

To: All South Carolina Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce – Statewide Online Tax Lien Registry

Due to the numerous calls and emails, the underwriting department has received, we felt it would be prudent to issue a bulletin in regards to the new database the State brought online.

In case you, or your abstractor has not seen this:

In an effort to streamline the process for employers, the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) will implement a statewide online tax lien registry for filing and indexing state tax liens May 3 (South Carolina Statute S.C. Code § 12-54-122). This means employers will only need to work with DEW to get Unemployment Insurance issued lien(s) satisfied rather than working with each county directly.

- After April 30, 2021, counties will no longer receive state tax liens, satisfactions, or expungements from DEW.
- Once DEW's tax lien registry is implemented, the clerks of courts and registers of deeds are relieved of any statutory obligations for filing and maintaining old or new state tax liens.

Instructions on how to access DEW's tax lien registry must be posted in each county where liens are generally filed.

The registry may be found online at https://uitax.dew.sc.gov/LienRegistry/registry

This search is in addition to the Department of Revenue Tax Lien database search you are already doing at https://dor.sc.gov/lienregistry

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