

(2) IF ACTING FOR AN INSURER, an appointment from [an] THE insurer.

[(b)](D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER may not SELL, solicit, [take application,] OR negotiate[, procure, or make] any insurance ON BEHALF OF AN INSURER for which the [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER does not have an appointment.

(2) Without an appointment, an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER may:

(i) submit to an insurer an informal inquiry for any kind of life insurance, health insurance, or annuity for which the [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER has a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE if the insurer has a certificate of authority for the kind of insurance about which the inquiry is made; and

(ii) solicit an application for any kind of life insurance, health insurance, or annuity for which the [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER has a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE if the insurer to which the application is submitted has a certificate of authority for the kind of insurance requested in the application.

[(c) Before a person acts as a broker in the State, the person must obtain a certificate of qualification in the kind or subdivision of insurance for which the person intends to act as a broker.]

[(d)](E) Before a [limited liability company, partnership, or corporation] BUSINESS ENTITY may accept in its own name compensation for acting as an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER in the State, the [limited liability company, partnership, or corporation] BUSINESS ENTITY must obtain:

(1) a [certificate of qualification] LICENSE in the kind or subdivision of insurance for which the [limited liability company, partnership, or corporation] BUSINESS ENTITY intends to act as an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER; and

(2) an appointment for the kind or subdivision of insurance for which it intends to act as [agent] AN INSURANCE PRODUCER ON BEHALF OF AN INSURER.

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(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) A LICENSE TO ACT AS AN INSURANCE PRODUCER FOR INSURANCE OTHER THAN LIFE INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, OR ANNUITIES;

(2) A LIMITED LINES LICENSE TO ACT AS AN INSURANCE PRODUCER FOR LIMITED LINE CREDIT INSURANCE OTHER THAN CREDIT LIFE INSURANCE OR CREDIT HEALTH INSURANCE; AND

(3) A LIMITED LINES LICENSE TO ACT AS AN INSURANCE PRODUCER FOR A LINE OF INSURANCE DESCRIBED IN §§ 10-122 THROUGH 10-125 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(a)](B) To qualify for a [certificate of qualification as an agent or broker for insurance other than life insurance, health insurance, or annuities, or a restricted