



SIRCON FOR CARRIERS

Adding and Searching for Producers



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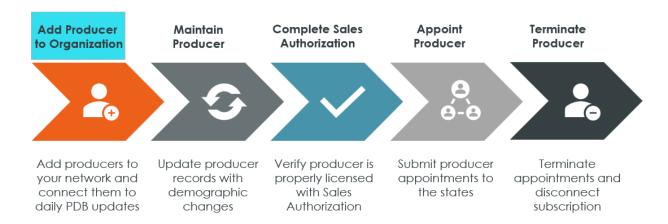
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Overview

In this quick guide, we will review how to add and search for producers/firms in Sircon for Carriers.

Producer Lifecycle Management



The first step to manage your producers is to add producers to your organization. You can add individual licensees (such as producers and adjusters) or firms (such as agencies and securities firms).

When you add a producer to your network, Producer Central will create a **Producer Record** and will connect the producer to your account. A producer record stores all the relevant licensing and compliance information in one location. Here you can see information like:

- Producer Demographics
- Licenses
- Lines of Authority / Qualifications
- Appointments
- Employment History

When a producer is connected to your account, Producer Central will sync with the Producer Database (PDB) daily to keep the producer record up to date.

You only need to add a producer once. After they are added to your network, you can disconnect the producer from your organization to stop receiving PDB updates.

Note: Your organization is charged based on the number of connected producers you maintain in Sircon for Carriers.



Once you add a producer to your organization, you can:

- View their Producer Record
- Search for the Producer
- Add Appointments
- Assign the producer to Business Units and Cost Centers

In this quick guide, we will review how to:

- 1. Add Producers to Producer Central
- 2. Search for Producers
- 3. Tour the Producer Record

Note: Additional quick guides will cover how to <u>maintain producer</u> records, <u>complete sales authorizations</u>, and <u>complete appointments and terminations</u>.



Add Producers to your Organization

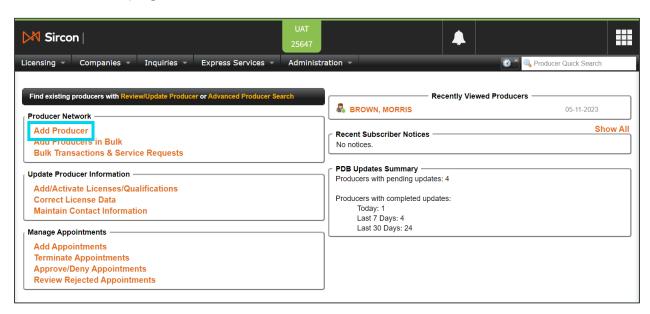
In this section, we will learn how to add producers to your organization. There are two different ways you can add producers:

- Add a Single Producer
- Add Multiple Producers in Bulk

Add a Single Producer

Use this process to add a single producer to your organization. Follow these steps if you have a small number of producers you need to add to your account.

 Start by clicking the Add Producer button under the Producer Network section of the main page of Producer Central.



2. From the **Producer Type** field, select either **Individual Licensee** or **Firm**. The criteria you need to enter will change depending on this field.





ADD AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE

You can add producers to your network using their NPN number or their SSN number.

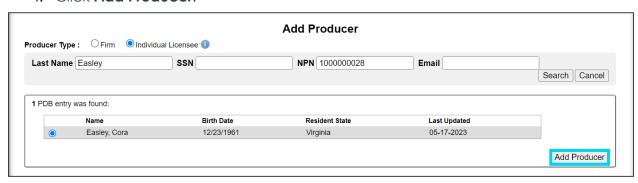
Note: The business rules set up by your organization determine whether you add producers with their **SSN** or **NPN**. If you aren't sure which information to use, contact your local administrator.

Add Producer with an Existing NPN Number

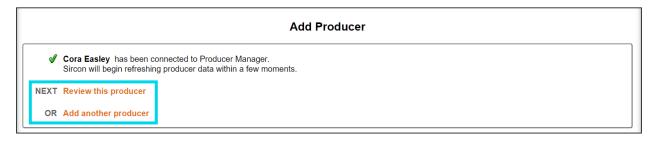
- To add an individual licensee that has an NPN, start by entering the Last Name of the producer then type their full NPN number. You can also narrow down the search by including the Email.
- 2. Click Search.



- 3. Producer Central will compare your search criteria with the information available on the PDB. If a record is found, you will see the details on the screen.
- 4. Click Add Producer.



- 5. You will receive a message that the producer is connected to Producer Central. Sircon will compare data with the PDB and will refresh the producer record.
- Click Review this producer to view the producer record or click Add another producer to return to the previous screen to add a new producer.





Manually Add a Producer with an SSN Number

- If the producer does not have an NPN number, you can manually add the producer by entering their Last Name and SSN.
- 2. Click Search.

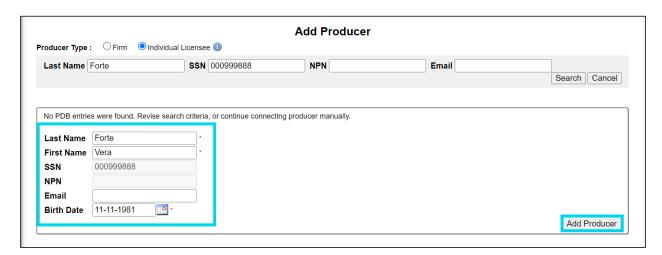


3. You will receive a message that says "No PDB entries were found. Revise search criteria or continue connecting producer manually."

Note: When you see this message, it means that the producer was not found on the PDB and will not receive PDB updates. Manually creating a record is a viable way to add a producer who may not have an NPN or be licensed yet, but the producer will not receive PDB updates until the individual is found on the PDB.

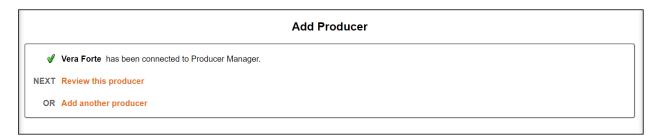
If the producer should be on the PDB, review the search criteria to make sure the data is accurate.

- Fill out the producer's Last Name, First Name, and Birth Date. You can also enter their Email (this field is optional).
- 5. Click Add Producer.





