

TITLE 11

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

CHAPTER 1
ADMINISTRATION

Authority

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Source and Effective Date

R.2001 d.75, effective January 31, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 4184(a), 33 N.J.R. 794(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 1, Administration, expires on January 31, 2006.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 1, Plan of Organization of the Department of Insurance, was adopted as R.1971 d.11, effective January 20, 1971, and codified at N.J.A.C. 11:1 Subchapter 1. Notice was not published in the New Jersey Register.

Subchapter 3, Cancellation for Nonpayment of Premium Where Producer of Record Has Advanced Premium, was adopted as R.1972 d.168, effective August 25, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 128(b), 4 N.J.R. 221(b).

Subchapter 2, Filings; Property-Liability, was adopted as R.1973 d.120, effective May 1, 1973. See: 5 N.J.R. 113(a), 5 N.J.R. 190(b).

Subchapter 5, Administrative Orders and Declarations, was adopted as Emergency New Rule, R.1974 d.237, and the Motor Vehicle Liability Security Fund was declared exhausted, effective August 22, 1974. See: 6 N.J.R. 351(d).

Subchapter 4, Unfair Discrimination, was adopted as R.1975 d.128, effective September 1, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 168(a), 7 N.J.R. 276(b).

Subchapter 6, New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association, was adopted as R.1975 d.170, effective July 1, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 229(a), 7 N.J.R. 334(b).

Subchapter 10, Insurance Licensing of Financial Institutions, was adopted as R.1976 d.166, effective May 27, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 233(a), 8 N.J.R. 300(c).

Subchapter 11, Conduct Constituting Violations by Brokers and Agents, was adopted as R.1976 d.235, effective July 22, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 287(e), 8 N.J.R. 398(b).

Subchapter 7, Service and Placement Fees, was adopted as R.1976 d.266, effective August 23, 1976. See: 7 N.J.R. 468(a), 8 N.J.R. 422(b).

Subchapter 8, Property-Casualty Agents, was adopted as R.1976 d.267, effective October 1, 1976. See: 7 N.J.R. 469(a), 8 N.J.R. 423(a).

Subchapter 12, Corporate and Partnership Licensee Requirements, was adopted as R.1976 d.412, effective December 16, 1976, operative March 1, 1977. See: 8 N.J.R. 421(c), 9 N.J.R. 24(b).

Subchapter 13, Disclosure Agreements for Motor Club Service Contracts Sold in Connection with Automobile Insurance Policies, was adopted as R.1982 d.177, effective June 7, 1982, operative August 15, 1982. See: 13 N.J.R. 879(b), 14 N.J.R. 579(a).

Subchapter 14, Insurance Licensees, was adopted as R.1982 d.336, effective October 4, 1982, operative November 19, 1982. See: 14 N.J.R. 748(a), 14 N.J.R. 1099(b).

Subchapter 9, Agents for Life Insurance, Health Insurance and Annuity Contracts-Temporary Licensing, was adopted as R.1983 d.603, effective January 3, 1984. See: 15 N.J.R. 1828(a), 16 N.J.R. 49(c).

The Executive Order No. 66(1978) expiration date of Subchapter 5, Administrative Orders and Declarations, was extended by gubernatorial directive from June 6, 1984 to September 6, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 1451(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 5, Administrative Orders and Declarations, was readopted as R.1984 d.426, effective October 1, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 1689(a), 16 N.J.R. 2677(a), 17 N.J.R. 2566(a).

Subchapter 15, Petitions for Rules, was adopted as R.1984 d.511, effective November 5, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 2224(b), 16 N.J.R. 3033(b).

Subchapter 10, Insurance Licensing of Financial Institutions, was repealed by R.1985 d.69, effective February 19, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 2919(a), 17 N.J.R. 458(a).

Subchapter 20, Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Property and Casualty/Liability Insurance Policies, was adopted as Emergency New Rule, R.1985 d.507, effective September 17, 1985, to expire November 16, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2460(a). The provisions of R.1985 d.507 were readopted without change as R.1985 d.627 effective November 16, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2978(b). The provisions of R.1985 d.626 were readopted without change as R.1986 d.27, effective January 14, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 419(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 20, Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Property and Casualty/Liability Insurance Policies, was readopted as R.1985 d.627, effective November 16, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2978(b).

