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**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF
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Surety Recovery Agents**

**20 CSR 700-6.100 Applications, Fees, and
Renewals—Bail Bond Agents, General Bail
Bond Agents, and Surety Recovery Agents**

PURPOSE: This rule establishes initial and renewal application requirements for bail bond agents, general bail bond agents, and surety recovery agents under sections 374.695–374.789, RSMo.

(1) Application Forms. The following forms have been adopted and approved for filing with the department:

(A) The Missouri Uniform Application For Bail Bond or Surety Recovery License form (Form B1), or any form which substantially comports with the specified form, and;

(B) The Missouri Uniform Renewal Application For Bail Bond or Surety Recovery License form (Form BR), or any form which substantially comports with the specified form.

(2) Application and Fees.

(A) Initial License. The following shall be included in an initial application for license:

1. Form B1 and attachments;
2. Payment of a licensing fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150); and
3. A fingerprint-based background check through the Missouri Highway Patrol.

(B) Renewal License. The following shall be included in a license renewal application:

1. Form BR and attachments;
2. Payment of a licensing renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for the two- (2-) year license; and

3. If not provided with the applicant's initial license application, a fingerprint-based background check through the Missouri Highway Patrol.

(3) Failure to Timely Apply for Renewal. If a general bail bond agent, bail bond agent, or surety recovery agent fails to file for renewal of their license on or before the expiration date, the department will collect a late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month or fraction of a month after the renewal deadline.

(4) Availability of Forms. The department on request will supply in printed format the forms listed in this rule. Accurate reproduction of the forms may be utilized for filing in lieu of the printed forms. All application forms referenced herein are available at

<http://www.insurance.mo.gov>.

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**20 CSR 700-6.150 Initial Basic Training
for Bail Bond Agents, General Bail Bond
Agents and Surety Recovery Agents**

PURPOSE: This rule outlines initial basic training requirements for bail bond agents, general bail bond agents, and surety recovery agents under sections 374.710 and 374.784, RSMo Supp. 2004.

(1) Initial Basic Training. Except as otherwise provided by law, before an individual may be licensed as a bail bond agent, general bail bond agent, or surety recovery agent s/he must first fulfill the initial basic training requirements set forth in sections 374.710 and 374.784, RSMo. The initial basic training must be completed within a twelve (12)-month period prior to submitting an application. The basic course of training shall consist of a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours, taught by personnel with qualifications approved by the director and shall include instruction in all of the following subject areas:

- (A) Areas of Law.
1. Statute: Chapter 374, sections 374.695 to 374.789, RSMo;
 2. Statute: Chapter 544, RSMo—Arrest, Examination, Commitment and Bail;
 3. Applicable federal and state constitutional and case law, including, but not limited to:
 - A. Warrants/warrant procedures.
 - B. Incarceration, surrender and release.
 - C. Extraditions.
 - D. Use of force.

- E. Custody and transportation.
- (B) Bail Bond Training.
1. Licensing.
 - A. Test procedures.
 - B. Regulation.
 - C. Terminology.
 2. Documentation.
 - A. Power of Attorney.
 - B. Contracts: elements, classifications.
 - C. Certifications.
 - D. Revocation of bail.
 - E. Incarceration, surrender and release.
 3. Missouri Supreme Court Rules: 33.17, 33.18, 33.19.
 4. Rights of a bondsman.
 - A. History.
 - B. Powers.
 - C. Principles.
 - D. Practices.
 5. Business etiquette.
 - A. Contracts.
 - B. Appearance.
 - C. Ethics.
- (C) Surety Recovery Training.
1. Licensing.
 - A. Test procedures.
 - B. Regulation.
 - C. Terminology.
 2. Documentation.
 - A. Contracts.
 - B. Authority.
 - (I) Warrants.
 - (II) Certifications.
 - (III) Extradition.
 - (IV) Incarceration and surrender.
 3. Apprehension procedures.
 - A. Authority notification.
 - B. Techniques.
 - (I) Verification.
 - (II) Proper use of force.
 - (III) Self-identification.
 - (IV) Custody and transportation.
 4. Legal liability.

(2) Authorized Educational Providers.

(A) Pending approval by the department upon submission of an application for course provider, the director shall grant authority to public or private institutions, educational organizations, associations or individuals to provide the required initial basic training. All course provider applications must include a course outline and list of instructors, as provided herein. Applicants for course provider must have demonstrated three (3) years prior competent experience in the areas of instruction listed in section (1) of this rule.

(B) Each course provider and each course must be approved by the director. Application forms for this approval are available on



the department's website at www.insurance.mo.gov and at the department. In order for the director to review applications for approval, the following must be submitted:

1. The provider's application must include each instructor's qualifications and a listing of dates and times of all scheduled courses. Upon approval of the course, notification will be returned to the provider indicating the course number assigned by the department. Once approved, subsequent courses with a schedule of dates and times the course will be offered must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to holding the course.

