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South Carolina Department of Insurance Continuing Insurance Education Reminder Notice Licensed Insurance Producers

In accordance with recently adopted changes to South Carolina Code of Regulations 69.50 VI. (D), all Continuing Education (CE) sponsors or instructors are required to provide a copy of this reminder notice to each attendee of a classroom course. The Regulation also requires all <u>correspondence</u> course sponsors to include this notice in all continuing education course material (12 pt. Font Bold). Note: course sponsors must maintain in their records for at least three years certification that a copy of this notice was distributed to each producer subscribing to their respective course.

- Effective January 1, 2017, a valid personal and/or business email address is required by law. Please visit <u>Online Services</u> to update your email address. The Department will no longer be mailing hard copy renewal notices to licensees.
- Effective January 2011, the deadline for biennially complying with continuing education and license renewal is the last day of the producer's month of birth. Producers born in an odd numbered year must comply by the last day of the birth month in an odd numbered year. Producers born in an even numbered year must comply by the last day of the birth month in an even numbered year.
- Producers must renew the license, obtain fingerprints, complete 24 hours of continuing education including a minimum of 3 hours of Ethics, and pay the <u>biennial recordkeeping</u> fee to the Continuing Education Administrator by the deadline or the producer license will lapse.
- Multi-line (property and casualty and life, accident and health) producers must complete
 twenty-four hours of CE credits. A minimum of eight (8) credit hours must be completed
 in each line of authority and a minimum of three (3) credit hours of Ethics.
- Producers with <u>reduced compliance requirements</u> (15 hours) must complete 12 hours in the line of authority held and 3 hours of Ethics. Multi-line producers with <u>reduced</u> <u>compliance requirements</u> (15 hours) must complete 6 hours in each line of authority and 3 hours of ethics. Failure to comply by the last day of the producer's birth month will result in the license being lapsed.
- Up to 18 CE hours in excess of the CE compliance period may be carried over and applied to the next compliance period. (The law allowing reduced CE compliance was repealed January 1, 2010. This Section applies only to those producers who were granted a reduced CE compliance prior to January 1, 2010.)
- An individual who arrives after the start of a CE class or leaves before the class is over will not receive credit for the continuing education classroom session, regardless of the number of hours completed during the class session. Instructors may deny credit to anyone who is inattentive (reading the newspaper, talking, texting, using cell phone, etc.).

All licensed resident insurance producers should first check the approved continuing education course list on Prometric's website (www.prometric.com/southcarolina) or contact Prometric at 800-490-6551 before taking a CE course. Courses taken from an unapproved sponsor or instructor will be declined.

Licensed insurance producers can check their continuing education status by calling Prometric at 1-800-490-6551, or by checking their transcript at Prometric's website: http://www.prometric.com/CE/scceprod