

## Office of Insurance Regulation

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 22, 2024

TO: Title Insurers - Financial Statement Contact Person

**FROM:** Jane Nelson, Director Property & Casualty Financial Oversight

## SUBJECT: 2024 FILING REQUIREMENTS

This package is designed to assist Title insurers in preparing their filings with the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (Office). Please be advised that this checklist is provided as a reference document only and is not intended to alter, amend, or replace statutory requirements.

This package has been designed to conform to the format adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The objective is to move towards uniformity in the states' filing requirements checklists.

Filings shall be made utilizing the 2023 Annual Statement Instructions and Blanks and the 2024 Quarterly Statement Instructions and Blanks adopted by the NAIC.

All filings should be made electronically through the Regulatory Electronic Filing System (REFS) via the Industry Portal located at <u>https://refs.fldfs.com/Account/Login</u>. This checklist has been revised to reflect the electronic requirements.

Notable highlights from this year's package include:

- See the Notes and Instructions section for the proper filing of premium tax returns and checks for payment of filing fees and premium tax payments with the Florida Department of Revenue.
- All insurers must file electronically with the NAIC. All foreign insurers who are commercially domiciled in Florida must file according to the Domestic Checklist column. Refer to Note U for the definition of "commercially domiciled".
- Changes in Actuary require a letter from the actuary addressed to the insurer stating whether the actuary agrees with the statements contained in the insurers' letter, and if not, stating the reasons for which the actuary does not agree. The insurer shall provide both of these letters to the Office.
- In addition to the Jurat Page, the Actuarial Opinion, Risk Based Capital Report and Reinsurance Attestation Supplement are also **required** to be signed and scanned as an electronic document. All domestic insurers will be required to submit the scanned document as an uploaded document into REFS.
- Companies are asked when uploading multiple documents with the same filing component to the Regulatory Electronic Filing System (REFS), that the title of the document be changed to a meaningful name. Naming documents HCRS1, HCRS2, HCRS3 and HCRS4 slows the review process. For example, using titles such as HCRS, Financial Statement, Management Agreement or Organization Chart will improve the review process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- 1. The checklist indicates that the deadlines for filing statements are March 1, May 15, August 15, and November 15. Do they have to be received by the Office on March 1, May 15, August 15, and November 15 or?
- The REFS filings must be received by the Office no later than 5:00 PM on the applicable due date. Since the NAIC's electronic filing system requires overnight to process any filings, companies need to file the appropriate documents with the NAIC at least 1 business day prior to the Office's filing due date.

#### 2. If a filing requirement deadline falls on a weekend or holiday when is the filing due?

> The deadline would be moved to the first business day following the original deadline.

#### 3. Will companies that submit late statements be fined?

> Failure to timely file statements is subject to fine and is also a ground for suspension of the company's Certificate of Authority.

#### 4. May I attach my check for the premium tax payments to my filing?

> Remit premium tax payments directly to the **Florida Department of Revenue** in accordance with instructions provided in this guide. Since the filing is now electronic, do not provide any premium tax information or documentation with the filing.

#### 5. May I attach my check for the Annual or Quarterly Statement filing fee to my filing?

Remit Annual and Quarterly Statement filing fees directly to the Florida Department of Revenue in accordance with instructions provided in this guide. Since the filing is now electronic, do not provide any premium tax information or documentation with the filing.

#### 6. Do I need to attach a bar code to every filing submitted to the Office?

> N/A due to REFS.

#### 7. Where do I obtain the NAIC supplementary forms?

> Obtain these from the same supplier of your NAIC Annual Statement Blank. There are a number of independent companies that provide this service. Please refer to <u>www.naic.org</u> for further information.

# 8. I have read the entire package but I still have questions regarding financial filings and/or solvency requirements (vs. rate/form or other). How can I reach the financial analyst in charge of my company?

> To reach Property & Casualty Financial Oversight directly, dial (850) 413-3148. Support staff will guide you to the individual analyst assigned to your company. The analyst can then give you his/her direct dial number for future reference.

## **General Instructions For Companies to Use Checklist**

Please Note: This state's instructions for companies to file with the NAIC are included in this Checklist. The NAIC will not be sending their own checklist this year.

#### <u>Electronic filing is intended to be filing(s) submitted to the NAIC via the NAIC Internet Filing Site which</u> eliminates the need for a company to submit diskettes or CD-ROM to the NAIC. Companies are not required to file hard copy filings with the NAIC.

#### Column (1) (Checklist)

Companies may use the checklist to submit to a state, if the state requests it. Companies should copy the checklist and place an "x" in this column when submitting information to the state.

#### Column (2) (Line #)

Line # refers to a standard filing number used for easy reference. This line number may change from year to year.

#### Column (3) (Required Filings)

Name of item or form to be filed.

The *Annual Statement Electronic Filing* includes the annual statement data and all supplements due March 1, per the *Annual Statement Instructions*. This includes all detail investment schedules and other supplements for which the *Annual Statement Instructions* exempt printed detail.

The March .PDF Filing is the .pdf file for the annual statement, detail for investment schedules and all supplements due March 1.

The Supplemental Electronic Filing includes all supplements due April 1, per the Annual Statement Instructions.

The Supplemental .PDF Filing is the .pdf file for all supplements due April 1.

The Quarterly Electronic Filing includes the quarterly statement data.

The *Quarterly*.*PDF Filing* is the .pdf for quarterly statement data.

The June .PDF Filing is the .pdf file for the Audited Financial Statements and Accountants Letter of Qualifications.

