

ii. Is regulated, supervised and examined by federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies; and

iii. Has been determined by either the Commissioner, or the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC, to meet such standards of financial condition and standing as are considered necessary and appropriate to regulate the quality of financial institutions whose letters of credit will be acceptable to the Commissioner; or

2. As used elsewhere in this subchapter means an institution that:

i. Is organized or, in the case of a branch or agency office of a foreign banking organization in the United States, licensed, under the laws of the United States or any state thereof and has been granted authority to operate with fiduciary powers; and

ii. Is regulated, supervised and examined by federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies.

“Reinsurance” means a contractual arrangement, as evidenced by a written agreement, whereby an insurer, for some consideration, agrees to indemnify a ceding insurer, for all or part of a loss which the ceding insurer may incur under one or more policies that the ceding insurer has or will issue.

“Reinsurance intermediary” means a reinsurance intermediary-broker or a reinsurance intermediary-manager.

“Reinsurance intermediary-broker” means a person, other than an officer or employee of the ceding insurer, which solicits, negotiates or places reinsurance cessions or retrocessions on behalf of a ceding insurer without the authority or power to bind reinsurance on behalf of that insurer unless expressly provided in a broker of record letter.

“Reinsurance intermediary-manager” means a person which has authority to bind or manages all or part of the assumed reinsurance business of a reinsurer, including the management of a separate division, department or underwriting office, and acts as an agent for that reinsurer whether known as a reinsurance intermediary-manager, manager or other similar term, except that the following persons shall not be considered a reinsurance intermediary-manager, with respect to that reinsurer, for the purposes of this subchapter:

1. An employee of the reinsurer;
2. A United States manager of a United States branch of an alien reinsurer;
3. An underwriting manager which, pursuant to contract, manages all or part of the reinsurance operations of the reinsurer, is under common control with the reinsurer, subject to N.J.S.A. 17:27A-1 et seq., and whose compen-

sation is not solely based on the volume of premiums written;

4. The manager of a group, association, pool or organization of insurers which engage in joint underwriting or joint reinsurance and who are subject to examination by the insurance commissioner or other similar regulatory officer of the state in which the manager’s principal business office is located;

5. A licensed attorney-at-law who negotiates contracts or provides general financial counsel provided no commission or brokerage fee is provided.

“Substantially similar standards” means standards on credit for reinsurance which the Commissioner determines are equal to or exceed the standards of this subchapter.

“Surplus as regards policyholders” means the net assets of the insurer or assuming insurer.

Amended by R.1993 d.557, effective November 15, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4289(a), 25 N.J.R. 5184(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.3, effective January 2, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3278(b), 28 N.J.R. 152(b).

In the definition of “beneficiary” added 2.

11:2-28.3 Reinsurer licensed in New Jersey

An insurer shall be permitted to take a credit for reinsurance ceded to an assuming insurer where the assuming insurer is licensed to transact business in this State as of the date of the ceding insurer’s statutory financial statement, except as limited in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:2-27.

11:2-28.4 Reinsurer accredited in New Jersey

(a) An insurer shall be permitted to take a credit for reinsurance ceded to an assuming insurer where the assuming insurer is accredited as a reinsurer in this State as of the date of the ceding insurer’s statutory financial statement. An accredited reinsurer is one which meets all of the following standards:

1. Files with the Commissioner a letter requesting approval for accreditation and listing the information upon which it will rely and is submitting in connection therewith;
2. Submits a non-refundable filing fee made payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey, of \$1,000 for an initial filing and \$1,000 for a renewal filing;
3. Files with the Commissioner a properly executed form AR-1 (incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 1 in the Appendix) which establishes that it submits to this State’s jurisdiction and this State’s authority to examine its books and records;
4. Files with the Commissioner a certified copy of a certificate of authority, a certificate of compliance or an equivalent document which has been properly notarized, as evidence that it is currently licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state or, in the case of

a United States branch of an assuming alien insurer, is entered through and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state;

5. Files annually with the Commissioner:

- i. A copy of its most recent annual statement filed with the insurance department of its state of domicile;
- ii. Its most recent audited financial statement;
- iii. A current actuarial opinion which certifies:

(1) For a property and casualty insurer, to the adequacy of the loss and loss adjustment expense reserves; or

(2) For a life and health assuming insurer that:

(A) Its policy reserves are adequate;

(B) It satisfies all minimum capital and surplus requirements in all states in which it is licensed to transact business; and

(C) That its capital and surplus levels are adequate relative to its distribution by type and level of risk of its invested assets and the business being written, and attaches any and all documents in support thereof; and

iv. The quarterly statement for the quarter immediately preceding the application, except for renewals which shall require the quarterly statement due May 15;

6. Either:

i. Maintains a surplus as regards policyholders in an amount not less than \$20,000,000 and whose accreditation has not been denied by the Commissioner within 120 days of filing its submission with the Commissioner; or

ii. Maintains a surplus as regards policyholders of less than \$20,000,000 whose accreditation has been approved by the Commissioner; and

7. Provides any additional information which may include, but is not limited to, information which the Commissioner deems necessary to ensure that the particular reinsurer's condition and methods of operation are not such as would render its operations hazardous to the public or its policyholders.

