



SIRCON FOR CARRIERS

Review & Maintain Producer Records



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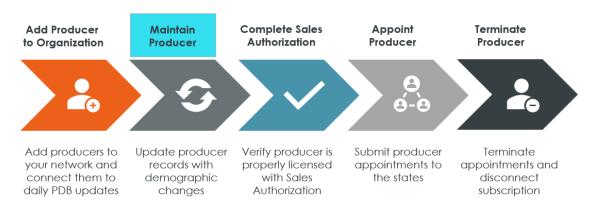


Overview

Introduction and Background

In this quick guide, we will learn how to review and maintain producer records using the Producer Central module of Sircon for Carriers.

Producer Lifecycle Management



With Sircon for Carriers, you can eliminate the time consuming, manual, and often errorprone effort involved in keeping track of your producers as their careers evolve.

The moment you add a producer to your organization, Producer Central will create a **Producer Record** that contains all the compliance and licensing information for an individual licensee or firm. Once the record exists, you can maintain changes to the producer's information throughout their career.

PRODUCER MAINTENANCE PROCESS

There are three ways to maintain producer data in Sircon for Carriers:

- 1. Daily Producer Database (PDB) Syncs
- 2. Bulk Transactions & Service Requests
- 3. Maintaining the Individual Producer Record

Daily Producer Database (PDB) Updates

The producer record syncs daily with the National Insurance Producer Registry's (NIPR) Producer Database (PDB) to keep your producer network as compliant as possible.

Any producer that is synced with the PDB will automatically receive daily updates of the information maintained on the PDB.



Examples of data updates from the PDB include:

- License and qualifications (or lines of authority)
- Name changes
- Demographic changes

Bulk Transactions & Service Requests

Another way you can update producer data is through the Sircon for Carriers **Bulk Transactions & Service Requests**. Use this option to mass update information for up to 10,000 producers at one time. There are several different bulk transactions you can run, including:

- Address Updates
- Email Updates
- Business Unit Updates

Note: We will discuss how to perform bulk transaction updates in the <u>Bulk Transaction Updates Quick Guide</u>.

Updating the Individual Producer Record

The last method you can use to maintain data is updating the individual producer record. The producer record contains links to transactions in Producer Central where you can maintain and update data. Examples of data you can maintain from the producer record are:

- Appointments
- Licenses / Qualifications
- Address/Demographic Changes
- Business Units
- Cost Centers
- External System IDs

What will be covered?

In this guide, we will focus on how to review and maintain data within an individual producer record.

Who should use this document?

Any user who needs to review and maintain the producer record records using the Producer Central module of Sircon for Carriers.

When should you use this document?

When you need to review or maintain information in a producer record.



Section: Search for a Producer Record

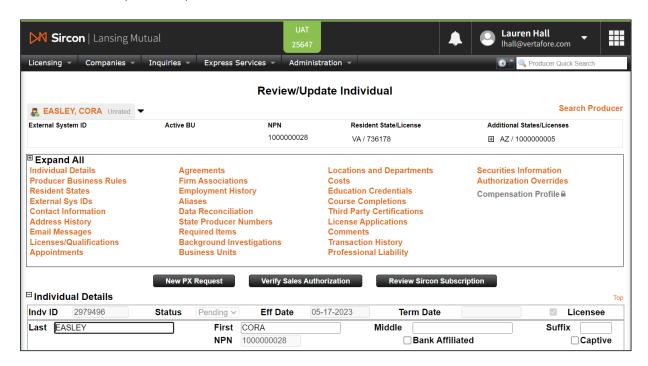
Search for a Producer Record

Let's start by navigating to a producer record. Use the **Producer Quick Search** from any page within Producer Central to find a producer record quickly and easily.

- 1. Begin typing search criteria (such as the last name of the producer, the agency/firm name, or the NPN, EIN, or SSN) in the **Producer Quick Search Box** found in the upper-right corner of any Producer Central page.
- 2. The list will update itself dynamically as you type. Select the **Producer** that you need to view.



3. This will open the producer record.



Note: If you do not find the producer record from the quick search, refer to the Adding and Searching for Producers Quick Guide for more detailed instructions.