#### Column (4) (Number of Copies)

Indicates the number of copies that each foreign or domestic company is required to file for each type of form. The Blanks (EX) Task Force modified the 1999 *Annual Statement Instructions* to waive paper filings of certain NAIC supplements and certain investment schedule detail, if such investment schedule data is available to the states via the NAIC database. The checklists reflect this action taken by the Blanks (EX) Task Force. XXX appears in the "Number of Copies" "Foreign" column for the appropriate schedules and exhibits. **Some states have chosen to waive printed quarterly and annual statements from their foreign insurers and to rely upon the NAIC database for these filings. This waiver could include supplemental annual statement filings. The XXX in this column might signify that the state has waived the paper filing of the annual statement and all supplements.** 

Column (5) (Due Date)

Indicates the date on which the company must file the form.

#### Column (6) (Form Source)

This column contains one of three words: "NAIC," "State," or "Company," If this column contains "NAIC," the company must obtain the forms from the appropriate vendor. If this column contains "State," the state will provide the forms with the filing instructions (generally, on its web site). If this column contains "Company," the company, or its representative (e.g., its CPA firm), is expected to provide the form based upon the appropriate state instructions or the NAIC *Annual Statement Instructions*.

#### Column (7) (Applicable Notes)

This column contains references to the Notes to the Instructions that apply to each item listed on the checklist. The company should carefully read these notes <u>before</u> submitting a filing.

### TITLE COMPANIES

COMPANY NAME:

NAIC Company Code:

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Contact:

#### REQUIRED FILINGS IN THE STATE OF:

Telephone:

Filings Made During the Year 2024

(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)
Check-	Line			NUMBER OF COPIES*			FORM	APPLICABLE
list	#	REQUIRED FILINGS FOR THE ABOVE STATE	Dom		Foreign	DUE DATE	SOURCE	NOTES
			State	NAIC	State			
		I. NAIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS						
	1	Annual Statement (8 1/2" x 14")	XXX	EO	XXX	3/1	NAIC	A-N
	1.1	Printed Investment Schedule detail (Pages E01-E29)	XXX	EO	XXX	3/1	NAIC	A-N
	2	Quarterly Financial Statement (8 1/2" x 14")	XXX	EO	XXX	5/15, 8/15, 11/15	NAIC	A-N
	44	II. NAIC SUPPLEMENTS	DEEC	50		2/4		A NI 17
	11	Actuarial Opinion	REFS	EO	XXX	3/1 4/1	Company	A-N, V
	12	Investment Risk Interrogatories	XXX	EO	XXX		NAIC	A-N
	13	Management Discussion & Analysis	XXX REFS	EO	XXX	4/1	Company	A-N
	14 15	Schedule SIS		N/A N/A	N/A N/A	3/1 3/1	NAIC NAIC	A-N
	15	Supplemental Compensation Exhibit Supplemental Schedule of Business Written By Agency	REFS		N/A N/A	4/1	NAIC	A-N A-N
	10	Supplemental Schedule of Business Written By Agency	XXX	N/A	N/A	4/1	NAIC	A-N
		III. ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENTS						
	61	Annual Statement Electronic Filing	~~~	EO		3/1	NAIC	DD
	62	March .PDF Filing	XXX XXX	EO	XXX XXX	3/1	NAIC	DD
	63	Supplemental Electronic Filing	XXX	EO	XXX	4/1	NAIC	DD
	64	Supplemental .PDF Filing	XXX XXX	EO	XXX XXX	4/1	NAIC	DD
	65	Quarterly Electronic Filing	XXX	EO	XXX XXX	5/15, 8/15, 11/15	NAIC	DD
	66	Quarterly PDF filing	XXX XXX	EO	XXX XXX	5/15, 8/15, 11/15	NAIC	DD
	67	June .PDF Filing	XXX	EO	XXX	6/1	NAIC	DD
	07		***	EU	***	0/1	NAIC	00
		IV. AUDIT/INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED REPORTS						
	81	Accountants Letter of Qualifications	REFS	EO	N/A	6/1	Company	A-N,AA
	82	Audited Financial Statements	-	EO	N/A	6/1	Company	A-N,AA A-N,Z
	83	Audited Financial Statements Exemption Affidavit	XXX REFS	N/A	REFS	3/1	Company	A-N, W
	84	Communication of Internal Control Related Matters Noted in Audit	REFS	EO	REFS	8/1	Company	A-N, W
	85	Independent CPA (change)	REFS	N/A	N/A	12/31		A-N A-N, X
	86	Management's Report of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting	REFS	N/A N/A	REFS	8/1	Company Company	A-N, A A-N
	87	Notification of Adverse Financial Condition	REFS	N/A N/A	REFS	5 Days	Company	A-N A-N,CC
	88	Request for Exemption to File	REFS	N/A N/A	REFS	3/1	Company	A-N, W
	89	Relief from the five-year rotation requirement for lead audit partner	REFS	EO	REFS	3/1	Company	A-N, W A-N,
	90	Relief from the one-year cooling off period for independent CPA	REFS	EO	REFS	3/1	Company	A-N, A-N,
	90 91	Relief from the Requirements for Audit Committees	REFS	EO	REFS	3/1	Company	A-N, A-N,
	31		RLI 3	LU	RLI 3	5/1	Company	A-N,
		V. STATE REQUIRED FILINGS***						
	101	Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure***	REFS	N/A	N/A	6/1	Company	НН
	101	Filings Checklist (with Column 1 completed)	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	State	A-N, U
	102	Form B-Holding Company Registration Statement	REFS	N/A N/A	XXX	4/1, and Keep Current	State	A-N, U A-N, T
	103	Form F-Enterprise Risk Report ****	REFS	N/A N/A	XXX	4/1, and Reep Current 4/1	Company	A-N, I T
	104	ORSA *****	REFS	N/A N/A	XXX	12/31	Company	GG
	105	State Filing Fees	1	N/A N/A	1	3/1, 4/15, 6/15, 10/15	State/DOR	C
	106	Signed Jurat Page	REFS	N/A N/A	REFS	3/1, 5/15, 8/15, 11/15	State	A-N
	107	Group Capital Calculation (File with lead state only)	NLI O	0	ILLI O	3/1, 3/13, 0/13, 11/13	JIAIE	71-11
	108	Certificate of Compliance	xxx	N/A	REFS	3/1	State	0
	1109	Certificate of Deposit	XXX	N/A N/A	REFS	3/1	State	P
	111	Premium Tax	1	N/A N/A	1	See Notes	State/DOR	г D
	112	Insurance Office Financial Examination Report	XXX	N/A N/A	REFS	When Public Document	State of Dom	A-N, Q
	112	Form C-Summary of Changes to Registration Statement	REFS	N/A N/A	XXX	Keep Current	State	A-N, Q A-N, S
	113	Form D-Prior Notice of Transaction	REFS	N/A N/A		As required	State	A-N, S A-N, S
	114	Ofc of Ins Reg Service of Process Consent & Agrmnt	1	N/A N/A	<u>xxx</u>	Keep Current	State	A-N, S A-N, R
	115	Reinsurance Summary Statement	REFS	N/A N/A	-	See Notes		
	116	Certificate of Authority Annual License Tax		N/A N/A	xxx 1	5/30	State State	A-N, S A-N, EE
	1 11/	Certinicate of Authonity Annual License Tax						
	118	List of Scrutinized Company Investments (F.S. 624.449)	REFS	NA	NA	3/1	Company	FF

