

— Licensing Section —

The Licensing Section oversees and administers the license and continuing education requirements for all persons seeking licensure in this state. The administration includes reviewing all documents received with regard to the license process to ensure that a person is competent, trustworthy, and qualified to obtain, renew, or amend a license. The section assists and provides information to licensees for obtaining and maintaining statutorily required licenses in compliance with statutes and regulations, with an emphasis on public protection. Recommendations are made to the director concerning possible license violations.

During the 2004 calendar year, the Licensing Section received 21,626 documents. It should be noted that in order to achieve increased efficiency, the Licensing Section eliminated tracking the processing of numerous types of documents. For example, we no longer include resident address changes, license cancellations, or termination of employment documents processed in our statistics as these requests do not result in issuance of a new license.

New license types and classes issued.....	7,065
License amendments.....	1,909
Licenses canceled/lapsed.....	1,282
License renewals processed.....	6,682

The section also processed 210 company appointments manually and 696 termination of company appointments manually. Electronically, 11,572 appointments were processed and 6,642 appointments were terminated electronically.

In continuing efforts to improve efficiency and simplify the licensing process, the division implemented an electronic application filing process at the end of 2004, which resulted in the processing of 422 electronic filings. Currently, the electronic filing process is available to nonresidents, with a goal to implement resident electronic application processing for residents in 2006.

Bulletins Issued:

- BO4-13 This bulletin was issued as a direct result of legislation that was enacted to simplify producer licensing and to ensure Alaska’s compliance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioner’s model acts, standards, and guidelines. Statutory changes included, but were not limited to the elimination of all trainee licenses, except the adjuster trainee license, replaced the experience requirements for Surplus Lines Brokers with a Managing General Agent or Producer property and casualty authority license qualification requirement and also eliminated the requirement that a bail bond limited producer have as a sole purpose to be appointed by and act on behalf of a surety insurer pertaining to bail.
- BO4-17 Provided guidance for the transaction of Guaranteed Automobile Protection (GAP) coverage in compliance with Alaska statutes, clarifying that a limited lines credit authority license as required.

Regulatory Orders Issued:

- R04-09 Allowed electronic filing of license applications by nonresidents to improve efficiency and to simplify the application process.