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**NOTICE**

TO: All Admitted Insurers, Business Entities, and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Changes to California's Non-Resident Fingerprint Requirement

Most states do not require fingerprints from their resident applicants as a condition to obtain an insurance producer license. Consequently for consumer protection reasons, in addition to requiring fingerprints from its resident applicants, the California Department of Insurance (CDI) mandated that all non-resident applicants must be fingerprinted as a condition of obtaining an insurance producer license.

However, in an effort to move towards full reciprocity with other states in regards to non-resident licensing, beginning on March 1, 2010, CDI will no longer require fingerprints from applicants who were previously fingerprinted as a condition of obtaining an insurance producer license in their resident state.

This exemption applies to individuals who currently hold a resident license in the following states: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut¹ Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Washington. To qualify for the exemption non-resident applicants must have been fingerprinted as a condition of obtaining their resident license in these states. Therefore, non-resident applicants who currently hold a resident license in these states but were never fingerprinted because they were licensed prior to the state implementing the fingerprint requirement will still need to be fingerprinted as a condition of obtaining a non-resident license in California.

The list of states that the fingerprint exemption applies will be updated as additional states mandate the fingerprint requirement as a condition to obtain a resident insurance producer license. We will issue subsequent notices when there are changes to this list.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, we encourage you to visit CDI's Website at www.insurance.ca.gov You may also e-mail the Producer Licensing Bureau at <https://interactive.web.insurance.ca.gov/pli/servlet/InformationRequest> or call the CDI's Producer Licensing Hotline at (800) 967-9331 or (916) 322-3555. Please be sure to include your name, telephone number, license number and e-mail address in all correspondence with the CDI.

¹Connecticut does not fingerprint its resident insurance producer applicants. Connecticut does, however, fingerprint their bail agents.