\*If XXX appears in this column, this state does not require this filing, if hard copy is filed with the state of domicile and if the data is filed electronically with the NAIC. If N/A appears in this column, the filing is required with the domiciliary state. EO (electronic only filing).

\*\*If Form Source is NAIC, the form should be obtained from the appropriate vendor.

\*\*\*For those states that have adopted the NAIC Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Model Act, an annual disclosure is required of all insurers or insurance groups by June 1. The Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure is a state filing only and should <u>not</u> be submitted by the company to the NAIC. Note however that this filing is

intended to be submitted to the lead state if filed at the insurance group level. For more information on lead states, see the following NAIC URL: <a href="http://www.naic.org/public\_lead\_state\_report.htm">http://www.naic.org/public\_lead\_state\_report.htm</a>.

\*\*\*\*For those states that have adopted the NAIC updated Holding Company Model Act, a Form F Filing is required annually by holding company groups. Consistent with the Form B filing requirements, the Form F is a state filing only and should <u>not</u> be submitted by the company to the NAIC. Note however that this filing is intended to be submitted to the lead state. For more information on lead states, see the following NAIC URL: http://www.naic.org/public lead state report.htm

\*\*\*\*\*For those states that have adopted the NAIC Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Model Act, a summary report is required annually by insurers and insurance groups above a specified premium threshold. The ORSA Summary Report is a state filing only and should <u>not</u> be submitted by the company to the NAIC. Note however that this filing is intended to be submitted to the lead state if filed at the insurance group level. For more information on lead states, see the following NAIC URL: <u>http://www.naic.org/public lead state report.htm</u>

	NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS (A-N APPLY TO ALL FILINGS)			
А	Required Filings Contact Person:			
	All Companies: Jane Nelson – E-Mail: Jane.Nelson@floir.com or Phone: (850) 413-3825			
	Nicole Crockett – E-Mail: <u>Nicole.Crockett@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-5240 Ainsley Hurley – E-Mail: <u>Ainsley.Hurley@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-5206			
	Bradley Trim – E-mail: <u>Bradley.Trim@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-2442 Wendy Vincent – E-mail: <u>Wendy.Vincent@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-5300			
	Eliot Pardee – E-Mail: <u>Eliot.Pardee@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-2448			
	Michael Baker – E-Mail: <u>Michael.Baker@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-5211 Cory Swonger – E-mail: <u>Cory.Swonger@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-5108			
	Shalice Rivers – E-mail: Shalice.Rivers@floir.com or Phone: (850) 413-5349			
	Karie Bundy – E-mail: <u>Karie.Bundy@floir.com</u> or Phone: (850) 413-5222			
	Please note the Florida Statutes or Florida Administrative Codes listed in these instructions may be accessed at <u>http://www.floir.com</u> .			
В	Mailing Address:			
	No longer applicable to financial filings.			
	<b>NOTE:</b> Financial filings are to be submitted using the Regulatory Electronic Filing System (REFS) located on the Office's Industry Portal at <u>https://refs.fldfs.com/Account/Login</u> . Please refer to the REFS tutorial and user guide posted on the Office's website at <u>http://www.floir.com/Office/OIR_Required_Filing_Reporting.aspx</u> .			
С	Filing Fees, Sections 624.424(4) and 624.501(4)(a), Florida Statutes:			
	The \$250 Annual and Quarterly Statement filing fees <b>should NOT</b> be submitted to the Office. Fees are to be paid only by insurers who hold a Certificate of Authority. (See Note below.)			
	Annual and Quarterly Statement filing fees should be remitted to the <b>Florida Department of Revenue (DOR)</b> with the annual and quarterly premium taxes on Forms DR-908 (annual) and DR-907 (quarterly) in accordance with instructions provided for those forms.			
	To obtain copies of the forms, or for assistance in completing the forms, insurers should contact the DOR directly at:			
	In Florida (800) 352-3671 Outside of Florida (850) 488-6400 <u>http://www.myflorida.com/dor/forms/</u>			
	<b>NOTE:</b> Surplus Lines companies, Risk Retention Groups, Accredited Reinsurers and Certified Reinsurers are exempt from these filing fees.			
D	Premium Tax Payments, Section 624.509, Florida Statutes:			
	Do <b>NOT</b> mail checks for premium taxes to the Office. Payments should be <b>remitted directly to the DOR</b> on Forms DR-907 (quarterly) and DR-908 (annual) in accordance with instructions provided for those forms.			
	To obtain copies of the forms or for assistance in completing the forms, insurers should contact the DOR directly at:			
	In Florida (800) 352-3671 Outside of Florida (850) 488-6400 <u>www.myflorida.com/dor/forms/</u>			
	Mailing address: Florida Department of Revenue, 5050 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0100			
	Any delays in receipt by the Department of Revenue may result in penalties and interest being assessed by the Department of Revenue.			
Е	Delivery Instructions, Rule 69O-137.001(1)(c), Florida Administrative Code:			
	No longer applicable.			
F	Late Filings, Sections 624.4211 and 624.424(5), Florida Statutes:			
	Companies will be fined \$1000 plus \$50 per day for late filings. The company's license may be suspended if filings are not received timely.			