- 6. You will receive a message that the producer is connected to Producer Central.
- 7. Click **Review this producer** to view the producer record or click **Add another producer** to return to the previous screen to add a new producer.



ADD A FIRM

- 1. Select **Firm** from the **Producer Type**.
- 2. Type the **Name** of the firm and the **EIN** number.

Note: You don't need to type the entire firm **Name**. If you enter at least two characters of the name, Producer Central can find the firm.

Click Search.

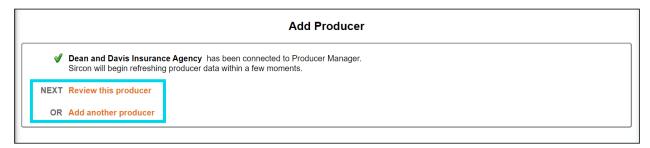


- 4. Producer Central will compare your search criteria with the information available on the PDB. If a record is found, you will see the details on the screen.
- 5. Click Add Producer.





- You will receive a message that the firm/agency is connected to Producer Central. Sircon will compare data with the PDB and will refresh the producer record daily if it finds changes.
- 7. Click **Review this producer** to view the producer record or click **Add another producer** to return to the previous screen to add a new producer.

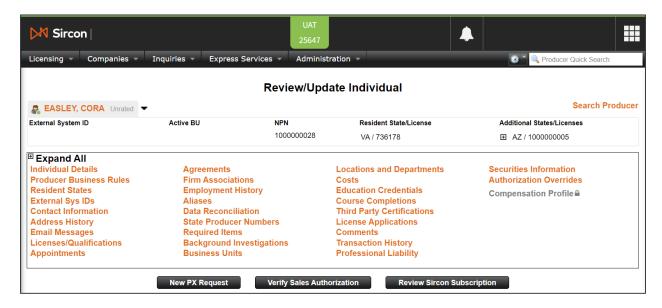


Producer Connections Explained

When a producer is successfully added, their record is connected to your Sircon for Carriers account. If producers have a record in the PDB, they will receive updates from the Daily PDB Sync. Once you add a producer to your organization, you can:

- View their Producer Record
- Search for the Producer
- Add Appointments
- Assign the producer to Business Units and Cost Centers

The image below displays the Producer Record for an individual named Cora Easley. Later in this training, we will take a <u>Tour of the Producer Record</u>.



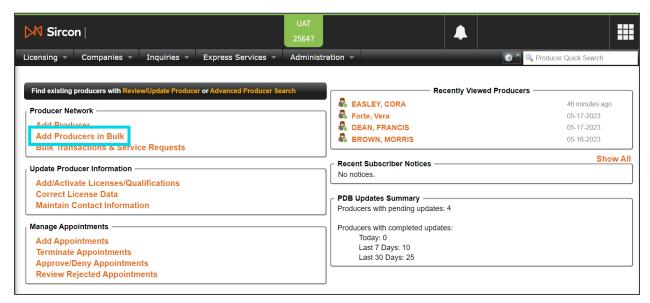


Add Multiple Producers in Bulk

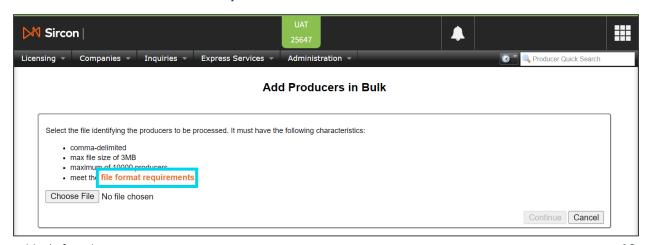
At times, you may need to add a batch of producers to your account. You can use this feature during the initial setup of Producer Central or during a merger/acquisition.

On these occasions, you can upload a file to Producer Central containing basic information about the producers you want to add. Producer Central will then check the National Producer Database (PDB) for data on the producers listed in the file. If information matches, it will retrieve the data, and automatically create producer records in Producer Central based on the retrieved information.

1. Start by clicking the **Add Producers in Bulk** option from the main page.



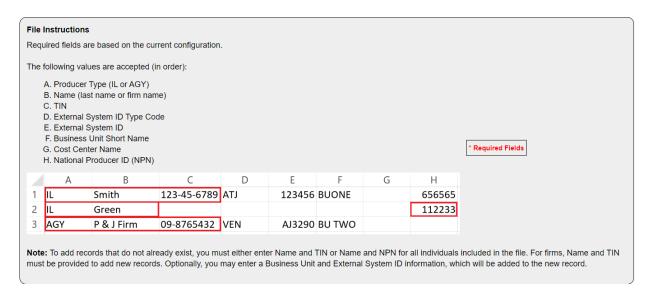
- To add a batch of producer records to Producer Central, you must create a
 properly formatted comma-delimited (CSV) data file and then upload the file to
 the system. You can add a maximum of 10,000 producers at one time.
- 3. Click the File Format Requirements to learn how to format the CSV file.





- 4. You can now see the requirements to upload producers in bulk. The **File Instructions** show the required layout of the CSV file.
- 5. To create the load file, start by creating a spreadsheet using a program like Excel or Google Sheets.
- 6. The letters A-H represent the column headers in the file.
- 7. Depending on the **Producer Type**, the required fields will change.

Note: The require fields may also change depending on whether your organization uses SSN numbers or NPN numbers to track producers. This is controlled by the INDV_REQUIRED_IDENTIFIERS business rule set.



INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE REQUIRED FIELDS

If you have the **National Producer ID** (or **NPN**) number for the individual licensee, the required fields are:

Column	Field Name	Description
Α	Producer Type	Use "IL" to indicate individual licensee
В	Name	Type the Last Name of the producer
National Producer ID		Type the full NPN number of the producer

Note: In the illustration below, we are including a column header as a reference. Column headers <u>must be deleted</u> before creating the final CSV file.



Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Producer Type	Name	TIN (SSN)	External System ID Type Codes	External System ID	Business Unit Short Code	Cost Center Name	NPN
IL	Shelby		DEFAULT	852008	LIFE		1100000028

If you have the **Social Security Number** (or **SSN**) for the individual licensee, the required fields are:

Column	Field Name	Description
Α	Producer Type	Use "IL" to indicate individual licensee
В	Name Type the Last Name of the producer	
С	TIN (Taxpayer ID)	Type the 9-digit SSN of the producer (with or
		without dashes)

Note: In the illustration below, we are including a column header as a reference. Column headers <u>must be deleted</u> before creating the final CSV file.