(b) The above information shall be filed with the Commissioner at:

Attention: Reinsurance Accreditation
 Division of Financial Examinations
 Department of Insurance
 20 West State Street
 PO Box 325
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0325

(c) Except for applicants for accreditation that maintain surplus as regards policyholders of less than \$20,000,000, an initial application for accreditation shall be deemed approved unless the Commissioner transmits a letter to the filer, within 120 days from the date of the filing of the completed application identifying the reasons upon which the Commissioner has denied the filer's accreditation. Where a filing is deemed approved, the initial approval shall be valid until August 31. If the initial approval is issued after June 1, it shall be deemed valid until August 31, of the following year.

(d) A reinsurer shall apply for renewal of its accreditation annually at the address in (b) above, to the attention of "Renewal Reinsurance Accreditation." The reinsurer shall file its application for renewal no later than June 1 of any year in which it seeks to continue its accreditation and shall submit updated information as required in (a) above.

(e) A renewal filed in accordance with the above shall be deemed approved unless denied by the Commissioner prior to August 31.

(f) An accredited reinsurer shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the occurrence of any of the following actions taken against it by any state or jurisdiction:

1. Any limitation on its ability to write new or renewal business;
2. Any delinquency proceedings;
3. The suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of its certificate of authority in any state or jurisdiction;
4. An order or any action by any state or jurisdiction which requires it to cease writing new or renewal business; or
5. Any action by any state or jurisdiction requiring that the reinsurer file a plan or any document to increase its capital, for example, a risk based capital plan.

(g) Where the Commissioner determines that an assuming insurer has failed to maintain any of the qualifications set forth in (a)1 through 7 and (f) above, after written notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., the Commissioner may revoke or refuse to renew the assuming insurer's accreditation.

(h) The Department shall promulgate annually on October 31, a list of accredited reinsurers. The list shall be published in the New Jersey Register as a public notice.

(i) An insurer shall be prohibited from reporting a credit with respect to reinsurance ceded after 90 days from the date an assuming insurer has had its accreditation denied, revoked or nonrenewed.

Amended by R.1993 d.557, effective November 15, 1993.
 See: 25 N.J.R. 4289(a), 25 N.J.R. 5184(a).

Public Notice: List of accredited reinsurers.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 4836(a).
 Public Notice: List of accredited reinsurers.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 5058(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.3, effective January 2, 1996.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 3278(b), 28 N.J.R. 152(b).
 Public Notice: List of accredited reinsurers.
 See: 29 N.J.R. 5339(a).

11:2-28.5 Reinsurer domiciled and licensed in another state or jurisdiction which employs substantially similar standards to this subchapter

(a) An insurer shall be permitted to take a credit for reinsurance ceded to an assuming insurer which, as of the date of the ceding insurer's statutory financial statement:

1. Is domiciled and licensed in, or in the case of a United States branch of an alien assuming insurer, is entered through and licensed in, a state which employs substantially similar standards regarding credit for reinsurance to those set forth in this subchapter;

2. Submits a non-refundable filing fee of \$250.00 made payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey;

3. Files with the Commissioner a certified copy of a certificate of authority, a certificate of compliance or an equivalent document which has been properly notarized as evidence that it is licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in its state of domicile or, in the case of a United States branch of an assuming alien insurer, is entered through and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state;

4. Files with the Commissioner a properly executed form AR-1 (see Appendix) as evidence that it submits to this State's jurisdiction and authority to examine its books and records;

5. Files with the Commissioner a certification executed by an authorized officer of the reinsurer which certifies that the reinsurer's condition and method of operations are financially sound and will not render its operations hazardous to the public or its policyholders as determined by the factors set forth at N.J.A.C. 11:2-27.3. The officer shall certify that:

i. For a life and health assuming insurer, that:

- (1) Its policy reserves are adequate; and
- (2) It satisfies all minimum capital and surplus requirements in all states in which it is licensed to transact business; and

(3) Its capital and surplus levels are adequate relative to its distribution by type and level of risk of its invested assets and the business being written, and attaches any and all documents in support thereof;

ii. For a property and casualty assuming insurer, that net premium written to surplus as to policyholders does not exceed a 3:1 premium to surplus ratio and loss and loss adjustment expense reserve liability to surplus

does not exceed a 4:1 ratio as of the date of the certified balance sheet from its most recent annual statement; and

iii. Except for reinsurance ceded and assumed pursuant to pooling arrangements among insurers in the same holding company system, that it maintains a surplus as regards policyholders in an amount not less than \$20,000,000;

6. A reinsurer shall append to the certification set forth in (a)5 above, a certified balance sheet from the reinsurer's most recent annual statement;

7. Within 90 days from the date of receipt of the completed filing, the filing shall either be deemed approved or the Commissioner shall transmit a letter to the filer which identifies the reasons upon which the Commissioner has found that either the reinsurer's state or jurisdiction of domicile does not employ substantially similar standards or the reinsurer otherwise fails to satisfy the requirements of this subchapter;

8. A reinsurer authorized pursuant to this section shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the occurrence of any of the following actions taken against it by any state or jurisdiction:

i. Any limitation on its ability to write new or renewal business;

ii. Any delinquency proceedings;

iii. A suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of its certificate of authority in any state or jurisdiction;

iv. An order or any action by any state or jurisdiction which requires it to cease writing new or renewal business; or

v. Any action, by any state or jurisdiction, requiring that the reinsurer file a plan or any document to increase its capital, for example, a risk based capital plan.