Subchapter 21, Loss Reserve Opinions, was adopted as R.1985 d.711, effective January 21, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2596(a), 18 N.J.R. 196(b).

Subchapter 18, Approval of Business Names, was adopted as R.1986 d.10, effective February 3, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 41(a), 18 N.J.R. 278(a).

Subchapter 19, Branch Offices, was adopted as R.1986 d.11, effective February 3, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 42(a), 18 N.J.R. 280(a).

Subchapter 20, Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Property and Casualty/Liability Insurance Policies, was repealed, and Subchapter 20, Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Commercial and Homeowners' Insurance Policies, was adopted as new rules, effective July 7, 1986, with portions operative July 28, 1986, and Subchapter 22, Prohibition of Certain Cancellation and Nonrenewal Activity, was adopted as R.1986 d.272, effective July 7, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 457(b), 18 N.J.R. 1388(a).

Subchapter 16, Requirements for Filing a Downward Deviation in Currently Approved Rates, was adopted as R.1986 d.478, effective December 15, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 1998(a), 18 N.J.R. 2458(a).

Subchapter 25, Official Department Mailing List: Address Information, was adopted as R.1988 d.64, effective February 1, 1988. See: 19 N.J.R. 2236(a), 20 N.J.R. 294(b).

Subchapter 9, Agents for Life Insurance, Health Insurance and Annuity Contracts-Temporary Licensing, Subchapter 14, Insurance Licensees, Subchapter 18, Approval of Business Names, and Subchapter 19, Branch Offices, were repealed by R.1988 d.186, effective April 18, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 225(c), 20 N.J.R. 904(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 20, Cancellation and Nonrenewal of Commercial and Homeowners' Insurance Policies, and Subchapter 22, Prohibition of Certain Cancellation and Nonrenewal Activity, were readopted as R.1988 d.341, effective June 24, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 1061(a), 20 N.J.R. 1720(a).

Subchapter 10, Admission Requirements for Foreign and Alien Property and Casualty Insurers, was adopted as new rules by R.1989 d.329, effective June 19, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 426(a), 21 N.J.R. 1702(a).

Subchapter 26, Annual Publication of Insurer Profitability Information, was adopted as R.1989 d.538, effective October 16, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 2181(a), 21 N.J.R. 3297(c).

Subchapter 3, Cancellation for Nonpayment of Premium Where Producer of Record Has Advanced Premium, Subchapter 7, Service and Placement Fees, Subchapter 8, Property-Casualty Agents, and Subchapter 13, Disclosure Agreements for Motor Club Service Contracts Sold in Connection with Automobile Insurance Policies, were repealed by R.1990 d.11, effective January 2, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 1317(a), 22 N.J.R. 30(b).

Subchapter 28, Formation of a Domestic Property and Casualty Insurance Corporation (Stock or Mutual) or Reciprocal Insurance Exchange, was adopted as R.1990 d.162, effective March 19, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3607(a), 22 N.J.R. 954(b), 22 N.J.R. 1266(a).

Subchapter 29, Temporary Certificate of Authority, was adopted as R.1991 d.15, effective January 7, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 2453(a), 23 N.J.R. 100(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 1, Administration, was readopted as R.1991 d.101, effective January 31, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3686(a), 23 N.J.R. 690(b).

Subchapter 32, Fees was adopted as new rules by R.1991 d.303, effective June 17, 1991, operative July 1, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 825(a), 23 N.J.R. 1948(a).

Subchapter 6, New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association, was repealed, and a new Subchapter 6, New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Assessment Premium Surcharge was adopted as new rules by R.1991 d.461, effective September 3, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 823(b), 23 N.J.R. 2638(a).

Subchapter 33, Public Advocate Reimbursement Disputes, was adopted as new rules by R.1993 d.179, effective April 19, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 2706(a), 25 N.J.R. 1764(c).

Subchapter 35, Insurance Holding Company Systems, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1993 d.445, effective August 16, 1993, to expire October 15, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 4275(a). The provisions of R.1993 d.445 were readopted without change as R.1993 d.554, effective October 15, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 4275(a), 25 N.J.R. 5170(b).