А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Producer Type	Name	TIN (SSN)	External System ID Type Codes	External System ID	Business Unit Short Code	Cost Center Name	NPN
IL	Jones	999111000	DEFAULT	341032	PC		

AGENCY/FIRM REQUIRED FIELDS

The required fields for agencies or firms are:

Column	Field Name	Description
Α	Producer Type	Use "AGY" to indicate agency/firm
В	Name	Type the Firm Name
С	TIN (Taxpayer ID)	Type the 9-digit Employer Identification Number or EIN of the firm (with or without dashes).

Note: In the illustration below, we are including a column header as a reference. Column headers <u>must be deleted</u> before creating the final CSV file.

А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Producer Type	Name	TIN (EIN)	External System ID Type Codes	External System ID	Business Unit Short Code	Cost Center Name	NPN
AGY	Dean and Davis Insurance Agency	00-6233077					



OPTIONAL FIELDS

Note: The required fields listed above are mandatory.

It is generally recommended that you <u>only input the required fields into</u> <u>the file</u>. All the producer data you add to the file must match the producer record in Producer Central. If any of the fields are inaccurate, the file will fail.

Column	Field Name	Description
	Endows all Southern ID Conta	Use this field along with the External System ID (Column E) to assign a writing number, producer code, or any other identifier of the producer that corresponds with your company's internal systems.
D	External System ID Code	Case sensitive.
		Value must exactly match an external system type code value that is already configured in Producer Central in the Code Type Indicators.
E	External System ID	Use this field along with External System Type Code (Column D) to assign a writing number, producer code, or any other identifier of the producer in another of your company's internal systems.
		10 character maximum.
		* Required only if you are assigning an external system type code to a producer in the field above.
F	Business Unit Short Name	In order to submit transactions for a producer, they need to be assigned to a business unit and cost center. Use this field to associate the producer with a particular business unit.
		Case sensitive.
		Must exactly match the short name of a business unit that is already configured in



		Producer Central. You can check the list of the business units by following the Administration > Configure System > Maintain Business Unit menu path.
		In order to submit transactions for a producer, they need to be assigned to a business unit and cost center. Use this field to assign the fee to a cost center. Case sensitive.
G	Cost Center Name	Must exactly match the name of a cost center that is already configured in Producer Central. You can view a list of the cost centers by following the Administration > Configure System > Maintain Business Unit Cost Center menupath.

8. Add the required information to your spreadsheet. When you are finished, you should have a spreadsheet that looks something like the following illustration:

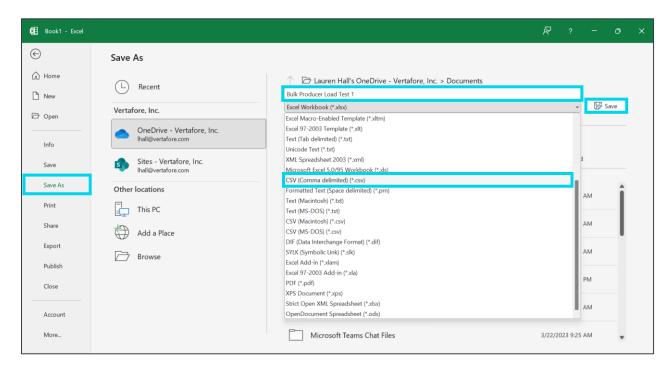
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
1	AGY	Dean and Davis Insurance Agency	00-6233077					
2	IL	Shelby		DEFAULT	852008	LIFE		1100000028
3	IL	Jones	999111000	DEFAULT	341032	PC		

Note: If you inserted a header row containing the field names to guide your data entry, you must <u>delete the header</u> before moving on to the next step.

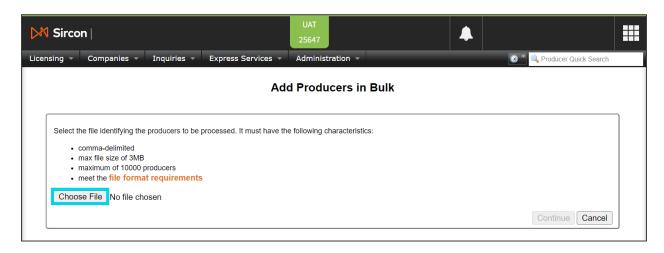
- 9. When you are finished, from the File menu, select Save As.
- 10. The Save As window will open. From the Save As Type drop-down menu, select CSV (Comma Delimited) (*.csv). In the File Name field, enter a name for the producer file.

11. Click Save.



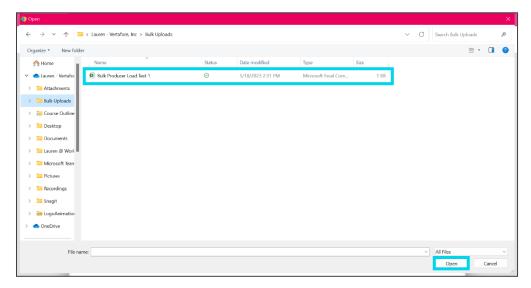


- 12. Your file is now saved in a comma-separated format and is ready for upload to Producer Central.
- 13. From the Add Producers in Bulk screen, click the Choose File button.

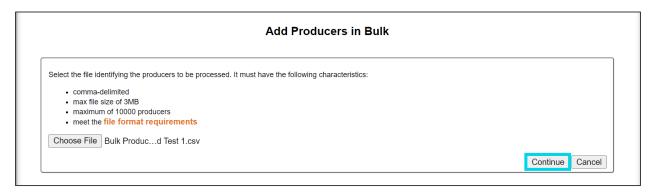


- 14. Use the navigation options on the **Choose File** dialog box to locate the upload file (*.csv) on your system.
- 15. When the correct file name appears in the **File Name** field, click the **Open** button.

