

Information for Virginia Nonresident Agents

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The Virginia Continuing Education program currently requires that nonresident agents submit a letter of certification as proof of their good standing in their home state (along with a fee) in order to be compliant with their Virginia CE requirement. To assure that the status is current, the submission must be made in the last six months of the biennium ending December 31, 2006.

However, as most states are no longer issuing letters of certification, the Virginia CE program will no longer require that nonresident agents submit a letter of certification. The CE Board's administrator, Thomson Prometric, will verify an agent's status through the NAIC's Producer Data Base (PDB).

This change and complete details will be reflected in the Virginia Continuing Education Information Handbook revision to be done this spring (available to nonresidents online or upon request). It will be highlighted in the 180-day warning letters that will be sent to all Virginia nonresident agents around July 1, 2006.

In addition, the Virginia Continuing Education Board is contemplating a procedural change that would enable nonresident agents to pay their fees online through Thomson Prometric's Web site. The payment would trigger an automatic PDB lookup by Thomson Prometric staff. If the agent is in good standing, a compliance confirmation would be released, either by email or in hard copy. If the agent is not in good standing, the agent would be informed either by email or hard copy with appropriate guidance.

The procedural changes, if adopted, will be included in the Handbook revision and the 180-day warning notices.