Subchapter 36, Examination of Insurers, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1993 d.446, effective August 16, 1993, to expire October 15, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 4284(a). The provisions of R.1993 d.446 were readopted as R.1993 d.555, effective October 15, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 4284(a), 25 N.J.R. 5180(a).

Subchapter 3, Disability Discrimination Grievance Procedure, was adopted as new rules by R.1993 d.618, effective December 6, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 1327(a), 25 N.J.R. 5666(b). Subchapter 3 is exempt from expiration under 28 C.F.R. Part 35.

Subchapter 34, Surplus Lines: Exportable List, was adopted as new rules by R.1994 d.7, effective January 3, 1994. See: 24 N.J.R. 4331(a), 26 N.J.R. 236(b).

Subchapter 31, Surplus Lines Insurer Eligibility, was adopted as new rules by R.1994 d.102, effective February 22, 1994. See: 25 N.J.R. 1819(a), 26 N.J.R. 1096(a).

Subchapter 37, Licensing of Public Adjusters, was adopted as new rules by R.1994 d.207, effective April 18, 1994. See: 25 N.J.R. 5432(a), 26 N.J.R. 327(a), 26 N.J.R. 1711(a).

Subchapter 7, Medical Malpractice Reporting Requirements, was adopted as new rules by R.1994 d.493, effective September 19, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 1433(a), 26 N.J.R. 3864(a).

Subchapter 39, Disclosure of Material Transactions, was adopted as new rules by R.1995 d.234, effective May 1, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 816(a), 27 N.J.R. 1802(a).

Subchapter 21A, Actuarial Opinion and Memorandum for Life/Health Insurers, was adopted as new rules by R.1995 d.605, effective November 20, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2998(a), 27 N.J.R. 4720(a).

Subchapter 26, Annual Publication of Insurer Profitability Information, Subchapter 29, Temporary Certificate of Authority, and Subchapter 33, Public Advocate Reimbursement Disputes, were repealed by R.1996 d.116, effective March 4, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 4121(a), 28 N.J.R. 1382(a).

Subchapter 38, Oversight of Fireman's Relief Associations, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.125, effective March 4, 1996, operative March 4, 1996, except for N.J.A.C. 11:1-38.4 which shall be operative January 1, 1997. See: 27 N.J.R. 634(a), 28 N.J.R. 1384(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 1, Administration, was readopted as R.1996 d.116, effective January 31, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 4121(a), 28 N.J.R. 1382(a).

Petition for Rulemaking. See: 29 N.J.R. 707(c), 29 N.J.R. 948(b).

Subchapter 41, Surety Bonds for Contracts Involving the State, Local Contracting Units, Boards of Education, State Colleges and County Colleges, was adopted as R.1996 d.496, effective October 21, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 3505(a), 28 N.J.R. 4582(a).

Subchapter 38, Oversight of Firemen's Relief Associations, was adopted as R.1996 d.125, effective March 4, 1996, operative March 4, 1996, except for N.J.A.C. 11:1-38.4 which became operative July 1, 1997. See: 27 N.J.R. 634(a), 28 N.J.R. 1384(a), 29 N.J.R. 425(a).

Subchapter 43, Unusual Hardship For Covered Claims Under The New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association and New Jersey Surplus Lines Insurance Guaranty Fund, was adopted as R.1997 d.512, effective December 1, 1997. See: 29 N.J.R. 3765(a), 29 N.J.R. 5065(b).

Subchapter 24, Use of Credit Cards, Charge Cards, Debit Cards Or Direct Account Deduction (Alternative Payment Method) To Pay Insurance Premiums, was adopted as R.1998 d.276, effective June 1, 1998. See: 29 N.J.R. 3588(a), 30 N.J.R. 2003(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 1, Administration, was readopted as R.2001 d.75, effective January 31, 2001. See: 32 N.J.R. 4184(a), 33 N.J.R. 794(a).