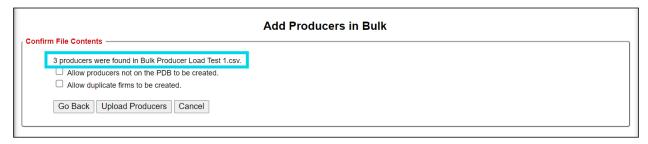




- 16. The file name will appear next to the **Choose File** button.
- 17. Click **Continue** to submit the file.



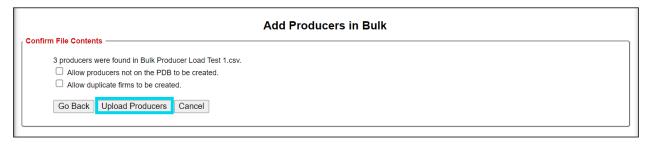
18. You will receive a message that says the number of producers found on the spreadsheet.



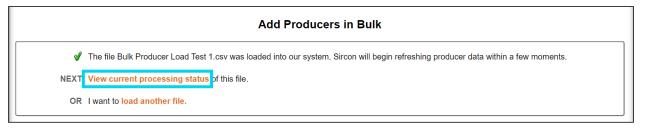
- 19. You will also see two checkboxes:
 - Allow producers not on the PDB to be created If you select this checkbox, you will create producer records for any producers that were not located on the PDB. It is recommended to leave this option unchecked unless you are loading producers that are yet to be added to the PDB.



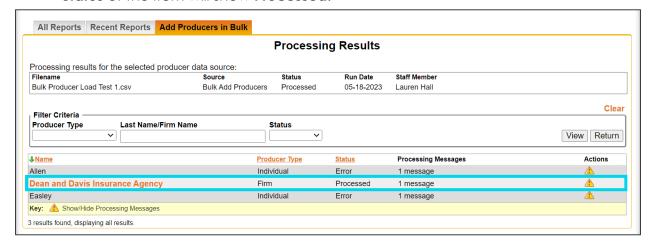
- Allow duplicate firms to be created If you check this option, you will create
 multiple duplicate firm producer records. It is recommended that you leave
 this option unchecked unless you need to perform branch office syncing.
- 20. Click Upload Producers to finish adding the producer records.



21. You will receive a message that the file was loaded into our system. Depending on the size of the file, the amount of time it takes to complete the processing will vary. Click **View current processing status** of this file to see the load status.

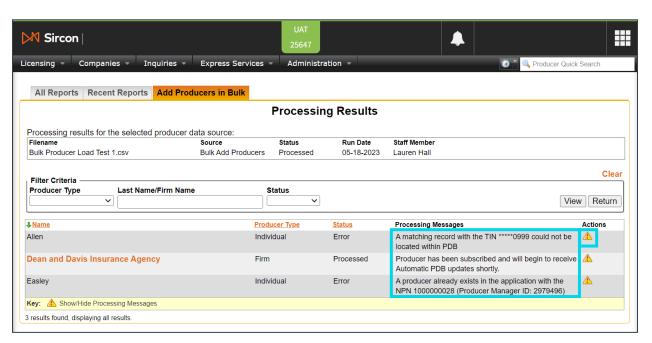


22. You will now see the processing results. If a producer record was created successfully, you will see the name of the Producer is highlighted in **orange**. The **Status** of the item will show **Processed**.



23. If any of the producer records failed to load, the **Status** will show **Error**. You can click the **Show Processing Messages** button (🐴) to display a message about why the data load failed.





- 24. Review the Processing Messages to troubleshoot how to resolve each error. In the example above, we received two error messages:
 - A matching record for TIN could not be located in within the PDB.
 - A producer already exists in the application with the NPN.
- 25. Review the information submitted and determine if you need to correct any of the data inputted into the application.



Search for Producer Records

Before you can manually modify any producer information in Producer Central, you must first identify the producer record that contains the information you want to work with. This involves searching for the record and then opening either the record itself or a maintenance page that allows you to update the record once it has been identified.

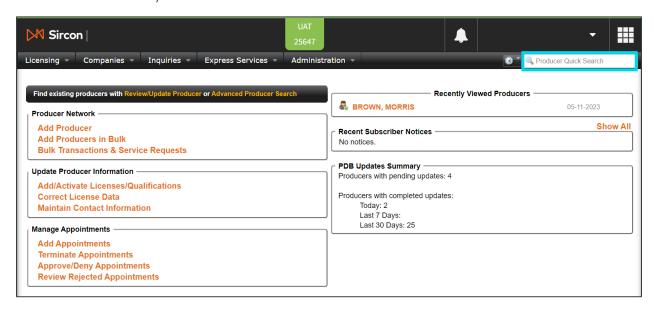
Producer Manager offers the following methods for searching for producer records:

- Classic Producer Quick Search
- Sircon for Carriers Quick Search
- Basic Producer Search
- Advanced Producer Search

Classic Producer Quick Search

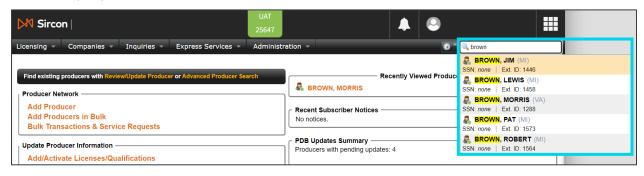
Use the **Producer Quick Search** from any page within Producer Central to find a producer record quickly and easily. This functionality allows you to search for producers by their:

- Name
- Alias
- EIN
- Full or partial SSN
- NPN
- License Number
- External System ID





- To search for a producer, simply begin typing any of the criteria listed below in the producer quick search box found in the upper-right corner of any Producer Central page. You will need to type at least two characters in this field to see results.
- 2. The list will update itself dynamically as you type. The 10 best matches are displayed in a selectable list.



PRODUCER NAME

You can search by **firm name** (e.g., typing "Ed" will match "Edward Jones, INC") or by **individual name** (Format: Last, First Middle).

When searching for an individual by name, you must type use the **LAST NAME**, **FIRST NAME** formatting. If a comma is missing between the last name and first name, the search will produce no results. Do not use a comma between first name and middle initial.

Instead of this	Search for this
John Smith	Smith, John
O Connell, Holly	O'Connell, Holly
Forte, Vera, E	Forte, Vera E

TIN (TAXPAYER ID NUMBER)

Observe the following guidelines:

- Search by complete EIN
- Search by complete SSN
- Search by partial SSN (last four digits)

Note: If you have masked SSNs turned on in the security role assigned to you, then only the last four digits of the **SSN** will display in the search results.