	Due to the processing time required by the NAIC for all electronically filed financial data, companies should submit their information to the NAIC at least one (1) business day prior to the filing due date.			
G	Original Signatures: For both quarterly and annual statement filings, the Jurat Page will be required to an electronic document. All foreign and domestic insurers will be required to subm			
	See Note H below for additional information and guidance.			
Н	Signature/Notarization/Certification:			
	Any required filings must have the original notarized signature of the chief executive office, regar least one of the following executive officers: president, chief financial officer, chief operating office treasurer. The original documents are required to be submitted as scanned documents via REFS.			
	Special Instructions for other filings:			
	OIR-DO-1431Audited Financial Statements Exemption AffidavitMust be signedOIR-C1-1524Uniform Consent to Service of Process (see Note "R")Must be signed	l original and notarized l original and notarized l original and sealed l original, sealed & notarized l original		
Ι	Amended Filings:			
	Insurers must file amended items within 10 days of their amendment, along with an explanation of signature requirements for the original filing, those requirements should also be followed for any a Statement Instructions for guidance on amended filings.			
	Amended financial statements are to be submitted only to the NAIC. The Office will be rely amendments. Original financial statements must be submitted to the Office prior to any am			
J	Exceptions from normal filings:			
	NONE			
К	Bar Codes (State or NAIC)			
	No longer applicable due to REFS.			
L	Signed Jurat Page Filing for Foreigns:			
	Refer to Notes G and H above for guidance and information.			
М	NONE Filings:			
	See NAIC Annual Statement Instructions regarding the filing of NONE or N/A forms.			
Ν	Filings new, discontinued or modified materially since last year:			
	• Notice of Material Transactions is now called Prior Notice of a Transaction (Form D). information.	See Note U for additional		
0	Certificate of Compliance (Electronic Copy ONLY):			
	Each foreign and commercially domiciled insurer shall file with the Annual Statement a Certificate official having supervision of insurance in the insurer's state of domicile. It shall certify that the consult authorized to transact insurance, as well as the kinds of insurance it is authorized to transact.			
	The original Certificate of Compliance should be scanned into an electronic document to be	provided to the Office via REFS.		
	For domestic insurers who need a copy for filing with other states, please email Helen McGhin at your request stating your company's name, and how many you need.	helen.westberry@floir.com with		

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	All domestic insurers are exempt from this requirement.
Р	Certificate of Deposit, Section 624.424(3), Florida Statutes (Electronic Copy ONLY):
	Each foreign and commercially domiciled insurer shall file with the Annual Statement a Certificate of Deposit issued by the official having supervision of insurance in the insurer's state of domicile. It shall certify the amount and the composition of the deposit maintained by the insurer in another state. The certificate must be an original and sealed by the insurer's state of domicile.
	The original Certificate of Deposit should be scanned into an electronic document to be provided to the Office via REFS.
	For domestic insurers who need a copy for filing with other states, please email Helen McGhin at <u>helen.westberry@floir.com</u> with your request stating your company's name, and how many you need.
	All domestic insurers are exempt from this requirement.
Q	Insurance Office Examination Reports (Electronic Copy ONLY):
	A copy of the examination report issued by the state of domicile is required to be filed with the Office as soon as it is filed as a public document. If hardcopy, this document should be converted to an electronic document. If electronic, please submit a copy of the examination report to the Office using REFS. This note applies to all foreign and commercially domiciled insurers.
	All domestic insurers are exempt from this requirement.
R	Uniform Consent to Service of Process, Section 624.422(2), Florida Statutes:
	All insurers shall keep current with the Department of Financial Services the designation of the name and address of the person to whom process against it, served upon the Chief Financial Officer, is to be forwarded. The insurer may change the designation at any time by submitting a revised form to the Service of Process Section. <b>Contact Tammie Gibbs with any questions at (850) 413-4102 or e-mail her at:</b> tammie.gibbs@myfloridacfo.com.
	Mailing address: Florida Department of Financial Services, Service of Process Section, 200 E Gaines St, Tallahassee, FL 32399
S	Reinsurance Summary Statement, Section 624.610, Florida Statutes:
	Any domestic or commercially domiciled insurer ceding directly written risks of loss under Section 624.610, Florida Statutes, shall file with the Office one copy of a summary statement containing the information about each treaty required by Section 624.610 (11)(a)1-10, Florida Statutes. It shall be filed within 30 days of receipt of a summary statement or cover note, or in no event no later than 6 months after the effective date of the reinsurance treaty. Either the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer of the insurer shall sign and attest to the summary statement.
	The form is OIR-D0-1433 located at http://www.floir.com/Sections/PandC/is_pc_TitleExhibits.aspx
	The Reinsurance Summary Statement should be properly completed and provided to the Office using REFS.
	In addition to the summary statement, the Office may require the filing of any supporting information relating to the ceding of such risks as deemed necessary. If the summary statement prepared by the ceding insurer discloses that the net effect of a reinsurance treaty or treaties (or series of treaties with one or more affiliated reinsurers entered into for the purpose of avoiding the following threshold amount) at any time results in an increase of more than 25 percent to the insurer's surplus as to policyholders, then the insurer shall certify in writing to the Office that the relevant reinsurance treaty or treaties complies with the accounting requirements promulgated by the Office pursuant to Section 624.610, Florida Statutes. The certificate shall also state that a copy of the certificate was sent to the reinsurer under the reinsurance treaty. If such certificate is filed after the summary statement of such reinsurance treaty or treaties, the insurer shall refile the summary statement with the certificate. A copy of the summary statement and the certification shall be mailed or delivered to each reinsurer assuming any part of the risk that is transferred. This subsection does not apply to contracts of facultative reinsurance or any ceding insurer with surplus as to policyholders that exceeds \$100 million as of the immediately preceding December 31. Additionally, any ceding insurer otherwise subject to this section with less than \$500,000 in direct premiums written in this state during the preceding calendar year or with less than 1,000 policyholders at the end of the preceding calendar year is exempt from the requirements of this subsection. However, any ceding insurer otherwise subject to this section with more than \$250,000 in direct premiums written in this state during the
	preceding calendar quarter is not exempt from the requirement of this subsection.

