

(2) If the holder of a certificate of qualification COMPLETES THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-116 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND 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) (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)] ~~(E)~~ (F) The Commissioner may adopt regulations to:

(1) CARRY OUT THIS SECTION; AND

(2) [carry] ~~CARRY OUT~~ DEVELOP a staggered system of renewals for certificates of qualification of agents and brokers.

[10-116.

As part of the continuing education requirements under this subtitle, the Commissioner shall require agents and brokers that sell or issue long-term care insurance to receive continuing education that directly relates to long-term care insurance before the agent or broker may offer long-term care insurance for sale.]

10-116.

(A) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE AN AGENT OR BROKER TO RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A CONDITION OF RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION OF THE AGENT OR BROKER.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS AN AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION, A BROKER'S CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION, OR BOTH TO RECEIVE MORE THAN:

(I) 16 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PER RENEWAL PERIOD, IF THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS HELD A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR LESS THAN 25 CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND

(II) 8 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PER RENEWAL PERIOD, IF THE AGENT OR BROKER HAS HELD A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR 25 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

(3) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN AGENT OR BROKER MAY SATISFY THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION BY SUBMITTING TO THE COMMISSIONER OR COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE: