

Bulletin

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Washington OIC – Email & Mail Communication Changes – Action Required Effective July 1, 2023

Washington State Legislature recently passed HB 1266, which affects communications between the OIC and every insurance producer, title insurance agent, adjuster, <u>surplus line broker</u> and any other person licensed under Chapter 27.

What you need to do:

- 1. Ensure the OIC has accurate email and mailing addresses for your firm and/or individual surplus line broker licensees.
- 2. Familiarize yourself with the entire <u>HB 1266</u> to ensure you have a full understanding of communication methods used by the OIC and legal timelines for response.
- 3. Should your contact information change in the future, notify the OIC within 30-days of the change.

*Emails from the OIC, which require a response must be answered in a timely manner (15 business days). Failure to respond to a "Response Required" email from the OIC will constitute as a violation of RCW 48.15.103 and is subject to penalties under 48.17.560 including fines and license revocation.

Should you receive an email-based violation under HB 1266, you may file a petition to have the disciplinary information removed from state and national public records and receive a refund for any fines that resulted from the violations. See article from the OIC's website: <u>How to File a Removal Petition - Email Based Violation</u>.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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