#### Insurance Holding Company Registration and Regulation:

**Each domestic or commercially domiciled insurer** holding a Certificate of Authority in this state which is a member of an insurance holding company system shall be subject to regulation with respect to its relationship to such holding company system as provided by rule or statute, except foreign insurers domiciled in states accredited by the NAIC. **Domestic and Commercially Domiciled insurers are required to file** a current Holding Company System Registration Statement (Form B), Form OIR-D0-516, within the Holding Company Filing by April 1 each year. The Holding Company System Registration Statement should be kept current with the information required to be disclosed per Rule 690-143.046, Florida Administrative Code, on Form OIR-D0-516 within fifteen days after the end of the month in which it learns of each such change or addition.

All changes from a prior Holding Company System Registration Statement shall be disclosed within the Summary of Changes to Registration Statement and filed on a Form OIR-A1-2116 (Form C).

Prior Notice of a Transaction (Form D) – Section 624.448, Florida Statutes, requires that each **domestic or commercially domiciled insurer** shall file a report with the Office disclosing a material acquisition of assets, a material disposition of assets, or a material nonrenewal, cancellation, or revision of a ceded reinsurance agreement, unless the material acquisition or disposition of assets or the material nonrenewal, cancellation, or revision of a ceded reinsurance agreement has been submitted to the Office for review, approval, or informational purposes under another section of the Florida Statutes or a rule adopted there under. A copy of the report and each exhibit or other attachment must be filed by the insurer with the NAIC. The report required in this section is due within 15 days after the end of the calendar month in which the transaction occurs. The notice should be filed on a Form OIR-A1-2117. Insurers should refer to Section 624.448, Florida Statutes, for additional information.

Enterprise Risk Report (Form F) provided for in Section 628.801(2) Florida Statutes – Should be filed by each Ultimate Controlling Entity with the Holding Company Registration Statement due by April 1 each year.

Please review Rule 69O-143.046, Florida Administrative Code, for complete requirements. In addition, insurers should refer to Rule 69O-143.047, Florida Administrative Code, when entering into transactions with affiliates in order to determine if a filing is required to be made with the Office.

Form OIR-D0-516 is located at <u>http://www.floir.com/Sections/PandC/is\_pc\_TitleExhibits.aspx</u> Form OIR-A1-2116 is located at <u>http://www.floir.com/Sections/PandC/is\_pc\_WebExhibits.aspx</u> Form OIR-A1-2117 is located at <u>http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06551</u> Form OIR-A1-2118 is located at <u>http://www.floir.com/Sections/PandC/is\_pc\_WebExhibits.aspx</u>

The Holding Company System Registration Statement should be properly completed and provided to the Office using REFS.

This does not apply to foreign insurers unless they are commercially domiciled in Florida.

Commercially Domiciled Company Reporting:

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- Section 624.075, Florida Statutes, defines a commercially domiciled insurer as: every foreign or alien insurer which is authorized to do business in this state and which, during its 3 preceding fiscal years taken together, or during any lesser period of time if it has been licensed to transact its business in this state only for the lesser period of time, has written an average of 25 percent or more direct premiums in this state than it has written in its state of domicile during the same period, and the direct premiums written constitute more than 55 percent of its total direct premiums written everywhere in the United States during its 3 preceding fiscal years taken together, or during any lesser period of time if it has been authorized to transact its business in this state only for the lesser period of time, as reported in its most recent applicable annual or quarterly statements, shall be deemed a "commercially domiciled insurer" within this state.
- Foreign insurers who **ARE NOT** commercially domiciled in Florida <u>and</u> electronically file the line items in Section I and II of the Required Filings Checklist with the NAIC, are no longer required to file any of these filings directly with the Office. In lieu of this, a signed Jurat Page with original signatures is to be submitted via REFS at the appointed filing due dates.
- Foreign insurers who **ARE NOT** commercially domiciled in Florida do not have to file the following line items in Section IV and V of the Required Filings Checklist with the Office unless specifically requested:
  - Line 81 Accountants Letter of Qualifications
  - Line 85 Independent CPA
  - Line 112 Reinsurance Summary Statement
  - Line 103 Holding Company Registration Statement
- Foreign insurers who **ARE COMMERCIALLY DOMICILED IN FLORIDA** must file according to the 'domestic' state column (4) of the Required Filings Checklist.

## Statement of Actuarial Opinion, Section 624.424(1)(b), Florida Statutes:

## The Statement of Actuarial Opinion is to be submitted through REFS as an uploaded document.

**FILING OF OPINION:** There is to be included or attached to Page 1 of the Annual Statement, the statement of a qualified actuary, entitled "Statement of Actuarial Opinion," setting forth his or her opinion relating to loss and loss adjustment expense reserves.

