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Ins 6.01 Foreign company to operate 2 years before admission. Experience has demonstrated that until a company has engaged in the business of insurance for at least 2 years there is not a sufficient basis upon which to form a judgment as to whether its methods and practices in the conduct of its business are such as to safeguard the interests of its policyholders and the people of this state. Therefore, no application of a foreign insurance company or mutual benefit society for a license to transact business in Wisconsin will be considered until it has continuously transacted the business of insurance for at least 2 years immediately prior to the making of such application for license.

Ins 6.02 Company to transact a kind of insurance 2 years before admission. (1) Experience has demonstrated that until a company has engaged in a kind of insurance or in another kind of insurance of the same class for at least 2 years, there is not a sufficient basis upon which to form a judgment as to whether its methods and practices in the conduct of its business in such kind of insurance or another kind in the same class of insurance, are such as to safeguard the interests of its policyholders and the people of this state. Therefore, no application of a foreign insurance company or mutual benefit society for a license to transact a kind of insurance business in Wisconsin will be considered until it has continuously transacted that kind of insurance, or another kind of insurance in the same class of insurance as that for which it makes such application; for at least 2 years immediately prior to making such application. For the purposes hereof, insurance is divided into kinds of insurance according to the provisions of section Ins 6.75 each subsection setting forth a separate kind, and into classes of insurance upon the basis of and including the said kinds as follows:

(a) Fire insurance includes the kinds in section Ins 6.75 (2) (a).

(b) Life insurance includes the kinds in section Ins 6.75 (1) (a) and (b) but excluding all insurance on the health of persons other than that authorized in s. 627.06, Stats., and section Ins 6.70, Wis. Adm. Code.

(c) Casualty insurance includes the kinds in section Ins 6.75 (2) (c) through (n).

(2) Provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude consideration of an application to transact the kind of insurance in Ins 6.75 (1) (e) or (2) (c) if the applicant company has transacted any of the kinds of insurance in Ins 6.75 (1) (a) and (b) or (2) (d), (e), (k) and (n) continuously for 2 years immediately prior to the making of application for license to transact the kind of insurance in Ins 6.75 (1) (e) or (2) (c).

History: 1-2-56; emerg. am. eff. 6-22-76; am. Register, September, 1976, No. 249, eff. 10-1-76; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79.

Ins 6.05 Filing of property and casualty insurance forms. (1) **PURPOSE.** This rule is intended to implement and interpret s. 631.20, Stats., for the purpose of establishing filing procedures for certain property and casualty insurance policy forms.

(2) **SCOPE.** The requirements of this rule shall apply to insurance forms as defined in s. 600.03 (21) to be used to provide any of the lines or classes of insurance listed in Ins 6.75 (2) (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m) and (n).

(3) **DEFINITIONS.** In this rule, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Filing" shall mean:

1. Any matter submitted under this rule.
2. The act of filing such matter.

(b) "Basic policy forms" shall mean the basic insurance contracts used by any insurer including coverage parts or forms necessary to complete the contracts, amendatory endorsements needed to effect statutory compliance, and applications which become a part of an insurance contract.

(d) Base all such rates on sound actuarial principles or a valid classification system and actual experience statistics.

(6) **PENALTY.** Violation of this rule shall subject the insurer to the penalties set forth in s. 601.64, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 6-1-76; emerg. am. (1), eff. 6-22-76; am. (1), Register, September, 1976, No. 249, eff. 10-1-76.

Ins 6.57 Listing of insurance agents by insurers. (1) Submission of an application for an intermediary-agent appointment shall constitute the initial listing of such agent in accordance with s. 628.11, Stats., and such application shall be submitted to the office of the commissioner of insurance on or before the date of appointment on forms 11-1 and 11-9 for resident individual intermediary-agents and on form 11-17 for non-resident individual intermediary-agents.

(2) Notice of termination of appointment of individual intermediary-agent in accordance with s. 628.11, Stats., shall be filed prior to or within 15 calendar days of the termination date with the office of the commissioner of insurance on form 11-11. Prior to or within 7 days of filing this termination notice, the insurer must provide the agent written notice that the agent is no longer to be listed as a representative of the company and that he or she may not act as its representative. This notice shall also include a formal demand for the return of all indicia of agency. "Termination date" means the date on which the insurer effectively severs the agency relationship with its intermediary-agent and withdraws the agent's authority to represent the company in any capacity.