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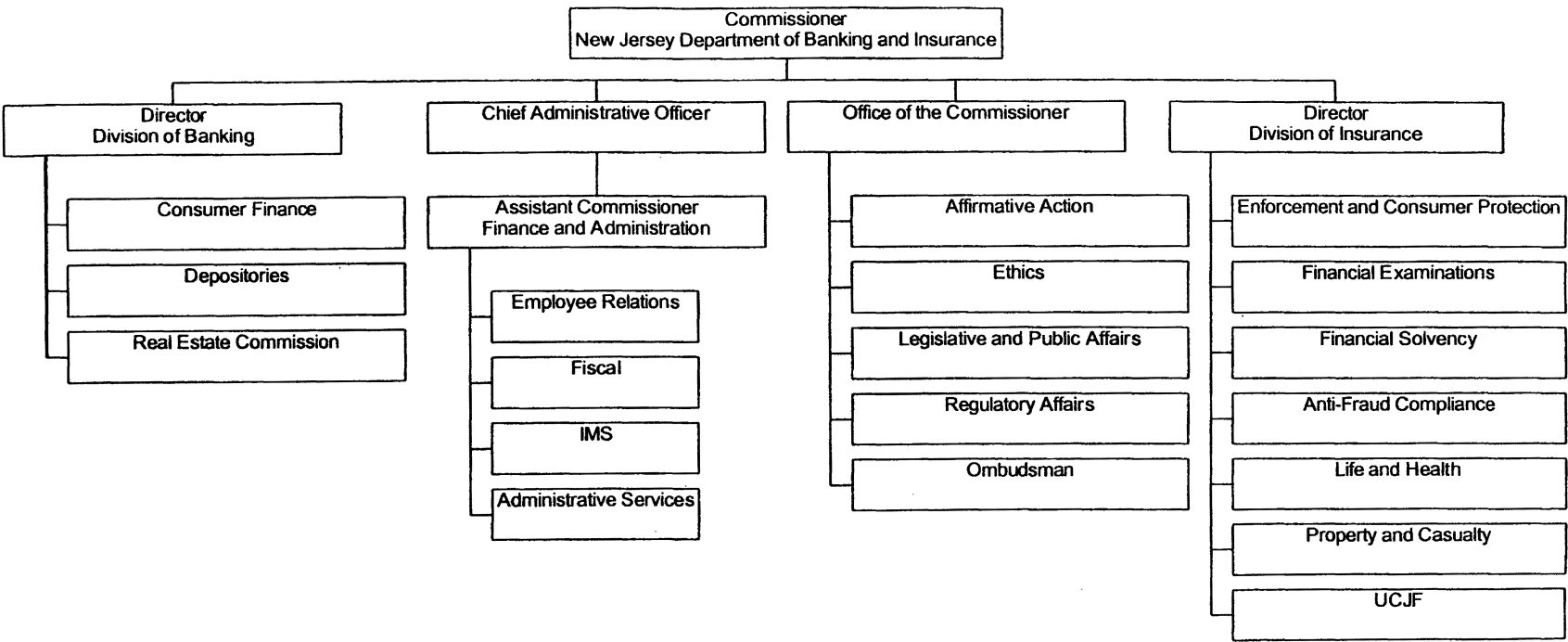
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SUBCHAPTER 1. ORGANIZATION

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE



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Amended by R.1973 d.195, effective July 24, 1973.
 See: 5 N.J.R. 282(c).
 Amended by R.1974 d.89, effective April 9, 1974.

See: 6 N.J.R. 199(a).
 Amended by R.1988 d.1, effective December 1, 1987.
 See: 20 N.J.R. 99(a).

ITEM 4. LOANS OR EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT TO A NONAFFILIATE

If the transaction involves a loan or extension of credit to any person who is not an affiliate, furnish a brief description of the agreement or understanding whereby the proceeds of the proposed transaction, in whole or in substantial part, are to be used to make loans or extensions of credit to, to purchase the assets of, or to make investments in, any affiliate of the insurer making such loans or extensions of credit, and specify in what manner the proceeds are to be used to loan to, extend credit to, purchase assets of, or make investments in, any affiliate. Describe the amount and source of funds, securities, property or other consideration for the loan or extension of credit and, if the transaction is one involving consideration other than cash, a description of its cost and its fair market value together with an explanation of the basis for evaluation. Furnish a brief statement as to the effect of the transaction upon the insurer's surplus.