**OPINION CONTENT AND FORMAT:** The "Statement of Actuarial Opinion" shall be in the format of the Actuarial Opinion requirements in the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions. However, note the following exceptions and additions:

- 1. The appointed actuary must send a copy of the most recent actuarial opinion and actuarial report either via mail or in person to the company by April 15 of each year on the items within the scope of the actuarial opinion along with a letter that states that the actuary is available to answer any questions the company or Board of Directors may have concerning the actuarial report or opinion and is available to clarify or explain any conclusions, findings, or recommendations the actuary may have with respect to the actuarial opinion or report at the company's or the Board's request. The company must give a copy of the actuarial opinion and the actuarial report to every Board member by April 15.
- 2. A qualified actuary is defined solely by section 1A of the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions for Actuarial Opinion.
- 3. Florida Statutes only allow the discounting of Workers Compensation Tabular Reserves. See Section 625.091, Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-170.030, Florida Administrative Code.
- 4. The required submission of the actuarial opinion or opinions signed by the principal actuary or actuaries responsible for the reserve work should be supported by an actuarial report(s), which address the adequacy of all the company's reported loss and LAE reserves net of reinsurance. "Back-up work papers not contained in the actuarial report(s)" might include more detailed actuarial analysis than is in the report or additional observations from the actuary not in the report.

A. Reserves reported as indicated from underwriting pools and associations may be accepted without further analysis. Companies that are part of an inter-company pooling arrangement must submit opinions and supporting reports on the entire pool. The Statement of Opinion must address the adequacy of direct and assumed and net loss and loss adjustment expense reserves as contained in Schedule P of the Annual Statement.

B. The actuarial reserve report required to support the statement of opinion shall contain an exhibit which displays the minimum recommended total net loss and loss adjustment expense reserves of the actuary, as stated above. The insurer's reported reserves as shown on Page 3 of the applicable statutory annual statement should be no less than the actuary's minimum recommended total net loss and loss adjustment expense reserves exhibited in the actuarial report.

C. The opining actuary should provide an adequate explanation of any material reconciliation differences between the source data used and Schedule P, Parts 3A-3R, Parts 2A-2R minus 4A-4R, 5A-5R, and 6C-6O, 6R. Documentation of the reconciliation should be included in the actuarial report as required by the Actuarial Opinion requirements in the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions.

**CHANGE IN ACTUARY:** As outlined in Rule 69O-138.043(2)(c)(d), Florida Administrative Code, the company shall give the Office written notice in the event the actuary ceases to be appointed or retained as an appointed actuary or no longer meet the requirements set forth in Rule 69O-138.043(2)(b), Florida Administrative Code. Notice must be prior to or concurrent with the termination of the actuary's appointment or retention, or upon discovery that the actuary no longer meets the requirements set forth in Rule 69O-138.043(2)(b), Florida Administrative Code. If any person appointed or retained as an appointed actuary replaces a previously appointed actuary, the notice shall so state and give the reasons for replacement. The notice shall be submitted to the Office using REFS.

The insurer shall also request, in writing, that the former actuary furnish a letter addressed to the insurer stating whether the actuary agrees with the statements contained in the insurers' letter, and if not, stating the reasons for which he does not agree. The insurer shall provide both of these letters to the Office.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**: As outlined in Rule 690-138.043(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, upon written request by the company, the Office will, for good cause, grant an extension of the date for submission of the statement of actuarial opinion. Good cause includes the occurrence of an event or circumstance beyond the control of the company, which prevents compliance and could not be reasonably remedied or foreseen by the company. **The request for extension shall be submitted to the Office using REFS.** 

**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION**: In accordance with the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions, an insurer who intends to file for one of the exemptions listed must submit a letter of intent to the Office no later than December 1 of the calendar year for which the exemption is to be claimed. The request for exemption shall be submitted to the Office using REFS.

Audited Financial Statement Exemption Filings, Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code:			
<b>Only domestic and commercially domiciled</b> insurers holding a Certificate of Authority are required to file. Entities that do not have a Certificate of Authority, such as accredited reinsurers, eligible surplus lines insurers, or risk retention groups, are requested to file.			
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT (BUSINESS WRITTEN EXEMPTION)			
Insurers having direct premiums written in this state of less than \$1,000,000 in any calendar year AND fewer than 1,000 policyholders or certificate holders of directly written policies nationwide at the end of the calendar year shall be exempt from this filing for that year (unless Office makes a specific finding that compliance is necessary for the Office to carry out statutory responsibilities), except that insurers having assumed premiums pursuant to contracts and/or treaties of reinsurance of \$1,000,000 or more will not be so exempt.			
Any insurer subject to an exemption must submit by March 1, following the year to which the exemption applies, an affidavit sworn to by a responsible officer of the insurer specifying the amount of direct premiums written in this state and number of policyholders or certificate holders.			
The Exemption Affidavit is Form OIR-D0-1431, which is located at http://www.floir.com/Sections/PandC/is_pc_TitleExhibits.aspx			
The Audited Financial Statement Exemption Affidavit shall be submitted to the Office using REFS.			
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO FILE (FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION)			
Upon written request of any insurer, the Office may grant an exemption from compliance with Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code. If the Office finds, upon review of this request, that the insurer is under an order of receivership, conservatorship, rehabilitation, or is in another delinquency proceeding by the public insurance supervising official of any state, and/or the insurer has been granted an exemption from filing an annual audited financial report by its state of domicile. An exemption may be granted for one year only. Within ten (10) days from a denial of an insurer's written request for an exemption from this rule, the insurer may request in writing a hearing on its application for an exemption. The hearing shall be held in accordance with Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, and the Office's rules on administrative proceedings.			
The Request for Exemption shall be submitted to the Office using REFS.			
Designation of Independent Certified Public Accountant, Rule 690-137.002, Florida Administrative Code:			
ENGAGEMENT LETTER			
<b>Each domestic or commercially domiciled insurer</b> required to file an annual Audited Financial Report must register with the Office the name and address of the independent Certified Public Accountant or accounting firm retained to conduct the annual audit. Registration must be made in writing by December 31 of the year subject to audit. The insurer shall obtain, and file with the Office, a letter from the accountant stating the following:			
1) the accountant is aware of the provisions of the Insurance Code and the Rules and Regulations of the Insuran Office of the state of domicile that relate to accounting and financial matters;	ice		
2) the accountant will express his/her opinion on the financial statements in terms of conformity to the statutory accounting practices prescribed or otherwise permitted by the state of domicile; and	,		
3) the accountant will specify exceptions as he/she may believe appropriate.			
The engagement letter is to be submitted to the Office using REFS.			

