



South Carolina Department of Insurance

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THIS IS HOW IT WILL WORK:

The vendor will submit YOUR fingerprint impression electronically to SLED. SLED will electronically submit them to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI will perform its investigation and electronically submit the results back to SLED. SLED will electronically submit the results of both state and federal criminal history to the Department.

You can register, find locations, and pay for fingerprinting by visiting <http://www.identogo.com>. More information concerning fingerprinting will be placed on the DOI's website under the heading "BONDSMAN"

Your fingerprints are valid for 60 days from the date of receipt. This means that if an applicant or current licensee applies for another type of license within the 60 days period, he/she will NOT be required to file another set of fingerprints unless specifically requested by the Department to do so.

CHANGES MADE TO SURETY BONDSMAN LICENSES

Effective August 26, 2014, all surety bondsman licenses will display the "Bond Limit(s)" per company as you are duly appointed. Your bond limit(s) will appear on the top and bottom portion of your license beside the insurance carrier's name.

Your bond limit(s) on your license will match our QUALIFIED POWERS OF ATTORNEY (qpas) that was issued by your appointing carrier which you are required to register in the office of the clerk of court which you reside in accordance with Code 38-53-260. This will aid the clerks, municipal, magistrate, circuit, and federal courts in verifying your authorized writing limits.

Example:

If a surety bondsman executes a POWER OF ATTORNEY which exceed the bond limit shown on his QPAS, the court can immediately contact the carrier to verify if the bondsman has the authority to execute such large power.

The department is diligently working with judicial officers and their staff members in their educational conference as to assist them in recognizing dishonest business practices in the industry.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to call 803-737-6099 or email me at WSEAWRIGHT@DOI.SC.GOV