

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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INSURANCE PRODUCERS—PRELICENSING EDUCATION

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LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 6, 2023 9:12 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1061** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Ryu, Corry, and Reeves

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1 AN ACT Relating to the elimination of prelicensing education  
2 requirements for licensed insurance producers; and amending RCW  
3 48.17.090.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.17.090 and 2009 c 162 s 15 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) An individual applying for a resident insurance producer  
8 license shall make application to the commissioner on the uniform  
9 application and declare under penalty of refusal, suspension, or  
10 revocation of the license that the statements made in the application  
11 are true, correct, and complete to the best of the individual's  
12 knowledge and belief. As a part of or in connection with the  
13 application, the individual applicant shall furnish information  
14 concerning the applicant's identity, including fingerprints for  
15 submission to the Washington state patrol, the federal bureau of  
16 investigation, and any governmental agency or entity authorized to  
17 receive this information for a state and national criminal history  
18 background check. If, in the process of verifying fingerprints,  
19 business records, or other information, the commissioner's office  
20 incurs fees or charges from another governmental agency or from a

1 business firm, the amount of the fees or charges shall be paid to the  
2 commissioner's office by the applicant.

3 (2) Before approving the application, the commissioner shall find  
4 that the individual:

5 (a) Is at least eighteen years of age;

6 (b) Has not committed any act that is a ground for denial,  
7 suspension, or revocation set forth in RCW 48.17.530;

8 ~~((Has completed a prelicensing course of study for the lines  
9 of authority for which the person has applied;~~

10 ~~(d))~~ Has paid the fees set forth in RCW 48.14.010; and

11 ~~((e))~~ (d) Has successfully passed the examinations for the  
12 lines of authority for which the person has applied.

13 (3) A resident business entity acting as an insurance producer is  
14 required to obtain an insurance producer license. Application shall  
15 be made using the uniform business entity application, and the  
16 individual signing the application shall declare under penalty of  
17 refusal, suspension, or revocation of the license that the statements  
18 made in the application are true, correct, and complete to the best  
19 of the individual's knowledge and belief. Before approving the  
20 application, the commissioner shall find that:

21 (a) The business entity has paid the fees set forth in RCW  
22 48.14.010;

23 (b) The business entity has designated a licensed insurance  
24 producer responsible for the business entity's compliance with the  
25 insurance laws and rules of this state; and

26 (c) The business entity has not committed any act that is a  
27 ground for denial, suspension, or revocation set forth in RCW  
28 48.17.530.

29 (4) A resident business entity acting as a title insurance agent  
30 is required to obtain a title insurance agent license. Application  
31 shall be made to the commissioner on the uniform business entity  
32 application, and the individual submitting the application shall  
33 declare under penalty of refusal, suspension, or revocation of the  
34 license that the statements made in the application are true,  
35 correct, and complete to the best of the individual's knowledge and  
36 belief. Before approving the application, the commissioner shall find  
37 that the business entity:

38 (a) Has paid the fees set forth in RCW 48.14.010;

39 (b) Maintains a lawfully established place of business in this  
40 state;

1           (c) Is empowered to be a title insurance agent under a members'  
2 agreement, if a limited liability company, or by its articles of  
3 incorporation;  
4           (d) Is appointed as an agent by one or more authorized title  
5 insurance companies; and  
6           (e) Has complied with RCW 48.29.155 and 48.29.160.  
7           (5) The commissioner may require any documents reasonably  
8 necessary to verify the information contained in an application and  
9 may, from time to time, require any licensed insurance producer or  
10 title insurance agent to produce the information called for in an  
11 application for license.

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