EXTERNAL SYSTEM ID

Observe the following guidelines:

- Search by exact-match External System ID
- Search by External System ID without leading zeroes (of the Preferred External System ID Type)

Note: In the search results Producer Central displays the producer's default **External System ID**. This means that if you are searching by an External System ID other than the default ID associated with the producer then the search results displayed may be correct, but may not contain the search criteria you used.

ALIAS

Observe the following guidelines:

- Search by Individual Alias
 - Uses the same rules as Individual Name searching
 - The Alias Name will only show up in the search results if that search result was added to the result set due to an Alias search
- Search by Firm Alias
 - Uses the same rules as Firm Name searching
 - The Alias Name will only show up in the search results if that search result was added to the result set due to an Alias search

NATIONAL PRODUCER NUMBER (NPN)

Observe the following guidelines:

Search by exact-match NPN (firm or individual)

LICENSE NUMBER

Observe the following guidelines:

- Search by exact-match License Number (firm or individual)
- 3. Once you have found the producer whose record you wish to view, click that **producer's name** to open up the record in the **Review/Update Producer** page.





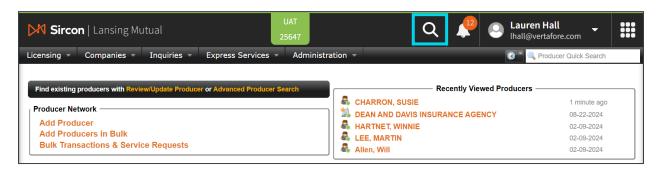
Sircon for Carriers Quick Search

Use the **Sircon for Carriers Quick Search** to locate a producer record from any application in the Sircon for Carriers suite, including:

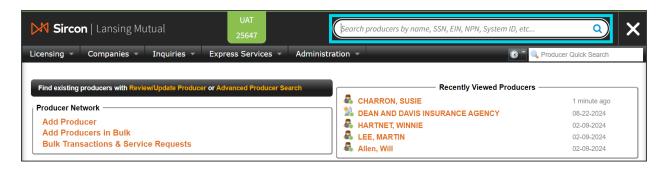
- Producer Administration
- Bulk Transactions & Service Requests
- Compensation
- Sircon Dashboard

To search for a producer across applications, follow the steps below:

1. Click the **Search** button at the top of the menu bar.

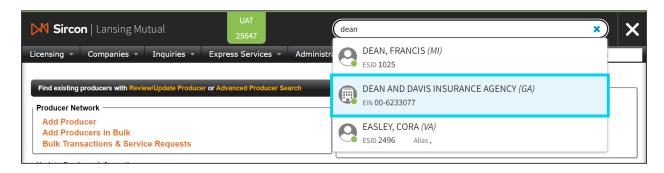


- 2. You can now see the search box. Type in your search criteria.
- Like the Producer Quick Search, you can search for a producer using their Name, Alias, SSN, NPN, EIN, External System ID, or License Number. Type at least two characters to locate the producer records.

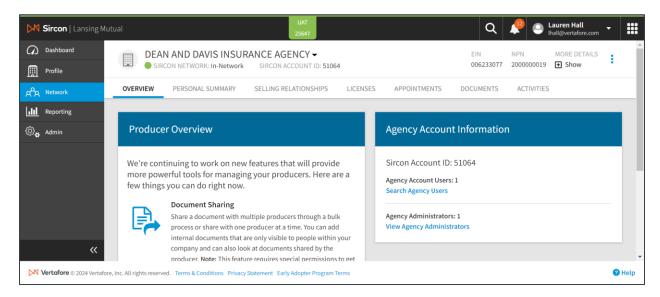


- 4. You will see a list of producer records that match your search criteria appear in the menu below.
- 5. Click on the **Producer Name** to view their record.





6. You can now see the producer's record.



Note: When you use the Sircon for Carriers Quick Search, you will see the new Producer Profile in the Sircon Dashboard. To see the classic profile, use the Producer Quick Search feature in Producer Central.



Basic Producer Search

Whenever you need to review or modify information in Producer Central, you must first identify the producer record that contains the information you want to work with.

The **Basic Producer Search** allows you to search for the producer record. After you locate the record, another page allows you to update the record once it has been identified.

In the example below, we are performing a basic producer search to add a license to a producer record.

1. First establish whether you are searching for an individual producer or an agency producer by clicking on either the **Individual Licensee** (the default selection) or **Firm** radio button in the **Producer Type** field.



SEARCH FOR AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE

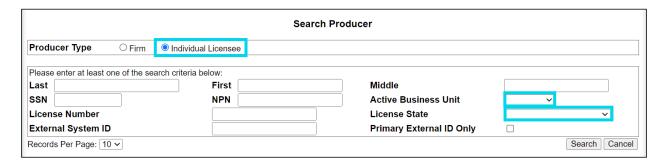
- 2. You will see several search fields where you can enter different criteria. Examples of search fields under the **Individual Licensee** are:
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Initial
- SSN
- NPN
- License Number
- External System ID



Search Producer					
Producer Type	cer Type				
Please enter at least Last SSN	one of the se	arch criteria below: First	Middle Active Business Unit		
License Number External System ID			License State Primary External ID Only		
Records Per Page: 1	0 🗸			Search Cancel	

- 3. The remaining fields are dropdown menus from which you can select menu choices. Use the dropdown menu selection in combination with other search criteria to further narrow down your search. Examples of dropdown fields are:
- License State
- Active Business Unit

Note: **Business Unit** cannot be the only search criteria entered for a search. You can, however, search for all producers in a given state using the **License State** dropdown.



Note: If you do not make a selection from a dropdown menu field, the system will search based on all of the values in the list.

4. The system will only look for records that match <u>ALL</u> your search criteria. To eliminate the possibility of entering incorrect information, we recommend you search for producers using the **NPN** or **SSN** and then leave the other fields blank.

