

A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION EXPIRES ON THE FIRST JUNE 30 AFTER ITS EFFECTIVE DATE AND IN AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, UNLESS IT IS RENEWED FOR A 2-YEAR TERM AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) RENEWAL NOTICE.

AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION EXPIRES, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAIL TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION, AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE HOLDER:

(1) A RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM; AND

(2) A NOTICE THAT STATES:

(I) THE DATE BY WHICH THE COMMISSIONER MUST RECEIVE THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION EXPIRES; AND

(II) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.

(C) APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL.

BEFORE A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION EXPIRES, THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION MAY RENEW IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR TERM, IF THE HOLDER:

(1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION;

(2) FILES WITH THE COMMISSIONER A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE COMMISSIONER PROVIDES; AND

(3) PAYS TO THE COMMISSIONER A RENEWAL FEE.

(D) ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL; TIMELY APPLICATION.

(1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION OF EACH HOLDER WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL IS FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION MAY CONTINUE TO ACT AS A FRATERNAL BENEFIT AGENT UNDER THAT CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER RENEWS THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) and (d)(2) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, § 344E(5) and (6).

Subsection (b) of this section is standard language added to conform to the practice of the Commissioner for agents and to conform to similar provisions governing other State-related occupations. See, e.g., § 10-115 of this article.