

(2) IF THE HOLDER OF A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION PAYS THE APPLICABLE RENEWAL FEE BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION EXPIRES, THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER RENEWS OR REFUSES TO RENEW FOR CAUSE THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION.

(E) AGENTS WITH NO APPOINTMENTS.

(1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION OF AN AGENT IF, FOR 2 YEARS BEFORE THE DATE OF RENEWAL, THE AGENT HAS NOT HAD ANY APPOINTMENTS FROM INSURERS DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

(2) IF THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION OF AN AGENT IS NOT RENEWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO PASS AN EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE THE COMPETENCY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

(F) REGULATIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT A STAGGERED SYSTEM OF RENEWALS FOR CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION OF AGENTS AND BROKERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (c)(3), (d)(2), (e), and (f) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, §§ 170, 168(a) as it related to renewal, and the first sentence of 176(e).

Subsection (b) of this section, which provides for renewal notice, is new language added to conform to current practice of the Commissioner and to similar provisions governing other State regulated occupations.

Subsection (c)(1) of this section is new language added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law, *i.e.*, that to renew a certificate of qualification the holder otherwise be entitled to a certificate of qualification.

Subsection (c)(2) of this section is standard language added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law, *i.e.*, renewal application may be made only on the form provided by the Commissioner.

Subsection (d)(1) of this section is standard language added to state expressly that which only was implied in the former law, *i.e.*, the Commissioner shall renew the certificate of qualification of a qualified holder.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former phrase "unless prior thereto the certificate is revoked or suspended by the Commissioner or terminated under this section" is deleted as surplusage because a certificate of qualification that is revoked, suspended, or terminated is no longer in effect and need not be renewed.