

Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions "E&O") Insurance Reminder to Licence Holders

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For consumer protection, existence and continual maintenance of E&O insurance is a mandatory condition of licensing, as outlined under sections <u>371(1.1)</u> or <u>385(5.1)</u> of *The Insurance Act* of Manitoba. To remain licensed each licence holder is required to continually maintain E&O insurance and ensure up-to-date information is kept current within the <u>On-line Portal</u> for each class of licence they hold.

Licence holders must be able to arrange renewal or replacement of their E&O insurance and report the information in the online portal <u>before</u> the expiry date of their existing policy. If they do not have <u>and</u> enter this information into the online portal before the expiry date, the licence holder will be disqualified from holding a licence, prohibiting them from engaging in agent or adjuster activity. In the event of a delay or an extension of their current policy, they must contact their broker/carrier and obtain their current E&O information allowing them to update this information within the online portal before the existing E&O policy expires.

It is important to note that backdating of an E&O insurance policy does not meet the parameters of <u>continually maintaining</u> E&O insurance and may be considered a violation of sections 371(1.1) or 385(5.1) of *The Insurance Act* of Manitoba.

For further information relating to E&O, including information on how to avoid disqualification, and how to update your E&O information, please refer to: News and Bulletins and User Guide for entry of E&O.

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