2. A course outline prepared by each instructor which demonstrates the topics to be taught and the time that will be devoted to each topic. Course outlines shall indicate a sufficient amount of time for each subject area and must include all subjects as listed in this section.

3. An application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) must be submitted with the provider and course application. Personal checks are not accepted.

4. The cost per student for the twenty-four (24)-hour initial basic training which shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).

(C) All approved course providers shall complete a class roster in the form approved by the department indicating all course attendees for each day classes are held which shall be sent to the department within thirty (30) days of completion of the course.

(D) Course providers shall present each attendee with a Certificate of Completion of Initial Basic Training upon the attendee's successful completion of the course, in the form approved by the department.

(E) The department may audit the approved courses at any time.

(F) Self-study courses in any format, or electronic or telephone conference courses shall not be eligible for approval for initial basic training.

(G) Class roster and Certificate of Completion of Initial Basic Training forms are available on the department's website at www.insurance.mo.gov and at the department.

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20 CSR 700-6.160 Continuing Education for Bail Bond Agents, General Bail Bond Agents, and Surety Recovery Agents

PURPOSE: This rule establishes procedures with regard to the continuing education requirements contained in sections 374.710 and 374.784, RSMo.

(1) As used in this rule, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(A) "Approved course"—means an educational presentation offered in a class, seminar, self-study, or other form of instruction involving state and federal laws related to the bail bond industry, law enforcement, surety contract principles, procedures related to the apprehension of prisoners, procedures for field operations, principles of investigation, or other related areas approved by the director;

(B) "CEC"—means continuing education credit for licensed bail bond agents, general bail bond agents, and surety recovery agents;

(C) "Classroom"—means an area designated for instructional purposes;

(D) "Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Continuing Education Certificate of Course Completion"—means a form provided by the director and completed by the authorized provider representative of an approved course which signifies satisfactory completion of the course and reflects the hours of credit earned;

(E) "Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Continuing Education Certification Summary"—means a form provided by the licensee which documents compliance with the continuing education requirements in section 374.710, RSMo;

(F) "Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Continuing Education Provider Application for Course Approval"—means a form provided by the director and completed by the course provider which requests approval of a continuing education course from the director;

(G) "Affidavit of Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Exam Proctor"—means a form which can be accessed at the department's website at <http://www.insurance.mo.gov>, or at the department, to be completed by the exam proctor of an exam taken by the licensee to complete the requirements for credit for a self-study course;

(H) Exam proctor—a disinterested third party of at least eighteen (18) years of age, who has no corporate, employment, personal relationship, or other interest in the licensee's performance on the examination;

(I) Teleconference course—a live interactive broadcast that is transmitted via satellite or other electronic means;

(J) Credit hour—constitutes fifty (50) minutes of uninterrupted instruction during an approved course. Partial hours of credit are not allowed;

(K) Director—the director of the Department of Commerce and Insurance or their designee;

(L) Licensee—a person who is licensed by the department as a bail bond agent, general bail bond agent, or surety recovery agent;

(M) Self-study course—any course completed by a licensee using books, recorded audio, videotapes, computer programs, Internet rebroadcast of a taped event, or any other medium of instruction without the presence of an instructor or monitor.

(2) CEC credit hours may be earned through the following:

(A) Classroom instruction with a maximum of eight (8) credit hours per course. A licensee is not required to pass an examination to receive CEC for a classroom delivered course.

(B) Self-Study Courses. The licensee must pass a proctored exam to receive credit. The maximum allowable credit for self-study courses is eight (8) credit hours per course.

1. The credit hours for a self-study course will be determined by the following method:

A. Workbooks or other printed material—every fifteen (15) pages will equal one (1) credit hour;

B. Computer-based courses or Internet courses will be calculated as: three (3) screens (750 words) will equal one (1) printed page and forty-five (45) screens will equal one (1) credit hour.

2. Proctored exams are to consist of at least twenty-five (25) questions and the licensee will be awarded one (1) credit hour for every twenty-five (25) questions completed without access to books, notes, or any other reference material or information that would give or assist the licensee with the answers to the examination questions.

(3) A provider of classroom instruction or a self-study course must seek approval from the director by completing the form "Continuing Education Provider Application for Bail Bond Course Approval," which can be accessed at the department's website at <http://www.insurance.mo.gov> or at the department. CEC will not be given to licensees for attending courses prior to the course approval date.

(4) Filing Fees for Course Approval. Every



applicant seeking approval by the director of a continuing education course shall pay to the director a filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per course, included with the application form required by the director. Courses are approved for a period of no more than one (1) year. Applicants holding courses intended to be offered for a longer period must reapply for approval on forms prescribed by the director and submit an additional fifty dollar (\$50) fee.

(5) All course providers must furnish a Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Continuing Education Certificate of Course Completion to any licensee who completes an approved course. The form can be accessed at the department's website at <http://www.insurance.mo.gov> or at the department.