No notice need be given if the loan or extension of credit is one which equals less than, in the case of non-life insurers, the lesser of 3 percent of the insurer's admitted assets or 25 percent of surplus as regards policyholders or, with respect to life insurers, 3 percent of the insurer's admitted assets, each as of the 31st day of December next preceding.

ITEM 5. REINSURANCE

If the transaction is a reinsurance agreement or modification thereto, as described in N.J.S.A. 17:27A-4a(2)(c), furnish a description of the known and/or estimated amount of liability to be ceded and/or assumed in each calendar year, the period of time during which the agreement will be in effect, and a statement whether an agreement or understanding exists between the insurer and non-affiliate to the effect that any portion of the assets constituting the consideration for the agreement will be transferred to one or more of the insurer's affiliates. Furnish a brief description of the consideration involved in the transaction, and a brief statement as to the effect of the transaction upon the insurer's surplus.

No notice need be given for reinsurance agreements or modifications thereto if the reinsurance premium or a change in the insurer's liabilities in connection with the reinsurance agreement or modification thereto is less than 5 percent of the insurer's surplus as regards policyholders, as of the 31st day of December next preceding.

ITEM 6. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS, SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS

For management and service agreements, furnish:

- (a) A brief description of the managerial responsibilities, or services to be performed.

- (b) A brief description of the agreement, including a statement of its duration, together with brief descriptions of the basis for compensation and the terms under which payment or compensation is to be made.

For cost-sharing arrangements, furnish:

- (a) A brief description of the purpose of the agreement.
- (b) A description of the period of time during which the agreement is to be in effect.
- (c) A brief description of each party's expenses or costs covered by the agreement.
- (d) A brief description of the accounting basis to be used in calculating each party's costs under the agreement.

ITEM 7. SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

Signature and certification required as follows:

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 17:27A-4, _____ has caused this notice to be duly signed on its behalf in the City of _____ and State of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 19____.

(SEAL) _____
 Name of Applicant

BY _____
 (Name) (Title)

Attest:

 (Signature of Officer)

 (Title)

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned deposes and says that (s)he has duly executed the attached notice dated _____, 19____, for and on behalf of _____; that (s)he is the _____ of such company and that (s)he is authorized to execute and file such instrument. Deponent further says that (s)he is familiar with such instrument and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief.

(Signature) _____
 (Type or print name beneath) _____

EXHIBIT E

FORM E

PRE-ACQUISITION NOTIFICATION FORM REGARDING THE POTENTIAL COMPETITIVE IMPACT OF A PROPOSED MERGER OR ACQUISITION BY A NON-DOMICILIARY INSURER DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OR BY A DOMESTIC INSURER

Name of Applicant

Name of Other Person
Involved in Merger or Acquisition

Filed with the Insurance Department of

Dated: _____, 19____

Name, title, address and telephone number of person completing this statement:

ITEM 1. NAME AND ADDRESS

State the names and addresses of the persons who hereby provide notice of their involvement in a pending acquisition or change in corporate control.

ITEM 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF AFFILIATED COMPANIES

State the names and addresses of the persons affiliated with those listed in Item 1. Describe their affiliations.

ITEM 3. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OR ACQUISITION

State the nature and purpose of the proposed merger or acquisition.

ITEM 4. NATURE OF BUSINESS

State the nature of the business performed by each of the persons identified in response to Item 1 and Item 2.

ITEM 5. MARKET AND MARKET SHARE

State specifically what market and market share in each relevant insurance market the persons identified in Item 1 and Item 2 currently enjoy in this State. Provide historical market and market share data for each person identified in Item 1 and Item 2 for the past five years and identify the source of such data.

For purpose of this question, market means direct written insurance premium in this State for a line of business as contained in the annual statement required to be filed by insurers licensed to do business in this State.

New Rule, R.1997 d.12, effective January 6, 1997.
See: 28 N.J.R. 4700(a), 29 N.J.R. 129(b).

SUBCHAPTER 36. EXAMINATION OF INSURERS

11:1-36.1 Purpose and scope

(a) This subchapter sets forth certain procedures and processes for the examination of the financial condition of a company and for the payment of expenses of any examination conducted pursuant to P.L.1993, c.236.