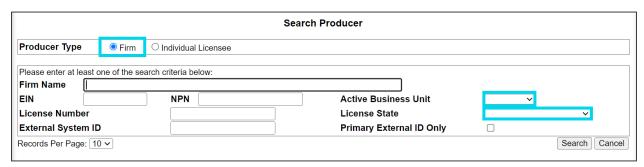
SEARCH FOR A FIRM

- 5. Examples of search fields under the **Firm** option are:
- Firm Name
- EIN
- NPN
- License Number
- External System ID



Search Producer								
Producer Type	● Firm	∩ O Individual Licensee						
Please enter at least of	Please enter at least one of the search criteria below: Firm Name							
EIN		NPN		Active Business Unit	~			
License Number			License State		~			
External System ID				Primary External ID Only				
Records Per Page: 10 v					Search Cancel			

- 3. The remaining fields are dropdown menus which you can use to further narrow down your search. Examples of dropdown fields are:
- License State
- Active Business Unit



4. The system will only look for records that match <u>ALL</u> your search criteria. To eliminate the possibility of entering incorrect information, we recommend you search for producers using the **EIN** or **NPN** and then leave the other fields blank.

Search Rules

The following rules apply to a search:

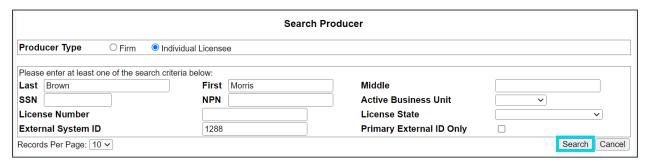
- Enter at least one search criteria.
- SSN or EIN must be 9 digits (hyphens are not necessary)
- To search using Last Name, Firm Name, or Company Name, enter at least two characters in the field.
- Wildcard characters (such as *) are not allowed.
- When the Producer Type is Individual Licensee, the Last Name, First Name, and Middle Name fields cannot contain numeric or double quotation marks (").
- Double quotation marks are also invalid when Producer Type is Firm, but the Firm Name field may contain numbers.
- NPN (National Producer Number) must be numeric.
- Business Unit cannot be the only search criterion.
- The default number of results displayed per page of results is 10. You can elect to view up to 50 results per page by selecting a different value in



increments of 10 from the **Records Per Page** dropdown menu below the search fields.

COMPLETE THE BASIC PRODUCER SEARCH

5. Click the **Search** button to execute the search.

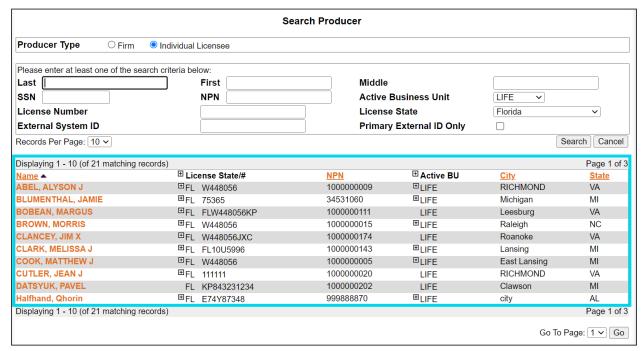


6. To return to the Producer Central main page, click the Cancel button.

Tip: After performing a search, but prior to the information being retrieved, you can stop the search by pressing the **Esc** key on the keyboard.

SEARCH RESULTS

7. If only one record met your search criteria, it will open up right away for your review or updates. However, if multiple records met your search criteria, a list of those records will appear in the **Search Results** section at the bottom of the page.



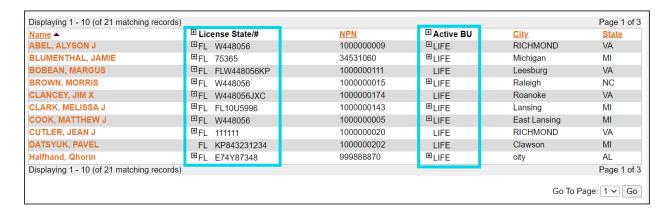


- 8. The system displays every record that matches all of the search criteria you entered. The number of matching records found shows at the top and bottom of the search results.
- All records matching the search criteria display in the search results, along with values in the following columns: Name, SSN (or EIN), License State/#, NPN, City and State for individual and firm records, and Company Name, EIN, NAIC ID, City, and State for company records.

Note: The expandable **License State/#** column appearing in the search results and maintenance pages lists every state a selected producer is licensed in along with the corresponding license number.

If a producer is licensed in multiple states, click the plus button (±) to view the entire list of license numbers. Click it again to collapse the list.

Note: If a selected producer has more than one active business unit, you can show them all by clicking the plus button (⊞) in the **Active BU** column.

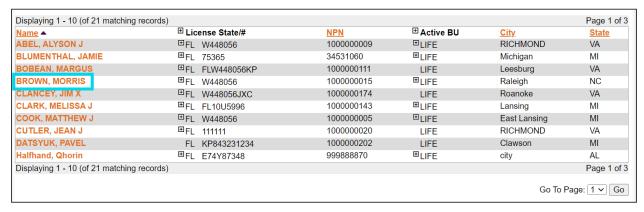


- 10. You must "drill down" to pinpoint the desired producer record. To do so, you can use the following techniques:
- Click any of the column headings in the Search Results to re-sort the records in alphabetical or ascending to descending order.
- Navigate to a specific page of results by selecting the page from the Go To
 Page dropdown menu and then clicking the Go button.
- Change the number of pages to display in the Records Per Page dropdown menu, and then click the Search button again.
- Enter additional search criteria in the search fields to narrow the search, and then run the search again.



Tip: If you hover your mouse pointer momentarily over a record's value in the **Name** column, you can view information about the record, such as the user who most recently updated the record and the timestamp of its most recent update.

11. Once you have located the record you want to work with, click the record's value in the **Name** column. The producer record will open in a new page for review or updating.



TROUBLESHOOTING BASIC PRODUCER SEARCHES

If **Search Results** do not appear, one of the following is likely:

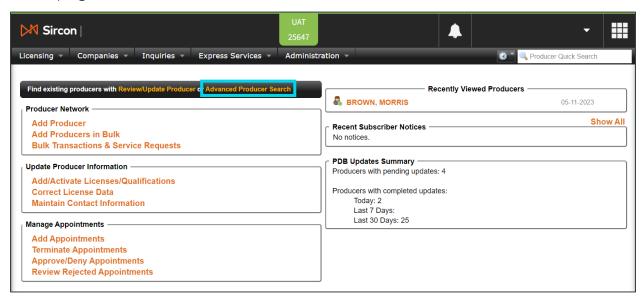
- If no match exists for the search criteria entered, the following message is returned:
 - "No Producer found matching the criteria."
- If only one matching record is retrieved, the record will be open automatically thus skipping the Search Results.
- Messages in red letters appear when search criteria are invalid. When this happens, re-enter the information to fix the error in the message.