(3) In addition, each insurer shall pay once each year, in accordance with an assigned billing schedule, the annual listing fee defined in s. 601.31 (16), Stats., within 30 days after the mailing of a payment notice to such insurer showing the amount due for all individual intermediary-agents serving as agents for such insurer, according to the commissioner's records as of the end of the month prior to the notice date. A billing schedule shall be adopted by the commissioner under which listing notices will be sent to insurers. This schedule will also designate the calendar month of billing for the various insurers and/or insurer groups.

(4) Fees applicable for listing of insurance agents under s. 628.11, Stats., are hereby established to be:

Resident individual intermediary-agents	\$ 5.00
Nonresident individual intermediary-agents	15.00

(5) No insurer shall accept business directly from any intermediary unless that intermediary is a licensed intermediary-agent listed with that company or unless the intermediary holds a valid license as an intermediary-broker.

(6) No intermediary-agent shall submit an application for insurance directly to an insurer or solicit insurance on behalf of a particular insurer unless the agent is listed with that insurer.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 262, eff. 1-1-77; r. and recr. Register, March, 1978, No. 267, eff. 4-1-78; cr., (5) and (6), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79.

Ins 6.58 Licensing of corporations and partnerships as insurance intermediaries. (s. 628.04, Stats.) (1) **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this rule is to establish procedures for licensure of corporations and partnerships as insurance intermediaries.

(2) **LICENSE REQUIRED.** The following entities must obtain a license under this section:

(a) Any corporation or partnership for which or on whose behalf any person solicits, negotiates, places insurance or annuities, or advises of insurance needs and coverages;

(b) Any corporation or partnership that receives, shares or accepts assignment of commissions or compensation for services performed as an intermediary as provided in s. 628.61, except those assignments given as collateral; and

(c) Any insurance agency whose legal form is a corporation.

(3) **EXEMPTION.** A corporation or partnership shall be exempt from licensing under this section if:

(a) It conducts its insurance business principally in the name of a licensed individual intermediary and discloses the name of the licensed intermediary in substantially all of its advertising and communications with insureds and all of its officers, directors or partners are either licensed intermediaries or are members of the immediate family of a licensed intermediary;

(b) It is national or state bank, federal or state savings and loan association or a credit union; or

(c) It is an insurer licensed to do business in Wisconsin.

(4) **PROCEDURE.** Application for a permanent intermediary license for a corporation or partnership shall be made on application form 11-50 and filed with the commissioner of insurance. The application must be accompanied by:

(a) A licensing fee of \$100.00 as authorized by s. 601.31 (1) (o), Stats.;

(b) Certification that the articles of incorporation or association include the intent, in good faith, to do business as an intermediary;

(c) Certification that the corporation or partnership will transact business in such a way that all acts that may only be performed by a licensed intermediary are performed exclusively by natural persons who are licensed under s. 628.04, Stats., and functioning within the scope of the license, and a list of such persons;

(d) If the corporation or partnership is domiciled outside of Wisconsin, an agreement to be subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner and the courts of this state on any matter related to the corporation's or partnership's insurance activities in this state, on the basis of service of process under ss. 601.72 and 601.73, Stats.; and

(e) A list of all partners, directors or principal officers or persons in fact having comparable power.

(f) In the case of a corporation the application must be signed by an officer. In the case of a partnership the application must be signed by a partner.

(5) **STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE AND TRUSTWORTHINESS.** (a) For partners, directors or principal officers who are licensed at the time of application under sub. (4) as insurance intermediaries, those standards as set

forth in s. Ins 6.62, Wis. Adm. Code, shall apply in lieu of the standards set forth in this subsection.

(b) For partners, directors or principal officers who are not licensed at the time of application under sub. (4) as insurance intermediaries, the following criteria may be used in assessing trustworthiness and competence:

1. Criminal record. The conviction for crimes which are substantially related to insurance marketing.

2. Accuracy of information. Any material misrepresentation in the information submitted on form 11-50.

3. Regulatory action. Any regulatory action taken with regard to any license held, such as insurance licenses in other states, real estate licenses and security licenses.