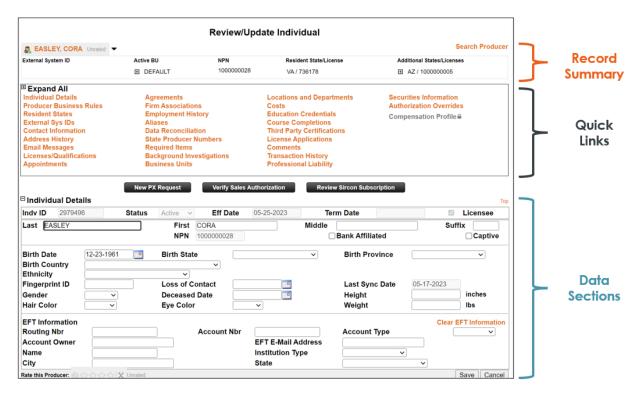


Tour the Producer Record

The producer's record will display in the **Review/Update Individual** page. This page will contain information relevant to the producer of your choosing. Within the producer record, you can either review or edit information. Producer data is organized into several different sections.

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

- Record Summary
- Quick Links
- Data Sections



Record Summary

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

• **Producer Name**: Name of the individual or firm producer whose record is currently open in the *Review/Update Producer* page. The icon to the left of the producer's name signifies the producer's entity type, either **Individual** (♣) or **Firm** (♣).

Note: You can click the **Producer Name** link to refresh the producer record that is currently open in the *Review/Update Producer* page or to re-open the producer's record in the *Review/Update Producer* page from any other page in the system.



- Rating: If a producer has been assigned a productivity rating, this rating will appear to the right of the producer's name. You will see "unrated" if no rating has been given.
- **External System ID**: Displays the default external system ID that links the producer record with your company's back-office systems.
- **Active BU** (Business Unit): Short name of the business units to which a producer is actively assigned (sorted alphabetically). Click the **Expand** button (ℍ) to display all the active business units.
- NPN: Displays a producer's unique National Producer Number, assigned by the NIPR.
- Resident State / License: Displays the producer's resident state and the license number.
- Additional States / Licenses: Displays the codes of the states in which a producer
 holds active or inactive licenses (sorted alphabetically), along with respective
 state license numbers. To see all the license states and license numbers, click the
 Expand button (⊞).



Quick Links

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



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.

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

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



Using the quick links, you can maintain information in the following data sections:

Individual Details

Contains general information about a producer.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Individual Details.

Producer Business Rules

Here you can review and maintain one or multiple custom global business rules for a selected producer.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Producer Business Rules.

Resident States

Displays all the states in which the producer holds a resident license. Includes certifications, effective and expiration dates, as well as license expiration dates.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Resident States.

External Sys IDs

Displays information linking the selected producer record with your company's back-office systems (e.g., payroll, new business, etc.).

For more information, see Review/Maintain External System IDs.

Contact Information

Displays the producer's current address, telephone, web address, and email information.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Producer Contact Information.

Address History

Displays a history of the producer's previous addresses.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Address History.

Email Messages

Individuals only. Displays all the license renewal and expired license email notifications sent on behalf of the producer by Producer Central.

For more information, see Review Email Messages.



Licenses/Qualifications

Displays a producer's licenses and qualifications (aka lines of authority or LOA) information.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Licenses/Qualifications.

Appointments

Displays a producer's appointment information.

For more information, see **Review/Maintain Appointments**.

Agreements

Displays business agreement information.

For more information, see <u>Review/Maintain Agreements</u>.

Associations

Individual or firm producers. Displays individual-to-firm affiliation or association information.

For more information, see **Review/Maintain Associations**.

Employment History

Individuals only. Displays employment history information for an individual producer.

For more information, see **Review/Maintain Employment History**.

Aliases

Displays alternate identity, or alias, information.

For more information, see **Review/Maintain Aliases**.

Data Reconciliation

Displays information about updates to producer information from an automated data reconciliation operation.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Data Reconciliation.

State Producer Numbers

Displays state-unique producer identifier numbers.

For more information, see Review State Producer Numbers.



Required Items

Displays information on required items for the producer (i.e., fingerprints, signature card, etc.).

For more information, see Review/Maintain Required Items.