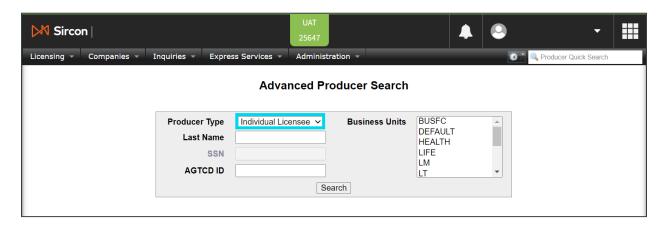
Advanced Producer Search

With the **Advanced Producer Search**, you can use a number of criteria (such as the **Producer Type**, **Last Name**, **SSN**, **External System ID**, or **Business Units**) to search for a producer.

 Start by clicking the Advanced Producer Search link in the Task Links section of the Home page. This will take you directly to the Advanced Producer Search page.



On the Advanced Producer Search page, start by selecting the Producer Type
from the dropdown menu. Select Individual Licensee to initiate a search for an
individual producer record. Or select Firm to initiate a search for a firm producer
record. The page will refresh to display unique firm producer Search Fields.





INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE

- 3. Under the **Individual Licensee** field, you can search using the following fields:
- Last Name: To search for producers grouped by last name, enter a search string on individual producer last name. You may use as few as two characters in your search string. Wildcard characters are not allowed. May not contain numeric characters or double quotation marks (").
- **SSN**: To search for producers grouped by Social Security Number, enter the entire SSN string. Partial searches are not allowed. Maximum 9 characters without separating hyphens or 11 characters with two separating hyphens.

Note: Your organization may choose to disable the **SSN** search field. If so, you can use other fields to narrow down your search.

• [PreferredExternalSystemType] ID: To search for producers grouped by external system ID, enter the entire string value of a producer ID code in your company's preferred external system, including leading zeroes, either active or inactive. Partial searches not allowed. Maximum 50 characters.

Note: The **[PreferredExternalSystemType] ID** field is customizable. The variable in the label of the [PreferredExternalSystemType] ID field displays the external system that your company has chosen as the "preferred" system.

To make this work, your company's preferred external system type must first be configured in the **Code** field of the INTERFC_TYPE_CD Code Group on the **Maintain Codes** page. Then the value of the **Code** field for the preferred external system type must be Vertafore-configured in the PREF INDV INTRFC CD and PREF ORG INTRFC CD business rules.

- Business Units: To search for producers grouped by business unit, click to select the short names of one or multiple business units, either active or inactive. Press the CTRL key and click to select multiples.
- 4. Once you finish filling out the fields, click **Search**.



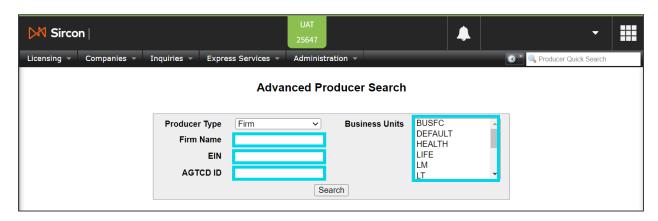


FIRMS

- 3. Under the **Firm** option, you can search using the following fields:
- **EIN**: To search for producers grouped by Federal Employer Identification Number, enter an entire FEIN string. Partial searches not allowed. Maximum 9 characters without a separating hyphen or 10 characters with a separating hyphen.
- **Firm Name**: To search for producers grouped by firm name, enter a search string on firm name. You may use as few as two characters in your search string. May contain numeric characters. Wildcard characters are not allowed. May not contain double quotation marks (").
- [PreferredExternalSystemType] ID: To search for producers grouped by the external system ID, enter the entire string value of a producer ID code in your company's preferred external system, including leading zeroes, either active or inactive. Partial searches not allowed. Maximum 50 characters.
- **Business Units**: To search for producers grouped by business unit, click to select the short names of one or multiple business units, either active or inactive. Press the CTRL key and click to select multiples.

Note: Because the system searches for records containing all—not just any—of the search criteria you enter, the more search criteria you enter, the greater the chance that the system won't find the record you are looking for. If you enter valid search criteria in every field except one, the system won't retrieve the record.

4. Once you finish filling out the fields, click **Search**.





SEARCH RESULTS

- 5. The results of your producer search will be listed alphabetically in descending order. The **Search Results** display the following fields:
- **Producer**: A producer name is displayed for each record. Click a desired producer hyperlink to open the producer's record in the Review/Update Producer page.
- **SSN**: Individual producers only. The producer's Social Security Number is displayed if your company maintains this information.
- **EIN**: Firm producers only. The producer's Federal Employer Identification Number is displayed for firms. Click a desired EIN hyperlink to rerun the search to display only producers with the selected Federal Employer Identification Number.
- **Ext. ID**: The producer's ID code is displayed in your company's preferred external system as an orange hyperlink. Click a desired Ext. ID hyperlink to rerun the search to display only producers with the selected external system ID. Available only if an ID code for your company's preferred external system is recorded for a listed producer.
- **BU**: The business units, active or inactive, that are associated with the producer are displayed. Click the Expand button (王) to display all the business units. Click again to collapse the information. Click a **BU** hyperlink to rerun the search to display only producers associated with the selected business unit. Available only if at least one business unit is recorded for a listed producer.
- **Status**: For each producer record listed, this field displays a producer's record status: Pending, Active, or Inactive.
- Latest Reconciliation: This field indicates the date on which the system most recently performed an automated data reconciliation on the record, to refresh it against regulatory data. Includes either manual or system-initiated automated data reconciliations. Here is a key of the different messages:
 - o **Processed** (♥) indicates the automated data reconciliation is successful
 - o In Progress () indicates the reconciliation is still on-going
 - Error (A) means an error occurred. Click to review the processing message.