## FIVE YEAR ENGAGEMENT MAXIMUM

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A partner or other person responsible for rendering a statement may not act in that capacity for more than five (5) consecutive years. Following any period of service that person shall be disqualified from acting in that or a similar capacity for the same company or its insurance subsidiaries or affiliates for a period of five (5) years. Please refer to Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, for guidance regarding potential relief from this requirement.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF CPA DISMISSAL/RESIGNATION

If an accountant who was the accountant for the immediately preceding filed Audited Financial Statement is dismissed or resigns, the insurer shall within five (5) business days notify the Office of this event. The insurer shall also furnish the Office with a separate letter within ten (10) business days of the above notification stating whether in the twenty-four (24) months preceding that event there were:

	1. any disagreements (resolved or otherwise) with the former accountant on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure;
	2. which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of the former accountant, would have caused him to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with his opinion.
	Disagreements contemplated herein are those that occur at the decision-making level. The insurer shall also request, in writing, that the former accountant furnish a letter addressed to the insurer stating whether the accountant agrees with the statements contained in the insurers' letter, and if not, stating the reasons for which he does not agree. The insurer shall provide both of these letters to the Office.
	The notification of dismissal/resignation and associated documents are to be submitted to the Office using REFS.
Y	Consolidated or Combined Audited Financial Statements, Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code (Electronic Copy ONLY):
	For clarification purposes, the Audited Financial Statement is referred to as the Audited Financial Report within the Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code.
	A domestic or commercially domiciled insurer must make a written request to the Office for approval to file consolidated or combined Audited Financial Statements in lieu of individual annual Audited Financial Statements. Requests to file on a consolidated basis must be filed (received) by December 31 for the year consolidation is requested. The Office may accept and grant consolidation requests after the end of such calendar year subject to the imposition of an administrative fine pursuant to Section 624.4211(2), Florida Statutes. However, said request must be received by the Office before March 1.
	The request to file on a consolidated basis should be submitted to the Office using REFS.
	Approval will <u>only</u> be granted if the insurer is part of a group of insurance companies which utilizes a pooling or one hundred percent reinsurance agreement that affects the solvency and integrity of the insurer's reserves. In addition, applicant insurers must cede all direct and assumed business to the pool.
	In such cases, a columnar consolidating or combining worksheet shall be filed with the report, as follows:
	<ul> <li>A. Amounts shown on the consolidated or combined Audited Financial Report shall be shown on the worksheet.</li> <li>B. Amounts for each insurer subject to this section shall be stated separately.</li> <li>C. Non-insurance operations may be shown on the worksheet on a combined or individual basis.</li> <li>D. Explanations of consolidating and eliminating entries shall be included.</li> <li>E. Differences between amounts shown in the individual insurer columns of the worksheet and comparable amounts shown on the Annual Statements of the insurers must be reconciled.</li> </ul>
	A COMPLETE STATEMENT (INCLUDING ITEMS A-E ABOVE) MUST BE FILED <u>FOR EACH DOMESTIC OR</u> <u>COMMERICALLY DOMICILED INSURER</u> IN THE GROUP.
Z	Audited Financial Statement, Rule 690-137.002, Florida Administrative Code (Electronic Copy ONLY):
	The Audited Financial Statement for a <b>domestic or commercially domiciled insurer</b> must be filed with the Office on or before June 1 for the preceding year ending December 31. However, the Office may require an insurer to file an Audited Financial Statement earlier than June 1 upon 90 days advance notice to the insurer.
	The annual Audited Financial Statement shall report the financial position of the insurer as of the end of the most recent calendar year and the results of its operations, cash flows, and changes in capital and surplus for the year then ended in conformity with statutory accounting practices prescribed, or otherwise permitted, by the state of domicile. The annual Audited Financial Statement shall include the following:
	<ol> <li>Report of Independent Certified Public Accountant.</li> <li>Balance Sheet reporting admitted assets, liabilities, capital and surplus.</li> <li>Statement of Operations.</li> <li>Statement of Cash Flows.</li> <li>Statement of Changes in Capital and Surplus.</li> <li>Notes to Financial Statements. These Notes shall be those required by the appropriate NAIC Annual Statement Instructions and any other notes required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and shall also include:</li> </ol>
	a. A reconciliation of differences, if any, between the Audited Financial Statement and the Annual Statement filed

- pursuant to Section 624.424(1), Florida Statutes, with a written description of the nature of these differences.b. A summary of ownership and relationships of the insurer and all affiliated companies.
- 7. The financial statements included in the Audited Financial Statement shall be prepared in a form and using language and

