

(4) A person who is employed by a health maintenance organization solely to solicit membership in the health maintenance organization pursuant to a contract between the health maintenance organization and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, whereby the Department obtains prepaid comprehensive health care services for recipients of medical assistance under § 15-105 of the Health - General Article, is not required to submit to a personal written examination under this section but is subject to § 173(d) of this article.

(5) A person, who for compensation in any manner has solicited, procured, or negotiated contracts for dental plan organizations continuously from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989, is not required to submit to a personal written examination under this section to act as an agent for a dental plan organization.

(6) A person, who for compensation in any manner has solicited, procured, or negotiated contracts for nonprofit health service plans continuously from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989, is not required to submit to a personal written examination under this section to act as an agent for a nonprofit health service plan.

(7) A person, who for compensation in any manner has solicited, procured, or negotiated contracts for health maintenance organizations continuously from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989, is not required to submit to a personal written examination under this section to act as an agent for a health maintenance organization.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

10-104.

(a) To qualify for a certificate of qualification as an agent or broker for insurance other than life insurance, health insurance, annuities, or limited lines as provided in §§ 10-122, 10-123, 10-124, and 10-125 of this subtitle, an individual applicant must meet the requirements of this section.

(b) An applicant must be of good character and trustworthy.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(1) so that the applicant is reasonably familiar with the kind or subdivision of insurance for which the applicant wants to be qualified, the applicant must complete successfully a program of studies that:

(i) ~~is offered by schools[,] OR insurance company schools[, or correspondence schools]; and~~

(ii) has been established or approved by the Commissioner;

(2) during the 3 years immediately preceding the date of application, the applicant must have been employed regularly for periods totaling at least 1 year:

(i) by the Administration as an employee or by an insurer, agent, or broker; and