

IMPORTANT LICENSING CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010

Significant changes to the laws governing insurance adjusters take effect on July 1, 2010. The most important changes are described below.

Insurance Adjusters

- Insurance adjuster licenses will be issued with the following lines of authority: property and casualty, workers' compensation, and crop. All current independent and public adjuster licenses will be converted to the P&C line of authority on 7/1/2010. Public adjuster solicitor's and crop hail adjuster licenses will not change. Exams for the new lines of authority should be available in June 2010.
- Resident insurance adjusters will have continuing education requirements. Insurance adjuster continuing education will consist of 24 hours during each licensing period. At least 3 of those hours must be in a class or classes in the area of ethics.
- The license renewal date will change from October 31 to the last day of the adjuster's birth month. This change will be phased in according to the accompanying "Birth month renewals" chart.
- A distinction will now be made between resident and nonresident insurance adjusters in terms of a "home state," which means the District of Columbia and any U.S. state or territory in which an adjuster's principal place of residence or business is maintained and in which the adjuster is licensed as a resident adjuster. If the adjuster's resident state does not license adjusters for the line of authority sought, the adjuster may designate as the home state any state in which the adjuster is licensed and in good standing. Nonresident adjusters must maintain a resident adjuster license in their home state in order for their Minnesota nonresident adjuster license to remain valid.
- Insurance adjusters whose licenses expire will be able to reactivate them within 12 months of the renewal date by paying double fees.
- An applicant for a resident independent or public insurance adjuster license must submit fingerprints for a criminal history background check and pay an associated fee.

- Independent and public adjusters will start paying the \$40 technology surcharge.
- An exemption from the prelicensing examination requirement will be available to someone who is or was licensed in another state for the same line(s) of authority based on an adjuster examination, if the person is currently licensed in another state for the same line(s) of authority or if that state license for the same line(s) of authority has expired within the previous 90 days.
- An exemption from the prelicensing examination requirement will no longer be available to someone who has completed all parts of the Insurance Institute of America program in adjusting.
- Nonresident insurance adjusters who are occasionally in Minnesota to adjust a single loss will no longer be exempt from licensure.
- Certain statutory provisions affecting a “homeowner’s” rights with regard to a contract with a public adjuster have been extended to all insureds. The time within which such a contract can be cancelled has been extended to 72 hours.
- A public insurance adjuster must deposit funds managed on an insured’s behalf in an escrow or trust account meeting specified criteria.

Birth Month Renewals

Initial license issued in...	will renew in...
July 2010	October 2011
August 2010, birthday 1/1 to 7/31	Birth month 2012
August 2010, birthday 8/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2011
September 2010, birthday 1/1 to 8/31	Birth month 2012
September 2010, birthday 9/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2011
October 2010, birthday 1/1 to 9/30	Birth month 2012
October 2010, birthday 10/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2011
November 2010, birthday 1/1 to 10/31	Birth month 2012
November 2010, birthday 11/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2011
December 2010, birthday 1/1 to 11/30	Birth month 2012
December 2010, birthday 12/1-31	Birth month 2011
January 2011	Birth month 2012
February 2011, birthday 1/1-31	Birth month 2013
February 2011, birthday 2/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2012
March 2011, birthday 1/1 to 2/29	Birth month 2013
March 2011, birthday 3/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2012
April 2011, birthday 1/1 to 3/31	Birth month 2013
April 2011, birthday 4/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2012
May 2011, birthday 1/1 to 4/30	Birth month 2013
May 2011, birthday 5/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2012
June 2011, birthday 1/1 to 5/31	Birth month 2013
June 2011, birthday 6/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2012
July 2011, birthday 1/1 to 6/30	Birth month 2013
July 2011, birthday 7/1 to 12/31	Birth month 2012

☛ All of the above will owe full CE (24 hours, with 3 in ethics) and full fees.

For licenses **renewed in October 2010:**

Birthday in...	Will renew again in...
January	January 2012
February	February 2012
March	March 2012
April	April 2012
May	May 2012
June	June 2012
July	July 2012
August	August 2012
September	September 2012
October	October 2012
November	November 2011
December	December 2011

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December	December 2012

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I am currently licensed as an independent adjuster in fire and allied lines. What will happen to my license on July 1, 2010?

On July 1, 2010, all current independent and public adjuster licenses will be converted to the property and casualty line of authority. *Public adjuster solicitor's and crop hail adjuster licenses will not change.*

When will examinations for the new adjuster lines of authority be available?

The examinations could be available as soon as May or June, but please note that applications for the new lines of authority will not be available until July 1.

Is my license now due for renewal in my birth month in 2010?

The transition from biannual October 31 license renewals to biannual birth month renewals will be phased in over time, with the first birth month renewals taking place for affected adjusters in August 2011. Please note, however, that not everyone with a birthday in August will need to renew his or her license in 2011; it depends on when the license was originally issued and most recently renewed. Please see the "Birth Month Renewals" charts to determine when your license will be due for renewal in the future.

Will adding a line of authority to an active license change my license renewal date?

No.

With the transition to birth month renewals, will the amount of continuing education that I have due at license renewal be prorated depending on how long I have held the license?

No. After July 1, 2010, everyone will need to have completed 24 hours of continuing education, with at least 3 of those hours in ethics, to renew an independent or public adjuster license.

With the transition to birth month renewals, will the license fee be prorated depending on how long I have held the license?

No. As is the case currently, the full fee will be required in order to renew an adjuster license, regardless of how long that license has been held.

Will currently-licensed independent and public adjusters have to meet the new continuing education requirements when they renew their licenses in October 2010?

Yes. Currently-licensed independent and public adjusters who are due to renew their licenses in October 2010 or October 2011 will have 24 hours of continuing education due, with at least 3 of those hours in ethics.

Will independent and public adjusters have to start paying the \$40 technology surcharge?

Yes. Under state law, the technology fee is imposed on license fees for individual insurance, real estate, and real estate appraiser licenses that require continuing education. Because independent and public adjuster licenses now require continuing education, they are now subject to the technology surcharge as well.

What should I do to meet the requirement to submit fingerprints?

Your fingerprints will be taken at the test center before you sit for the exam.

I already hold a valid Minnesota insurance adjuster license. Do I need to submit my fingerprints?

Not unless you decide to add a line of authority.