

(b) No person shall, directly or indirectly, act as a public adjuster, or receive for or because of services rendered in the adjustment of any claim or claims for loss or damage by fire or allied coverage under a policy or policies of insurance upon property within this State any money or commission or other thing of value, without first procuring a license to act as a public adjuster.

(c) The Commissioner shall issue such public adjuster licenses ONLY to individuals[, partnerships, associations or corporations, applying therefor,] whom he deems to be trustworthy and competent to transact business as public adjusters in such manner as to safeguard the interests of the public. [A license issued to a corporation, partnership or association shall authorize only the officers and directors of the corporation, or the members of the partnership or association, specified in the license, to act for the licensee in the adjustment of losses.]

[(d) The fee prescribed in § 41 shall be paid to the Commissioner by the applicant for such public adjuster's license at the time the application is made, and biennially for the renewal thereof. If the applicant be a corporation, partnership or association, such fee shall be paid for each individual specified in the license.]

(D) (1) ~~PRIOR TO TAKING AN EXAMINATION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY THE APPLICATION FEE PRESCRIBED UNDER § 41(4)(VII) OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(2) ~~ONCE AN APPLICANT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PASSED THE EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION OR IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO BE LICENSED, THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT THE APPLICABLE LICENSE FEE PRESCRIBED IN § 41(7)(I) OR (II) OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~(3) A PERSON NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXAMINATION SHALL PAY THE APPLICABLE LICENSE FEE PRESCRIBED IN § 41(7)(I) OR (II) OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(e) (1) Every public adjuster license shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of every odd-numbered year, but if an application for the renewal of any such certificate shall have been filed with the Commissioner before January first of any year the license sought to be renewed shall continue in full force and effect until the issuance by the Commissioner of the new license or until five days after the Commissioner shall have refused in writing to issue such new license and shall have served notice of such refusal on the applicant therefor.

(2) TO RENEW A PUBLIC ADJUSTER'S LICENSE, A LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER:

(I) A RENEWAL APPLICATION IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER; AND

(II) THE BIENNIAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEE PRESCRIBED BY § 41(7)(III) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(f) Before any original public adjuster license shall be issued by the Commissioner, there must be filed in his office a written application therefor. Such application shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner and must set forth (1) the name and address of the applicant[, and if the applicant be a partnership or association, the name and address of each member thereof, and if the applicant be a