	groupings substantially the same as the relevant sections of the Annual Statement filed by the insurer. The financial statements shall be comparative, presenting the amounts as of December 31 of the current year and the amounts as of the immediately preceding December 31.
	The Office will rely upon the electronic version of the audited financial statement filed with the NAIC. The company will be expected to return to REFS to submit the retrieved document.
AA	Accountant's Letter of Qualifications, Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code (Electronic Copy ONLY):
	The accountant shall furnish a letter to the insurer for filing with the annual Audited Financial Statement. The letter shall state:
	<ol> <li>That the accountant is independent with respect to the insurer and conforms to the standards of his or her profession.</li> <li>The background and experience in general, and the experience in audits of insurers, of the staff assigned to the engagement and whether each is an independent Certified Public Accountant.</li> <li>That the accountant understands the annual Audited Financial Statement, and his opinion thereon will be filed in compliance with this rule, and that the Office will be relying on this information in the monitoring and regulation of the financial position of insurers.</li> </ol>
	4. That the accountant consents to the requirements of subsection (13) of Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, "Definition, Availability, and Maintenance of CPA Work papers", and that the accountant consents and agrees to make the work papers as defined in subsection (13) of Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, available for review by the Office.
	<ol> <li>A representation that the accountant is properly licensed by an appropriate state licensing authority.</li> <li>A representation that the accountant is in compliance with the requirements of subsection (7) of Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code, "Qualifications of Independent Certified Public Accountant".</li> </ol>
	The Accountant's Letter of Qualifications should be submitted to the Office using REFS.
BB	Report of Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control, Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code (Electronic Copy ONLY):         Each domestic or commercially domiciled insurer shall furnish the Office with a written report prepared by the accountant describing significant deficiencies in the insurer's internal control structure noted during the audit. The report on internal control systems of the insurer shall be filed with the annual Audited Financial Statement. The insurer is required to provide a description of remedial actions taken or proposed to correct significant deficiencies, if said actions are not described in the accountant's report. If no deficiencies are reported by the Certified Public Accountant, the company may be exempt from filing a report after providing adequate evidence of this condition.         Each foreign insurer, other than those commercially domiciled, with a reportable condition should file this report.         This report should be filed electronically with the Office using REFS.
	<ul> <li>Notification of Adverse Financial Condition, Rule 69O-137.002, Florida Administrative Code (Electronic Copy ONLY):</li> <li>All insurers shall require the independent Certified Public Accountant (accountant) to report, in writing, within five (5) business days to the board of directors or its audit committee any determination by the accountant that the insurer has materially misstated its financial condition as reported to the Office as of the balance sheet date currently under examination, or that the insurer does not meet the minimum capital and surplus requirement as outlined in Florida Statutes. An insurer who has received such a report shall forward a copy to the Office within five (5) business days of receipt and provide the accountant with evidence of the report being furnished to the Office. If the accountant fails to receive the evidence within the required five (5) business days, the accountant shall furnish to the Office a copy of its report within the next five (5) business days.</li> <li>If the accountant, subsequent to the date of the Audited Financial Statement filed pursuant to Rule 690-137.002 Florida Administrative Code, becomes aware of facts that might have affected his report, the accountant shall report those facts to the Office and the insurer within ten (10) days of discovery.</li> <li>The Notification of Adverse Financial Condition shall be submitted, with all necessary supporting documentation, to the Office using REFS.</li> </ul>
DD	Diskette Filing Requirement, Rule 69O-137.001, Florida Administrative Code:
	Annual and Quarterly Statement (individual or combined) filing diskettes ARE NOT to be sent to the Office. Each insurer shall submit to the NAIC the information on the annual and quarterly statements in computer readable form using the electronic media.
	Annual and quarterly statements in electronic media shall be sent to:

	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS
	1100 Walnut Street, Suite 1500
	Kansas City, MO 64106-2197 Phone: (816) 783-8600 Facsimile: (816) 471-7004
	NOTE: NAIC Data Base fees are due to the NAIC with the Annual Statement
EE	Certificate of Authority Annual License Tax, Section 624.501, Florida Statutes:
	The Certificate of Authority annual license tax (also referred to as a Certificate of Authority renewal fee) must be sent to the following address: <b>FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES</b> RECEIPTS ACCOUNTING SECTION P. O. BOX 6100 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32314-6100
	Each insurer is responsible for renewal of its Certificate of Authority. If the insurer does not receive an invoice by April 15, call (850) 413-3148 to request an invoice.
	Failure to pay the renewal fee timely may result in the assessment of a fine or suspension of the insurer's Certificate of Authority.
FF	Scrutinized Company Investments, Section 215.473(2) and Section 624.449, Florida Statutes:
	<b>Domestic insurers</b> are required to file the List of Scrutinized Company Investments with its annual statement filing. The list shall include a list of investments that the insurer has in companies included on the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List" and the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List" in accordance with Section 215.473(2), Florida Statutes. The insurer should review Section 624.449, Florida Statutes for additional information.
	The List of Scrutinized Company Investments shall be submitted to the Office using REFS.
GG	ORSA
	Insurance Groups and Stand Alone Companies that are subject to an ORSA filing will need to submit a 2022 ORSA filing on or before 12/31/2023. ORSA filings will be submitted as periodic filings unless the company has a holding company filing through REFS. Please refer to Section 628.8015, Florida Statutes for additional information.
HH	Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure, Section 628.8015, Florida Statutes:
	The Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure is required to be filed by an insurer or insurer member of an insurance group, of which the Office is the lead State regulator, by June 1 of each calendar year. The initial corporate governance annual disclosure must be submitted by December 31, 2018. Additionally, the Office may require an insurer or insurance group to provide a Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure before December 31, 2018, if the Office determines it is in the best interest of the state of Florida to do so.
	The Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure must describe the corporate governance framework and structure of the insurer or insurance group, the policies and practices of the most senior governing entity and significant committees, the policies and practices for directing senior management, the processes by which the board, its committees, and senior management ensure an appropriate amount of oversight to the critical risk areas that have an impact to the insurer's business activity and must include an attestation from the chief executive officer or corporate secretary of the insurer that the insurer has implemented the corporate governance practices and provided a copy of the disclosure to the board of directors or the appropriate board committee.
	The Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure filing and related documents are privileged, pursuant to Section 624.4212, Florida Statutes, and may not be provided in response to a subpoena or other discovery directed to the Office, and any such filings and related documents, if obtained from the Office, are not admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the Office may use these filings and related documents in the furtherance of any regulatory or legal action brought against an insurer as part of the official duties of the Department of Financial Services or the Office. A waiver of any applicable claim of privilege in these filings and related documents may not occur because of a disclosure to the Office under this section, because of any other provision of the Insurance Code, or because of sharing under s. 624.4212. The Office or a person receiving these filings and related documents, while acting under the authority of the Office, or with whom such filings and related documents are shared pursuant to s. 624.4212, is not permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any such filings or related documents.