

Reminder of the April 1, 2000 deadline

For the individuals who pursue their activities in group insurance as employees of an insurer or a firm, the date of April 1, 2000 is determining.

In fact, the measures for the recognition of their experience, initiated to facilitate their access to the new group insurance representative certificate, will end.

However, the individuals who had to get their situation sorted out with the Bureau des services financiers and who, on March 31, 2000, have not passed their examinations successfully, where applicable, or applied for a representative's certificate, will no longer be permitted to pursue their activities quite legally.

Please note that, after April 1, 2000, any person who wishes to pursue his activities in group insurance will have to meet all the requirements for entrance in the career for this sector (or sector class): minimum training, examinations and training period, and apply for a certificate within 30 days of the date of the end of his training period. No exemption will then be applicable.

Directive concerning the certification and the obligation to make a choice as to the way to carry on business¹

Upon the **issuance** or **renewal** of a certificate, the representative must **obligatorily** make a choice as to the way he will carry on business for all the sectors in which he is authorized to pursue his activities; otherwise his certificate may not be issued in any of the sector(s) for which he has not sent his choice of way to carry on business.

During the validity period of the certificate, where a representative ceases to maintain a way to carry on business, he is no longer authorized to act for the sector(s) referred to in accordance with section 14 of the Act, and he will receive a letter to that effect. Until the expiry of his certificate, the representative may make a choice as to the way to carry on business to be again authorized to pursue his activities. However, he must, at all times, continue to comply with the rules concerning professional development, where applicable.

If the representative has not yet submitted any choice as to the way to carry on business upon the renewal of his certificate, such certificate will not be renewed in the sector(s) concerned, and the rules concerning the reinstatement will apply thereafter.

As for representatives whose certificates had already been issued and who have not made any choice as to the way they will carry on business during the transitional measures, a letter will soon be sent to them advising them that they are not authorized to act in that capacity for the sector concerned and that they must, before the expiry of their certificate, make a choice as to the way to carry on business. Also, they must meet the rules regarding professional development.

¹ Adopted at the meeting of January 21, 2000