4. Other criteria which the commissioner considers evidence of untrustworthiness or incompetence.

(6) FEES. (a) Annually, on January 1, a regulation fee of \$5.00 for resident and \$15.00 for non-resident intermediaries will be billed as authorized by s. 601.31 (1) (p), Stats.

(b) If payment of the annual regulation fee is not made within 30 days after the date of billing, the license will be suspended. If payment is made during the suspension, the license will be reinstated.

(c) The license will be revoked if payment is not made within 60 days after suspension.

(7) NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES. Each intermediary corporation or partnership shall, within 30 days, notify the commissioner of insurance in writing of any change in its business mailing address, location of the business records, or a change in the name and address of the designated representative.

(8) EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect on the 1st day of the month following its adoption. The commissioner may grant extensions for compliance to those corporations and partnerships that exhibit unusual difficulty in meeting the effective date.

Note: Intermediary corporations and partnerships are subject to the recordkeeping requirements as set forth in Ins 6.61 (1), Wis. Adm. Code.

Application for the licensing of corporations and partnerships is made on form 11-50. Copies can be obtained at the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1980; No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

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APPLICATION FOR
PERMANENT
CORPORATION OR
PARTNERSHIP
INSURANCE INTERMEDIARY
LICENSE
Form 11-50

STATE OF WISCONSIN
OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
123 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53702

SECTION 1 PLEASE COMPLETE THE BLANKS AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW.

1. LICENSE NUMBER _____ (For office use only.) CR # _____

2. BUSINESS NAME _____

3. BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS _____
Number, Street, City, Zip

4. NAME OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP _____

5. ADDRESS OF DOMICILE _____
Number, Street, City, Zip

6. RESIDENT CODE Wisconsin _____ Other _____

7. TYPE Corporation _____ Partnership _____ 8. LICENSE FEE
(Initial Application Only) \$100.00 _____
REGULATION FEE Resident \$ 5.00 _____
(Each year after Nonresident \$ 15.00 _____
initial application)

9. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE
NAME _____ TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____
Number, Street, City, Zip

PHONE _____

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SECTION II STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE AND TRUSTWORTHINESS

- a. Have you been fined, reprimanded, or been the subject of a consent decree in any state for a violation of its insurance, real estate or securities statutes or administrative regulations?
- b. Have you had your license to solicit insurance, real estate or securities refused, suspended, denied or revoked in any state?
- c. Have you been convicted on a misdemeanor or felony offense, other than a traffic violation, in the past three years?
- d. If you have ever been employed by an insurance company, has your employment contract been terminated or non-renewed because of allegations of misconduct or wrongdoing by an insurance company?

A separate sheet of detailed explanation must be included for each principal officer, director or partner answering yes to any of the above questions in Section III.

SECTION III

PLEASE LIST ALL PARTNERS, DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OR PERSONS HAVING COMPARABLE POWERS AND THEIR TITLES (PARTNER, DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER).

Name	Title	Wisconsin Ins. Intermediary License Number (if applicable)	Section II Answers*			
			a.	b.	c.	d.

*Answer Y for "Yes" and N for "No" for all questions in Section II. If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions in Section II, attach a detailed explanation.

Ins 6.59 Licensing procedures—individual intermediary-agent.

(1) Application for individual intermediary-agent license shall be made on insurance forms 11-41 (resident) or 11-42 (non-resident) and filed with the commissioner of insurance, Madison, Wisconsin. The determination by the commissioner as to the trustworthiness of the applicant shall be based, in part, on data contained on the application form. Determination on the competence of the applicant shall be based on results of an examination process, which shall include a written examination, as well as a review of the application form in accordance with Ins 6.62.

(2) Applications shall be filed with the commissioner of insurance, Madison, Wisconsin, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the written examination. Written examinations can be scheduled for one or more kinds of individual intermediary-agent license authority on the same date.

