



BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT & BAIL SOLICITING AGENT
LICENSING INSTRUCTIONS

Bail Enforcement Agent: Defined as a person who assists the professional bail agent in presenting the defendant in court when required, or who assists in the apprehension and surrender of the defendant to the court or who keeps the defendant under necessary surveillance.

Soliciting Bail Agent: Defined as any person who, as an agent or employee of a professional bail agent or as an independent contractor, for compensation or otherwise, shall solicit, advertise or actively seek bail bond business for or on behalf of a professional bail agent.

(1) The Licensing application requirements for both the Bail Enforcement Agent and Soliciting Bail Agent are the same. The following items must be submitted:

- a) Application (must be notarized) and privilege tax of \$40.00 for each license.
- b) A complete set of fingerprints (taken by MID, \$50.00, see Fingerprinting Instructions)
- c) A recent full-face color photograph
- d) The 40-hour pre-licensing course is required unless items No. 2 or 6 below are applicable.
(Course completion info is sent electronically to the MS Insurance Dept. by the instructor.)

(2) As of July 1, 2012, a soliciting bail agent or bail enforcement agent may, upon termination by a professional bail agent or upon their cessation of employment with a professional bail agent, be relicensed without having to comply with the provisions of Section 83-39-3(7)(a), if they have held a license in their respective license category within ninety (90) days of the new application, provided all other requirements set forth in Sections 83-39-5 and 83-39-3(7)(b) have been met and their previous professional bail agent has been notified in writing by them that they are submitting for a new license.

(3) An examination is given at the end of the 40-hour pre-licensing course.

(4) The license period for bail enforcement and bail soliciting agents expires September 30th of each odd numbered year. Follow-up renewals will consist of 24-month license terms.

(5) A new application must be completed and a new privilege tax paid when a Bail Soliciting Agent or Bail Enforcement Agent changes employment from one professional bail agent to another. A new license will be issued reflecting the change in employment. All licensing application requirements listed in paragraph (1) must be satisfied. If an applicant has already completed a 40-hour prelicensing education course and can provide a copy of the certificate to MID, they will not have to retake a 40-hour prelicensing education course. An applicant who has already been fingerprinted by MID will not have to be re-fingerprinted as long as they apply for a new license prior to the September 30th expiration date listed on their most recent license.

(6) Prelicensing education is not required for a bail soliciting agent or bail enforcement agent licensee (currently licensed) who applies for a different category of license if the prior license has remained in effect without any action taken against it and the applicant has successfully completed the continuing education requirements under this section for all periods between the completion of prelicensing education and the submission of the application for a license in a different category.

(7) Non-Resident applicants must comply with all licensing requirements listed in paragraph (1).

(8) For additional information, contact the Licensing Division at (601) 359-3582.