Background Investigations

Individuals only. Displays background investigation information for an individual.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Background Investigations.

Business Units

Displays information about the business units to which a producer is assigned.

For more information, see <u>Review/Maintain Business Units</u>.

Locations and Departments

Individuals only. Displays a producer's location and department assignments.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Locations and Departments.

Costs

Displays an ongoing list of the transactions and fees associated with the maintenance of the producer's record.

For more information, see Review Costs.

Education Credentials

Individuals only. Displays the producer's education credentials. The credentials are required for a producer to sell/represent a particular line of business in a given state.

For more information, see **Review Education Credentials**.

Course Completions

Individuals only. Displays a producer's course completions.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Course Completions.

Third Party Certifications

Individuals only. Displays a producer's third-party education or training certification information.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Third Party Certifications.



License Applications

Displays information pertaining to a producer's license applications.

For more information, see Review/Maintain License Applications.

Comments

Displays staff remarks and internal notes.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Comments.

Transaction History

Displays a log of the producer's onboarding or maintenance transaction requests.

For more information, see Review Transaction History.

Professional Liability

Displays information about a producer's professional liability coverage, such as errors and omissions (E&O) insurance or bonds insurance.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Professional Liability.

Securities Information

Individuals only. Displays securities exam and other information pertaining to the producer's FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) credentials.

For more information, see <u>Review/Maintain Securities Information</u>.

Authorization Overrides

Displays the Sales Authorization overrides that were authorized for this producer.

For more information, see Review/Maintain Authorization Overrides.

Compensation Profile

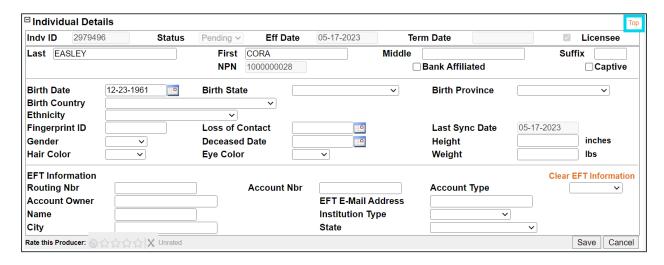
If you have access to the Compensation module of Sircon for Carriers, this link will take you to the producer's compensation profile.



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 can also navigate up or down the page using the vertical scrollbar.

Click the **Top** text link opposite the 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 compliance related transactions.



User Roles & Administration

Many of the fields available in the Producer Record are configurable based on your security role. If you do not see or cannot modify a field that we reference in this guide, your security role(s) may not have the necessary access.

A user with administrative permissions in your company can configure many of the fields to be:

- Hidden
- View Only
- Modifiable

If you cannot see or modify a field referenced in this guide, contact your system administrator or your Vertafore representative.

Note: For information about how to set up security roles, refer to the <u>User Security Quick Guide</u>.

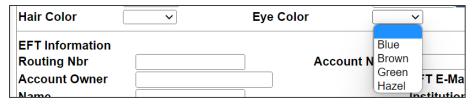


Configuring Producer Data Fields

In addition to user roles, the data available in certain fields can be configured using **code use indicators**. These settings are maintained by the administrators at your company.

For example, one of the fields in the **Individual Details** section is **Eye Color**. The values available in the dropdown field are configurable. This company set up the Eye Color field to have the following options:

- Blue
- Brown
- Green
- Hazel



Using the code use indicators, you can add additional options such as "grey" or "black".

Contact your system administrator or your Vertafore representative to update field values.

Note: Refer to the <u>Administration in Producer Central Quick Guide</u> for more information about configuring fields in your company.



Review & Maintain Producer Records

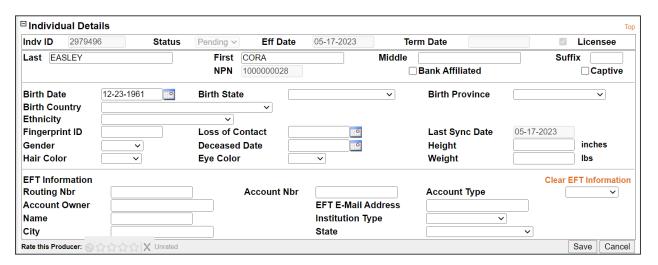
In this section we will:

- Review each data section of the producer record.
- Explain the purpose of each data section.
- Explore each data field.
- Learn how to maintain data using links in the producer record.

