

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services – Bureau of Licensing

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Resident Title Insurance Agent

TYPE AND CLASS: 4-10 Resident Title Insurance Agent

Common Use(s) of License:

Florida Statutes 626.841 (1) defines a "TITLE INSURANCE AGENT" as a person, appointed in writing by a title insurer for the purpose of issuing and countersigning binders, commitments, policies of title insurance, or guarantees of title in its behalf.

STEPS TO OBTAIN 4-10 RESIDENT TITLE INSURANCE AGENT:

Step 1 - You must:

- Be a natural person at least 18 years of age.
- Be a resident of the State of Florida.
- Be a <u>United States citizen or legal alien</u> who possesses a work authorization from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services.
- Not hold a resident license in another state.

Step 2 - Must have the following prerequisite(s) before applying:

• Successfully completed a 40-hour insurance classroom course in title insurance approved by the Department within four (4) years of application date.

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Find a Course
Requires State Examination
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Completed at least one (1) year within the last four (4) years of responsible title insurance duties while working for a title agency, title agent, title insurer or an attorney
 <u>Requires State Examination</u>

Step 3 - Apply:

- Answer all of the questions and pay the fees to complete online application. <u>Review fees</u> <u>Apply</u> <u>Fingerprinting fees</u> are not included and must be paid directly to vendor
- Step 4 Send prerequisite(s) to department:

- Send proof of prerequisite, as indicated in **Step 2**, to the Bureau.
- Note: Some designation course providers will automatically send the Bureau proof within 21 days of your passing date.
- Email proof of prerequisite to: <u>AgentLicensing@MyFloridaCFO.com</u>

Step 5 - Fingerprints:

• You must be <u>fingerprinted</u>.

Step 6 - Examination:

Disregard this step if you passed the Title Agent exam within one year prior to applying for the license.

 Upon approval, an email will be sent to you directing you to check your messages in your <u>MyProfile</u> account. Messages are where you may securely view your notifications from the department, such as an authorization for an <u>examination</u>. Follow the message's instructions to schedule the <u>examination</u>.

Applicants are required to take an examination and will not be qualified for a license until the department has received a passing result from the testing vendor.

Step 7 - Status notification(s):

- Once an application has been submitted, you may check your <u>MyProfile</u> account for the status of your application. Deficiencies will be listed under the pending license type.
- Once all the above steps have been satisfied, the department will send your approval by email. You may then go to your MyProfile account and click the "Wallet" and/or "Letter" hyperlink(s), under the "Print Licenses" section, to generate a copy of your license for printing.

Special Note:

- Attorneys at law duly licensed to practice law in the courts of this state, and in good standing with The Florida Bar are exempt from having to obtain a license per s. 626.8417(4), Florida Statutes. Note: This does not exempt attorneys from the state examination if they apply for a title agent license.
- Appointment required. A title insurance agent may not sell a title insurance policy issued by an insurer for which the agent does not hold a current appointment.
- Title insurance agents must complete the continuing education requirements of s. <u>626.2815</u> bi-annually by end of licensee's birth month.
 Note: Additional information can be found on our <u>Continuing Education</u> page.