

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
RE: CONTINUING EDUCATION NON-COMPLIANCE FOR BAIL AGENTS

The Mississippi Insurance Department (hereafter "MID") maintains a bail agent licensing system to verify that all licensed bail agents have completed the required eight (8) hours of continuing education (CE) training necessary every year to maintain the status of their license.

Agents who fail to complete the eight (8) required hours are in violation of Mississippi Code Ann. §83-39-3 (8) (a) (Supp. 2017) which states that before the renewal of a license of any professional bail agent, soliciting bail agent or bail enforcement agent, the applicant shall submit proof of successful completion of continuing education hours as follows:

(ii) , eight (8) classroom hours of continuing education for each year or part of a year of the two-year license period, for a total of sixteen (16) hours per license period.

For those agents current found in non-compliance of this statute, the MID will allow them to correct this deficit by requiring the completion of two (2) 8-hour CE courses over the next twelve (12) months, in which the hours must be taken from two (2) of the three approved Bail CE providers. In other words, the agent cannot take both CE courses twice under the same provider in the same year, ending Sept. 30, 2019.

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the agent not being eligible to renew their license at the time of renewal, subject to a hearing before the Commissioner of Insurance, and shall be required to complete the 40-hour pre-licensing course again.

The approved providers for bail agents are as follows:

1. Mississippi Bail Agents Association: www.msbaail.org — 601-899-8599
2. Mississippi Coalition of Bail Sureties: www.mcobs.org — 877-771-2245
3. Mississippi Bail Training Institute: www.msbti.com — 228-265-7700