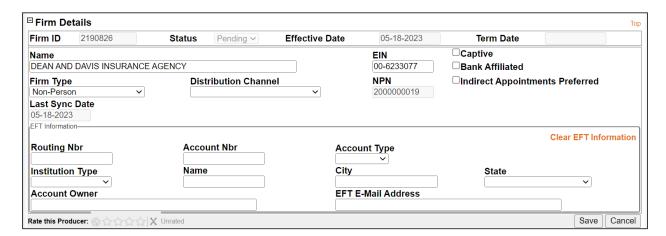
Individual or Firm Details

Use the **Individual Details** or **Firm Details** data sections of a producer record to review and maintain general information about the producer and the producer record.

Individual Details Example



Firm Details Example





To review an individual producer's details, click the **Individual Details** link in the Quick Links box of an individual producer record that is open in the *Review/Update Producer* page.

Or, to review a firm producer's details, click the **Firm Details** link in the Quick Links box of a firm producer record that is open in the *Review/Update Producer* page.

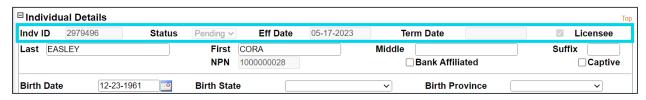
The **Details** data section contains the following sub-sections:

BASIC RECORD INFORMATION

Fields and controls include the following:

- **Indv ID**: *Individual producers only*. *Non-modifiable*. Displays a unique, systemassigned identifier of the selected individual producer record.
- **Firm ID**: Firm producers only. Non-modifiable. Displays a unique, system-assigned identifier of the selected firm producer record.
- **Status**: Non-modifiable. Status of the selected producer's record in Producer Central, based on certain carrier or firm relationship conditions.
- **Effective Date**: Non-modifiable. Date on which the value of the **Status** field was last updated.
- **Licensee**: *Individual producers only. Non-modifiable*. A checkmark in this field indicates that the selected producer is a licensed entity; a blank checkbox indicates that the producer is not a licensed entity.
- **Termination Date**: *Non-modifiable*. Date on which the selected producer's last appointment with an appointing company became inactive.
 - For a carrier customer, this would be the date on which the producer's last appointment with one of your carrier's group's appointing companies became inactive.
 - For an agency/brokerage customer, this would be the date on which the producer's last appointment with any of the appointing companies with which your firm does business became inactive.

Individual Details



Firm Details

□ Firm De	tails						Тор
Firm ID	2190826	Status	Pending ~	Effective Date	05-18-2023	Term Date	
Name DEAN AND DAVIS INSURANCE AGENCY		EIN 00-6233077	□Captive □Bank Affiliated				
Firm Type Distribution Channel		NPN	□Indirect Annointments Preferred				



BASIC PRODUCER INFORMATION

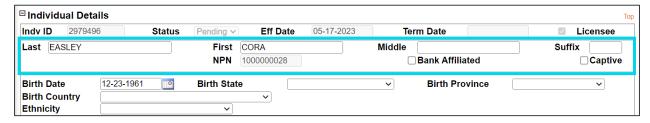
Fields and controls include the following:

- Name: Firm producers only. Producer's firm name.
- First: Individual producers only. Producer's first name.
- Last: Individual producers only. Producer's last name.
- Middle: Individual producers only. Producer's middle name or initial.
- **Suffix**: Individual producers only. Producer's name suffix (e.g., III, Jr. etc.)
- **EIN**: Firm producers only. Producer's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- SSN: Individual producers only. Non-modifiable. Producer's Social Security Number.

Note: The SSN may be missing if your company chooses to mask this information.