(3) The following fee schedule is established, in accordance with s. 601.31 (17), Stats., for investigation and examination of an individual intermediary-agent:

(a) Individual not holding any kind of individual intermediary-agent authority as part of a license listed in Ins 6.50 (2):

Examination for one kind of authority	\$35.00
Examinations for 2 kinds of authority	39.00
Examinations for 3 kinds of authority	43.00
Examinations for 4 kinds of authority	47.00

(b) Individual holding one or more kinds of individual intermediary-agent authority as part of a license listed in Ins 6.50 (2), or individual seeking re-examination within four months of failure to attain a passing grade for the same kind or kinds of authority.

Examination for one additional kind of authority	\$26.00
Examinations for 2 additional kinds of authority	30.00
Examinations for 3 additional kinds of authority	34.00
Examinations for 4 additional kinds of authority	38.00

(4) The fee schedule in (3) shall be applicable to applications by non-residents seeking to become individual intermediary-agents. Where the commissioner determines that a non-resident has passed an examination as stringent as that of Wisconsin, the written examination requirement may be waived.

(5) A written examination shall be required for each kind of individual intermediary-agent license authority listed in Ins 6.50 which the applicant must personally take and pass to the satisfaction of the commissioner. Each such written examination shall be designed to effectively test the applicant's basic knowledge of the kinds of insurance for which he or she intends to solicit coverage, and the applicant's basic understanding of the applicable laws and regulations, necessary for service as a competent individual intermediary-agent.

(6) An applicant obtaining a passing grade on the written examination who submits a satisfactory application and meets all requirements of Ins 6.62 (3) shall be issued an individual intermediary-agent license for those kinds of authority for which he or she is qualified. The same procedure shall apply to an enlargement of authority for which an individual intermediary-agent qualified by the current examination.

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(7) Written examinations for each kind of individual intermediary-agent authority will be administered at least once a month in accordance with a schedule adopted by the commissioner at the following examination centers: Eau Claire, Green Bay, LaCrosse, Oshkosh, Madison, Rhinelander, Racine, Superior, and Stevens Point. Written examinations will be administered twice a month in Milwaukee and at least one other center.

(8) A town mutual agent exempt from licensing under s. 628.03 (1), Stats., by s. 628.05 (1), Stats., includes an agent for a town mutual not authorized to insure members against loss to property by windstorm or hail insurance as provided in ss. 612.31 (2) (a) 3 and 612.33 (2) (a), Stats., who provides windstorm or hail insurance to the town mutual's members through an insurance policy issued by another authorized insurer operating on an assessment plan. The town mutual agent need not be licensed but the other insurer must list the agent and pay the listing fee in accordance with section Ins 6.57.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1977, No. 255, eff. 4-1-77; am. (8), Register, June, 1978, No. 270, eff. 7-1-78; cr. (10), Register, September, 1978, No. 273, eff. 10-1-78; am. (3) and (7), Register, February, 1980, No. 290, eff. 3-1-80; r. (6) and (9), renum. (7), (8) and (10) to be (6), (7) and (8), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

Ins 6.60 Apprentice permit procedure - individual intermediary-agent apprentice.
History: Cr. Register, March, 1977, No. 255, eff. 4-1-77; r. Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

Ins 6.61 Intermediary records. (1) Each intermediary shall maintain or have maintained, for a 3 year period, unless a specific period is provided elsewhere, records of the intermediary's policyholder financial transactions and records of transactions with brokerage clientele which occur in the regular course of business or are prescribed by rule, in accordance with accepted accounting principles. Such records shall include an accounting of such billings to and receipts from purchasers of insurance and payments to insurers or others for coverage provided, as have passed through the hands of the intermediary, or comparable records on an agency or partnership-wide basis. An insurer may by written agreement assume the responsibility to maintain these records for an individual intermediary-agent if the records can be made immediately available to the commissioner of insurance on demand.

(2) Each individual intermediary-agent shall maintain records for a 3 year period giving the effective date of the coverage on all newly issued contracts and indicating that the necessary suitability inquiry and replacement procedures required by Ins 2.07, Ins 2.14 (5) (f), Ins 3.27 (7), and Ins 3.29 were followed for each individually-issued life and accident and health contract written and/or replaced.

(3) Records required by subs. (1) and (2) are to be maintained at the business address of the intermediary or the insurer recorded with the commissioner of insurance, or at another location only if notice has been provided the commissioner of insurance of such alternate location.