Click a desired **Latest Reconciliation Date** hyperlink to open the Data Reconciliation Details page to review information about the selected automated data reconciliation operation. Does not display if an automated data reconciliation has never been performed on the producer record.

- Latest PX Txn.: Available only for Producer Express customers. For each producer record listed, this field shows the date on which the most recent Producer Express onboarding or maintenance transaction request was initiated on a producer's behalf.
 - Processed (◄) indicates the Producer Express request has processed successfully



- o In Progress () indicates the transaction is in Pending or Open status
- Error (△) indicates the transaction has been routed to the Producer Express Error Queue
- o Closed (♦) means the transaction has been manually stopped

Click a desired **Latest PX Txn.** date hyperlink to open the Producer Express request record for a selected producer. Does not display if a Producer Express onboarding or maintenance transaction request never has been initiated on the producer's behalf.

- **Missing Info**: This field displays whether or not the record currently is deficient of required information (i.e., data fields that have been configured in your company's instance of Producer Central to be required before compliance transactions, such as appointments, can be requested).
 - The presence of the **Missing Information** symbol (*) indicates that a producer record currently is missing required information; an absence of such as symbol indicates that the record currently contains all required information.

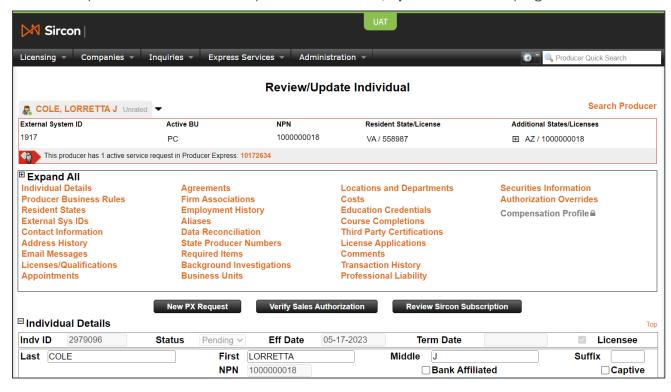


6. Click on the name of your desired **Producer**.

Producer	Status	Latest Reconciliation	Latest PX Txn.	Missing Info
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Ext. ID: 1863 ⊞ BU: LIFE	Active	√ 2023-04-20	3 2023-04-20	
Ext. ID: 1917 BU: PC	Pending		Q 2023-05-17	9
Ext. ID: 1736 BU: PC	Pending	√ 2023-02-09	Q 2023-02-09	
Ext. ID: 1396 BU: PC	Pending		<u> 2022-08-03</u>	
ENGELS, BETH Ext. ID: 1609 BU: PC	Pending		3 2022-11-16	4
Ext. ID: 1753 BU; PC	Pending		√ 2023-02-17	



7. The producer's record will open in the **Review/Update Producer** page.





Section: Tour the Producer Record

Tour the Producer Record

Now that we've learned how to create and search for producer records, let's look at a producer record.





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Once you have found a producer, the producer's record will display in the **Review/Update Producer** page. This page will contain information relevant to the producer of your choosing. You may find that there are many options on the page to consider and choose from. These options are contained within several different sections based on a variety of criteria.

In descending order, the sections included on the producer record page are as follows:

- Record Summary
- Quick Links
- Data Sections

RECORD SUMMARY

Contains overview information about the entity you are working with, including the:

- Name
- External System ID
- License State(s) and Number(s)
- Active BU (business unit)
- NPN
- Resident State



QUICK LINKS

Quick Links allow you to navigate rapidly to the information in a particular **Data Section** on the page and the links expand the selection.



For example: You can click the **Comments** link to navigate to and expand the **Comments** section; you can click the **Aliases** link to navigate to and expand the **Aliases** section, etc.



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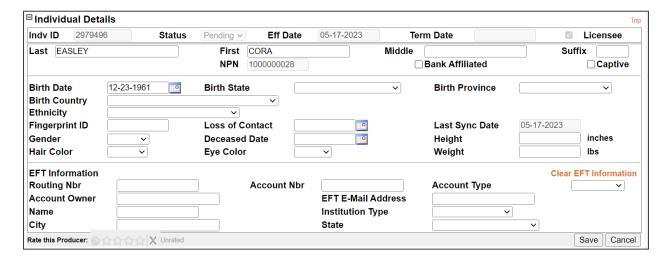
Use **Quick Links** to navigate more rapidly around the page rather than using the vertical scroll bar.

Note: To expand all **Details Sections**, click the **Expand All** button (**□**), when available, in the Quick Links box. To close all sections, click the **Collapse All** button (**□**).

DATA SECTIONS

Data sections contain a record's essential information. Information is organized in collapsible and expandable panels to which you can navigate from the Quick Links box. (You may also navigate up or down the page using the vertical scrollbar.)

Click the **Top** text link opposite a Data Section name to navigate quickly to the top of the page. **Data Sections** may also offer links to other pages where you can maintain information or perform other related functions.



Note: We will cover how to <u>maintain producer records</u> in the next quick guide.



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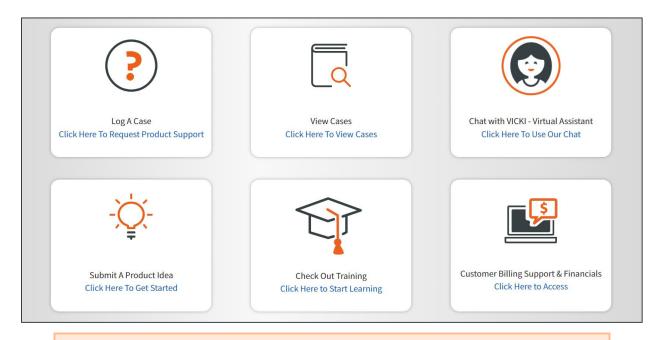
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- My Vertafore
- Sircon Support

My Vertafore

My Vertafore is our free online customer support portal and knowledge base. At My Vertafore you can:

- Log a Case Cases are used to request product support
- **Submit Ideas** Send Vertafore ideas for new product features or enhancements
- Search Knowledgebase Search for detailed articles on the Sircon Knowledge Base



Note: Sircon does not use the Submit a Product Idea or Chat with VICKI functions.

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