program for prospective insurance agents with criminal records. Under Pennsylvania's Preliminary Licensing Determination program, the DOI provides guidance to applicants with criminal records on how their specific convictions, history, and background may affect their ability to successfully apply for an insurance producer license. The DOI is offering this service to individuals working towards rehabilitating themselves and securing a career in the insurance industry.
6. Discussed draft procedures for amending the NAIC's Uniform Producer Licensing Applications. The purpose of the procedures is to provide guidance on the Task Force's consideration of proposed changes to the uniform applications in support of the NAIC members' goal of providing stable applications that encourage the use of electronic technology. The Task Force is exposing the draft procedures for a 30-day public comment period.
7. Received reports from the Producer Licensing (D) Working Group and the Uniform Education (D) Working Group. These groups have not met since the last Task Force meeting due to a vacancy in the chair of the Producer Licensing Uniformity (D) Working Group. A new chair and vice chair will be selected for this group.

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