(b) This subchapter applies to all insurers licensed to transact insurance in this State and to any company or person subject to examination by the Commissioner pursuant to P.L.1993, c.236.

11:1-36.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Alien insurer” means an insurer formed under the laws of any country other than the United States, its states, districts, territories, commonwealths and possessions.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

“Company” means any insurer or other person engaging in or proposing or attempting to engage in any transaction or kind of insurance or surety business and any person or group of persons who may otherwise be subject to the administrative, regulatory or taxing authority of the Commissioner.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

“Domestic insurer” means an insurer formed under the laws of this State.

“Examiner” means any individual or firm authorized by the Commissioner to conduct an examination pursuant to P.L.1993, c.236.

“Financial condition examination” means a comprehensive examination of the assets and liabilities, method of conducting business and all other affairs of any company which is the subject matter of the examination report filed pursuant to the procedures set forth in P.L.1993, c.236 and this subchapter.

“Foreign insurer” means an insurer formed under the laws of a jurisdiction of the United States other than this State.

“Insurer” means any corporation, association, partnership, reciprocal exchange, interinsurer, Lloyd’s insurer or other person engaged in the business of insurance pursuant to Subtitle 3 of the Title 17 of the Revised Statutes or Subtitle 3 of the Title 17B of the New Jersey Statutes.

“Joint examination” means the examination of affiliated insurers that have any type of interinsurance, reinsurance, or other business dealings, and of insurers that have, through reinsurance affiliations, provided 35 percent or more of the existing surplus support at the as-of-date of the examination.

“Lead state” means the state where the parent insurer is domiciled or, if there is no insurer parent, the state where the largest (by direct written premium volume as shown by the last filed annual statement) insurer subsidiary is domiciled.

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Amended by R.2001 d.75, effective March 5, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 4184(a), 33 N.J.R. 794(a).

11:1-36.3 Examination; when deemed complete

(a) For purposes of P.L.1993, c.236, section 5b, an examination of the financial condition of a company shall be deemed complete not later than 90 days after the date the examiner leaves the site of the company, or not later than 90 days after the date the company responds to the last written request from the examiner(s) for additional information, but in no event later than 180 days after the date the examiner leaves the site of the company provided that the company has responded to any written request for additional information made 90 days or more prior to that date. For good cause, the Chief Insurance Examiner of the Department may extend these time frames for an additional period of time not to exceed 90 days.

(b) A company shall provide any additional information, documentation or other data requested by an examiner not later than 30 days after such request.

(c) In the case of joint examinations, the time frames set forth in (a) above shall apply where this State is the lead state conducting such joint examination. Where this State is not the lead state, the time frames set forth in (a) above may apply with the agreement of the lead State.

11:1-36.4 Foreign and alien insurers; filing of examination reports with this State

(a) A foreign or alien insurer licensed to transact business in this State shall file with the Department a copy of the financial condition examination report prepared by the

insurance department or other regulatory agency for the insurer’s state of domicile or port-of-entry state.

1. The copy of the examination report shall be filed not later than 180 days after the report is adopted by the insurance department or regulatory agency of the insurer’s state of domicile or port-of-entry state, and shall be certified by such department or agency as representing a true and accurate report of the examination conducted by its duly appointed examiner in charge who satisfies the minimum qualifications to be the examiner in charge of such examination as set forth in the Examiners’ Handbook adopted by the NAIC as in effect at the time such examination was conducted.

2. After January 1, 1994, in addition to the requirements set forth in (a) and (a)1 above, the insurer shall provide a certification from the insurance department or regulatory agency that:

i. The insurance department or regulatory agency was at the time of the examination accredited under the NAIC’s Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation Program; or

ii. The examination was performed under the supervision of an accredited insurance department or other regulatory agency or with the participation of one or more examiners who are employed by such an accredited state insurance department or other regulatory agency who satisfy the minimum qualifications to be an examiner as set forth in the Examiners’ Handbook adopted by the NAIC as in effect at the time the examination was conducted and who, after a review of the examination work papers and report, state under oath that the examination was performed in a manner consistent with the standards and procedures required by their insurance department or other regulatory agency.