(6) Bail bond agents, general bail bond agents, and surety recovery agents must submit a Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Continuing Education Certification Summary to the director to show compliance with sections 374.710 and 374.784, RSMo. The form can be accessed at the department's website at <http://www.insurance.mo.gov> or at the department.

(7) Bail bond agents, general bail bond agents, and surety recovery agents taking self-study courses must have the exam proctor complete an Affidavit of Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Exam Proctor to show compliance with sections 374.710 and 374.784, RSMo, and return the form to the provider. The form can be accessed at the department's website at <http://www.insurance.mo.gov> or at the department.

(8) Within thirty (30) days of the date a course is completed by a licensee, providers shall notify the director of the credit hours earned in an electronic manner. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Licensing Section of the department.

(A) For good cause shown, the director may by written order waive application of the provisions of this section. The extent of any waiver will be governed by the terms of the written order granting the waiver.

(9) A licensee may not repeat a course for credit during the same biennial licensure period.

(10) Courses that were taken prior to the date of Missouri licensure will not be allowable for credit as continuing education.

(11) The department may audit approved courses or a licensee's continuing education records at any time.

(12) Failure of providers to comply with Missouri insurance statutes or regulations may result in revocation of course approval or corrective action against the provider as authorized by law.

(13) Reporting Period.

(A) All bail bond agents, general bail bond agents, and surety recovery agents must show proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements at the time of their biennial license renewal by filing a Bail Bond Agent, General Bail Bond Agent, and Surety Recovery Agent Continuing Education Certification Summary listing all completed courses.

(14) The cost per student for eight (8) credit hours is not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

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20 CSR 700-6.170 Change of Status Notification for Bail Bond Agents, General Bail Bond Agents and Surety Recovery Agents

PURPOSE: This rule sets the requirements for notification of the Department of Commerce and Insurance of a change in status of specified information provided on the original application.

(1) Bail bond agents, general bail bond agents and surety recovery agents shall inform the director of a change of name or change of address within thirty (30) days of the change by submitting a change in status form which may be obtained on the department website at www.insurance.mo.gov or at the offices of the department.

(2) General bail bond corporations shall inform the director of a change of officers/owners within thirty (30) days of the

change by submitting a change in status form which may be obtained on the department website at www.insurance.mo.gov or at the offices of the department.

(3) Failure to timely inform the director of the changes described in this rule may result in a forfeiture not to exceed the sum of ten dollars (\$10) per month.

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20 CSR 700-6.200 Assignment and Acknowledgement

PURPOSE: This rule is intended to clarify the procedure for the asset assignment requirement under sections 374.715 and 374.740, RSMo.

(1) The ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) or twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) asset assignment described in sections 374.715 and 374.740, RSMo shall be held in the name of the general bail bond agent, with the state of Missouri, director of the department, as assignee. The attachments referenced in section (2) of 20 CSR 700-6.100 include the Assignment, a completed Acknowledgement of Assignment from the financial institution issuing the Certificate of Deposit, and the original Certificate of Deposit.

(2) Each general bail bond agent seeking license renewal shall supply an original letter from the financial institution that issued their assigned Certificate of Deposit, stating that the Certificate of Deposit is still assigned to the state of Missouri, printed on the financial institution's letterhead, signed and dated by an official of the financial institution, and stating the Certificate of Deposit number and the general bail bond agent's name.

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20 CSR 700-6.250 Assignment of Additional Assets

PURPOSE: This rule effectuates and aids in the interpretation of the provisions of sections 374.715 and 374.740, RSMo, involving the assignment of additional assets by general bail bond agents.

(1) The director may require the assignment of additional assets if:

(A) The department receives information from a court or courts indicating that the general bail bond agent has accumulated seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) in unsatisfied bond forfeiture judgments;

(B) The department receives notice of multiple unsatisfied bond forfeiture judgments within a thirty- (30-) day period;

(C) The department receives a complaint that the general bail bond agent owes parties to a bail contract, or any persons providing funds or collateral for bail, in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000); or

(D) The department receives information from a court or courts indicating that the general bail bond agent, acting as surety, has executed a bond or bonds exceeding their assets declared pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 33.18.

(2) In the event that the general bail bond agent receives notice from the department that the assignment of additional assets is necessary, the general bail bond agent shall obtain a Certificate of Deposit in the name of the general bail bond agent for the amount requested by the department and submit to the department within twenty (20) days the original Certificate of Deposit, an Assignment, and a completed Acknowledgement of Assignment from the financial institution issuing the Certificate of Deposit.

AUTHORITY: sections 374.045, 374.705, and 374.740, RSMo 2016, and section 374.715, RSMo Supp. 2018. Original rule filed Sept. 14, 2004, effective March 30, 2005. Amended: Filed Nov. 30, 2007, effective July 30, 2008. Amended: Filed March 8, 2019, effective Sept. 30, 2019.*

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20 CSR 700-6.300 Affidavits
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