9. The above information shall be filed with the Commissioner at:

Attention: Reinsurance—Similar Standards
 Division of Financial Examinations
 New Jersey Department of Insurance
 20 West State Street
 PO Box 325
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0325

Amended by R.1996 d.3, effective January 2, 1996.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 3278(b), 28 N.J.R. 152(b).

11:2-28.6 Reinsurer maintaining trust funds

(a) An insurer shall be permitted to take a credit for reinsurance ceded to an assuming insurer where as of the date of the ceding insurer's statutory financial statement the assuming insurer meets the standards set forth in (a)1 and 2

below, in accordance with the procedures set forth in (a)3 through 8 below:

1. The assuming insurer maintains a trust fund in an amount prescribed in (b) below in a qualified United States financial institution for the payment of the valid claims of its United States policyholders and ceding insurers, their assigns and successors in interest.

2. The assuming insurer files with the Commissioner a letter requesting authorization to provide reinsurance. The letter shall specify: that the reinsurer seeks authorization based on the fact that it maintains trust funds for the benefit of its ceding insurers and United States policyholders; the location of the trust funds; and a list of documents and information submitted therewith and upon which the assuming insurer shall rely in connection with its request for authorization. The reinsurer shall submit to the Commissioner the following:

i. A nonrefundable filing fee made payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey of \$1,000 for an initial filing and \$1,000 for a renewal filing;

ii. A properly executed form AR-1;

iii. A description of which categories of insurance are effected by the cessions;

iv. A certification executed by an authorized officer of the reinsurer which certifies that the reinsurer's condition and method of operations are financially sound and will not render its operations hazardous to the public or its policyholders as determined in accordance with the factors set forth at N.J.A.C. 11:2-27.3. The officer shall certify:

(1) For a life and health assuming insurer, that:

(A) Its policy reserves are adequate;

(B) It satisfies all minimum capital and surplus requirements in all states in which it is licensed to transact business; and

(C) Its capital and surplus levels are adequate relative to its distribution by type and level of risk of its invested assets and the business being written, together with any and all documents in support thereof;

(2) For a property and casualty assuming insurer, that net premium written to surplus as to policyholders does not exceed a 3:1 premium to surplus ratio and loss and loss adjustment expense reserve liability to surplus does not exceed a 4:1 ratio as of the date of the certified balance sheet from its most recent annual statement; and

(3) To the accuracy of the information required by (b) below;

v. A certified balance sheet from the reinsurer's most recent annual statement; and

vi. A list of the assets of the trust certified by the trustee.

3. The information in (a)1 and 2 shall be filed with the Commissioner at:

Attention: Reinsurance Trust Fund
Division of Financial Examinations
New Jersey Department of Insurance
20 West State Street
CN 325
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

4. A reinsurer shall reapply for authorization annually at the address set forth in (a)3 above no later than June 1 of each year.

5. Within 30 days from receipt of the information in (a)1 and 2 above the Commissioner shall notify the filer of any deficiencies in its submission and the filer shall have 30 days to cure such deficiencies.

6. Within 90 days from the date of receipt of the completed filing, the filing shall either be deemed approved or the Commissioner shall transmit a letter to the filer which identifies the reasons upon which he or she has relied to determine that the filer has not met the requirements of this section and that insurers shall be prohibited from reporting credits for reinsurance for insurance ceded to the filer.

7. A reinsurer authorized pursuant to this section shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the occurrence of any of the following actions taken against it by any state or jurisdiction:

i. Any limitation on its new or renewal business;

ii. Any delinquency proceedings;

iii. Its certificate of authority is suspended, revoked or nonrenewed in any state or jurisdiction;

iv. An order has been entered or any action has been taken by any state or jurisdiction which requires it to cease writing new or renewal business; or

v. Any action, by any state or jurisdiction, requiring that the reinsurer file a plan or any document to increase its capital, for example, a risk based capital plan.

8. An assuming insurer shall report annually to the Commissioner substantially the same information as that required to be reported on the NAIC annual statement form by licensed insurers to be evaluated by the Commissioner, including, but not limited to: a recent actuarial opinion which certifies to the adequacy of the loss and loss adjustment expense reserve liabilities, and, where applicable, life and health reserve liabilities, in order to determine the sufficiency of the trust fund; and any additional information the Commissioner deems necessary to ensure that the assuming insurer's condition and method of operation are not such as would render its operations hazardous to the public or policyholders in this State.