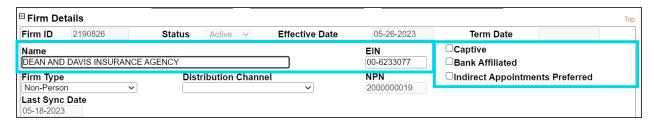
- NPN: Non-modifiable. Producer's National Producer Number.
- **Bank Affiliated**: Click the checkbox to indicate that the selected producer is affiliated with a bank; leave a blank checkbox to indicate that the producer is not affiliated with a bank.
- Captive: Click the checkmark to indicate that the selected producer is part of a captive, employee, or in-house sales channel; leave the checkbox blank to indicate that the producer is part of an independent or external sales channel.
- Indirect Appointments Preferred: Firm producers only. Available for Onboarding & Self Service (or Producer Express) customers only.
 - Use this checkbox to indicate that state appointment transactions submitted for individual producers that are affiliated with the selected firm should result in the creation of a firm appointment (and not an individual appointment).
 - Leave this blank to indicate that a state appointment transaction submitted for an individual producer affiliated with the selected firm producer should proceed as normal.

Individual Details





Firm Details



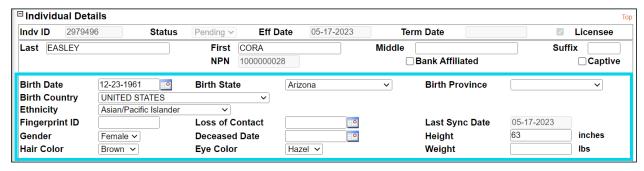
PRODUCER DEMOGRAPHICS

Fields include the following:

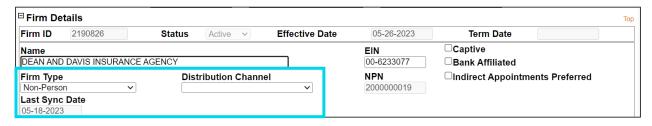
- Birth Date: Individual producers only. Date on which the selected producer was born
- **Birth Country**: *Individual producers only*. Select the name of the country in which the selected producer was born. If this field is blank, the United States will be the default country.
- **Birth Province**: *Individual producers only*. Select the name of the Canadian province in which the selected producer was born (if needed).
- **Birth State**: *Individual producers only*. Select the name of the American state in which the selected producer was born.
- **Distribution Channel**: Firm producers only. Select the name of the sales or distribution channel to which the firm producer is assigned.
- **Firm Type**: Firm producers only. Select the legal organizational structure of the selected firm producer.
- **Ethnicity**: *Individual producers only*. Select the producer's race or ethnicity. The dropdown values are controlled by a code use indicator.
- **Fingerprint ID**: *Individual producers only*. Enter an identifier for the file containing the selected producer's fingerprint card.
- **Gender**: *Individual producers only*. Select the producer's gender. The dropdown values are controlled by a code use indicator.
- **Hair Color**: *Individual producers only*. Select the producer's hair color. The dropdown values are controlled by a code use indicator.
- Last Sync Date: Non-modifiable. Date on which the producer record was most recently synced with the PDB or another external source.
- Loss of Contact Date: Individual producers only. Date on which your company lost contact with the selected producer.
- **Deceased Date**: *Individual producers only*. Date on which the selected producer died.
- **Eye Color**: *Individual producers only*. Select the producer's eye color. The dropdown values are controlled by a code use indicator.
- Height: Individual producers only. The producer's height, in inches.
- **Weight**: *Individual producers only*. The producer's weight, in pounds.



Individual Details



Firm Details



EFT INFORMATION

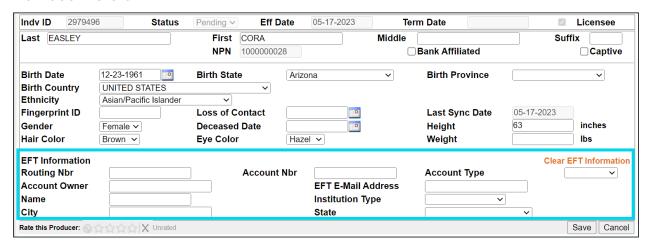
This section displays information related to electronic funds transfer (EFT or Direct Deposit). Here you can display and edit bank information for the selected producer. Using the Outbound Data Feed, Producer Central can feed a producer's bank information to your company's compensation, commissioning, or payroll systems.