11:1-36.5 Payment of expenses

(a) Pursuant to P.L.1993, c.236, section 3d, the reasonable expenses of any examination and proceedings conducted under that statute shall be fixed and determined by the Commissioner, and he or she shall collect them from the company examined, which shall pay them on a presentation of an account of expenses. Any and all such receipts shall be appropriated to the Department for use in defraying the expenses of such examination. If any company, after examination, is adjudged insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, the expense of the examination, if unpaid, shall be ordered out of the assets of the company.

(b) Pursuant to P.L.1993, c.236, section 4d, the Commissioner may, in making an examination under that statute, retain attorneys, appraisers, independent actuaries, independent certified public accountants, or other professionals as examiners, the cost of which shall be borne by the company being examined. Upon presentation of a detailed invoice for such fees and expenses, and upon review and approval

by the Commissioner of the adequacy and reasonableness of such fees and expenses, the Commissioner shall authorize and direct that the company pay such amount directly to the third party retained by the Commissioner to assist in the examination. The company shall make such payment within 30 days of the Commissioner's approval of the adequacy and reasonableness of such fees and expenses.

11:1-36.6 Penalties

Failure to comply with the provisions of this subchapter may result in the imposition of penalties as authorized by law.

SUBCHAPTER 37. LICENSING OF PUBLIC ADJUSTERS

11:1-37.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to establish procedures for the examination, licensing and conduct of persons acting as public adjusters in this State.

(b) This subchapter applies to any person, who for money, a commission or anything of value, acts or aids in any manner on behalf of an insured in negotiating for or effecting, the settlement of claims; or for money, a commission or anything of value, solicits or adjusts claims, in whole or in part, on behalf of any public adjuster.

(c) This subchapter shall not apply to:

1. Any employee, agent or other representative of any authorized insurer who acts in that capacity in the adjustment of claims, nor to any licensed insurance producer who is designated by the insurer to act as an adjuster for a client of the producer without any compensation for those services as adjuster. Insurance representatives and licensed insurance producers shall not advertise or publicly solicit the adjustment of claims in a manner likely to mislead the public into believing that he or she is offering services as a public adjuster;

2. Any licensed attorney of this State who acts or aids in adjusting insurance claims as an incident to the practice of his or her profession and who does not advertise him or herself as a public adjuster;

3. Any licensed insurance producer who acts as an adjuster with respect to any loss involving insurance contracts under which he or she was the broker of record in placing the insurance, whether or not designated in writing to act for the insured;

4. Any other duly licensed producer who has been designated to act for the insured in writing before a loss occurs; or

5. An auto body repair facility licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:13-1 et seq. that acts or aids in adjusting a motor vehicle insurance claim as an incident to the performance of duties for which it is licensed.

11:1-37.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Catastrophic loss occurrence” means an occurrence designated by the President of the United States, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governor of New Jersey, the State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of Law and Public Safety, or any other authorized Federal, State or local agency, as an emergency or a disaster and includes, but is not limited to, a flood, hurricane, storm or earthquake.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

“Financial institution” means a Federal or State chartered bank, savings bank or savings and loan institution which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or is otherwise insured by an agency of the Federal government.

“First time applicant” means a person who has not been licensed as a public adjuster within the 12-month period prior to application.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, organization, firm, association, partnership or other legal entity.

“Public adjuster” or “adjuster” means any individual, firm, association or corporation, except as excluded at N.J.A.C. 11:1-37.1(c), who, or which, for money, commission or any other thing of value, acts or aids in any manner on behalf of an insured in negotiating for, or effecting, the settlement of claims for loss or damage caused by, or resulting from, any accident, incident or occurrence covered under a property insurance policy, including but not limited to, a flood, transit, inland marine or ocean marine policy; or who, or which, advertises for, or solicits employment as an adjuster of those claims. It shall also mean any individual, who, for money, commission or any other thing of value, solicits or adjusts those claims, in whole or in part, on behalf of any public adjuster.

“Resident (of New Jersey)” means a person who either resides in New Jersey or maintains an office in New Jersey where business is transacted.

“Statutory trust” means a trust in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:22B-13.