



To: All Maryland Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Maryland Non-Resident Producer Title Insurance Licensees

For those holding a Non-Resident Producer license in the Title line of authority whose state of residence ('home state') **does not extend licensing reciprocity** to Maryland, the requirements for such license renewal applicants have recently been clarified by the Maryland Insurance Administration. The Insurance Administration has currently identified the following states that **do not** extend licensing reciprocity to Maryland: they are Pennsylvania, Texas, California and Washington. Review of other states' licensing reciprocity statutes is ongoing.

Individual licensees whose state of residence ('home state') **does not** extend licensing reciprocity to Maryland, **and** who are **seeking to renew** their Maryland Non-Resident Producer license will be required to provide documentation that he/she has accrued the requisite 16 hours of Continuing Education (3 hours of Ethics) in courses approved by the Maryland Insurance Administration. If said license seeking to be renewed expires, he/she will be considered a new applicant and subject to the initial Non-Resident requirements.

Individuals who **seek an initial** Non-Resident Producer license and whose state of residence ('home state') **does not extend licensing reciprocity** to Maryland:

- Complete the Maryland Pre-licensing class, or:
- In lieu thereof, submit an Insurance Education Waiver Application/Affidavit of Employer to the Maryland Insurance Administration based on title employment experience (forms and information may be found on the Insurance Administration website www.mdinsurance.state.md.us).
- After taking the Pre-licensing class or obtaining the waiver/affidavit;
- Take and pass the Licensing Exam;
- Submit application, along with proof of appropriate bond coverage

Current Non-Resident Producer licenses remain in effect until such a time as they must be renewed.

Licensing tests may be taken at any PSI (vendor-test administration) site. Locations may be found at corporate.psionline.com/testing-centers

All 16 hours of required Maryland Continuing Education may be taken on-line- there are no 'in classroom' requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact your Agency Representative or Agency Counsel.

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