Fields in the FFT section include:

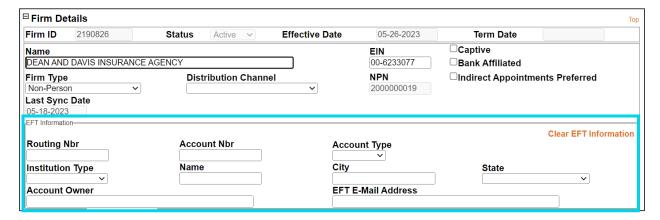
- Account Number: Enter the producer's bank account number associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- Account Owner: Enter the name that is on the producer's bank account associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- Name: Enter the producer's bank name.
- Account Type: Select the producer's bank account type associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- City: Enter the selected producer's bank city associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- **Institution Type**: Select the producer's bank institution type associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- Routing Number: Enter the selected producer's bank account routing number associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- **State**: Select the producer's bank state associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- **EFT Email Address**: Enter the customer support email address at the producer's bank associated with electronic funds transfer (EFT).



Individual Details



Firm Details



PRODUCER RATING

Allows you to assign a productivity rating to the selected producer.

Fields and controls include the following:

Rate This Producer:

Select one star to assign the producer a "poor" productivity rating.



Select two stars to assign the producer a "satisfactory" productivity rating.



Select three stars to assign the producer a "good" productivity rating.





Select four stars to assign the producer an "outstanding" productivity rating.



Click the **Do Not Contract** symbol (**o**) alert to the producer's record.



Do not click any star to signify that the producer is unrated.



Note: The rating descriptions in the **Rate This Producer** field are Vertafore-configurable, based on your company's business requirements. For more information, contact your Vertafore representative.

MAINTAIN PRODUCER & FIRM DETAILS

You can edit any of the fields above that contain a white background. Once you finish updating the information, click **Save** to save the information in the section.

Click **Cancel** to exit the producer record without saving changes and open the Producer Central Home page.



Producer Business Rules

Use the **Producer Business Rules** data section of a producer record to view global, user-configured, business rules that have been customized for the selected producer.

A customized business rule applies only to the selected producer, whereas global business rule settings apply elsewhere.

The Producer Business Rules data section includes the following fields and controls:

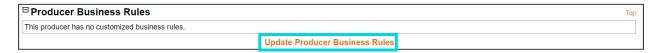
- Rule Name: For each customized producer business rule listed, displays its name.
- Value: For each customized producer business rule listed, displays its customized setting.





MAINTAIN PRODUCER BUSINESS RULES

 Click the Update Producer Business Rules to customize the business rules for the selected producer.



2. This will transfer you to the *Producer Business Rules* page. Here we can see the producer has no customized business rules. Click **View All Rules** to see the rules the company wide rules for the producer.



3. You can see all the relevant rules for this producer. Click the **Producer Name** to return to the producer record.



Resident State

A resident insurance license allows a producer to solicit, quote, negotiate or write insurance in the producer's state of residency. A producer must carry an active resident license in their home state prior to obtaining a non-resident license in any other state.

Use the **Resident States** data section of a producer record to track information concerning a producer's state(s) of residency.





The Resident States data section includes the following fields:

- **State**: Displays the name of the state.
- **Cert Effective Date**: Date on which the selected producer earned securities or professional designation certification in that state.
- Cert Expiration Date: Date on which the selected producer's securities or professional designation certification in that state expired or will expire.
- **License Expiration Date**: Date on which the selected producer's resident insurance license in that state expired or will expire.

Note: Based on your company's business rules, the system may be Vertafore-configured to require all producer records to include at least one resident state. With this configuration in force, a producer record without a resident state is considered "incomplete," and an appointment or termination request may not be submitted for the producer until this is corrected.

By default, if an automated data reconciliation of a producer record (i.e., PDB sync) discovers all the producer's resident licenses to be inactive, the system will automatically inactivate all related resident state information. However, Vertafore can set a configuration option to preserve at least one resident state, even if the related resident license is discovered to be inactive.

MAINTAIN RESIDENT STATE INFORMATION

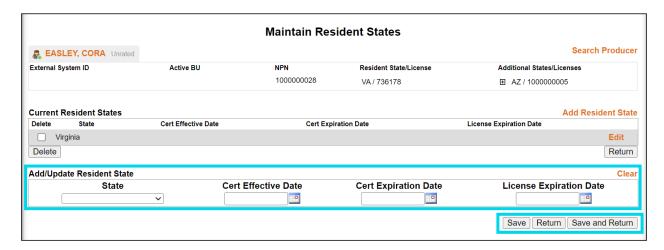
The system will not automatically populate the **Cert Effective Date**, **Cert Expiration Date**, **or License Expiration Date fields**.

1. To update these fields or to manually maintain the resident state, click Add/Update/Delete Resident States.



- 2. You will now see the *Maintain Resident States* page. You can add or update a resident state by filling out the following fields:
- State
- Cert. Effective Date
- Cert. Expiration Date
- License Expiration Date
 - 3. Click **Save** to save and stay on the same page to continue making changes. Click **Return** to return to the producer record without saving. Click **Save & Return** to save the information and return to the producer record.





Note: If the producer needs to update their resident state, they will also need to follow the state-to-state move processes and submit changes to the PDB.

4. You will now see the data reflected in the producer record.

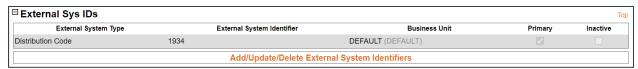
External System IDs

Many customers maintain other systems, such as new business, policy application, or compensation, that contain records related to the same producers that they are tracking in Producer Central.

To support integration between Producer Central and another system, you can record a producer's identifying code in the other system on the producer's record in Producer Central, creating a data linkage between the systems. Then, when a producer's information changes in Producer Central, the Outbound Data Feed can be used to automatically update the same producer's record in the downstream system.

Also, some customers require an internal cross-relationship between two or more producer records stored in Producer Central. A common example is a branch office of an agency, where the branch and the main office share an identical Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). To tie the record of an agency branch's location to the record of its main office, you can add a common data linkage to each record.

Use the **External System IDs** data section to review information about a producer's data linkage with your company's other systems or with other producer records in Producer Central. The key data fields in the External System IDs data section are External System Type, which denotes a type of linkage or grouping, and External System Identifier, which contains a code value linking the producer record with a record elsewhere.





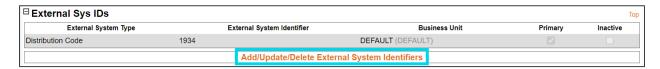
The External System IDs data section includes the following fields and controls:

- **External System Type**: Displays the type of system or connection referred to by the value of the External System Identifier field.
- External System Identifier: Code value associated with the External System Type that links the selected producer record with another system or record.
- **Business Unit**: Short Name and BU Name (in parentheses) of the business unit associated with the external system identifier or external system type.
- **Primary**: Displays whether the external system identifier is regarded as a priority identifier of the producer in an external system or a producer grouping. A checkbox with a checkmark indicates a primary external system identifier; an empty checkbox indicates a non-primary external system identifier.
- **Inactive**: Displays whether the external system identifier is active or inactive. A checkmark indicates an inactive External System ID; an empty checkbox indicates an active External System ID.

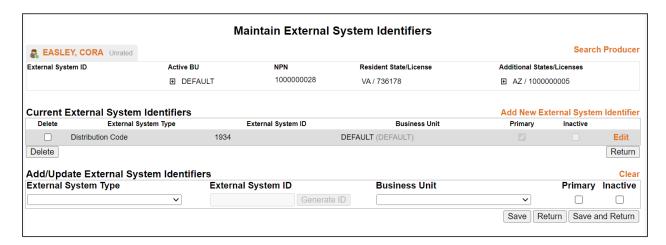


MAINTAIN EXTERNAL SYSTEM IDS

1. To maintain the external system ID, click the Add/Update/Delete External System Identifiers button.



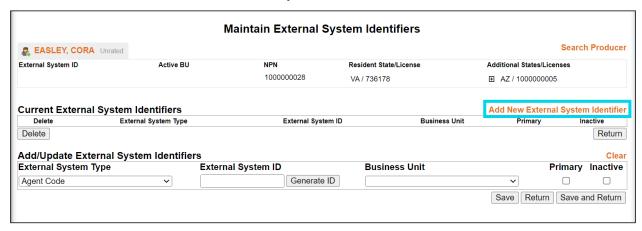
2. This will open the Maintain External System Identifiers page.



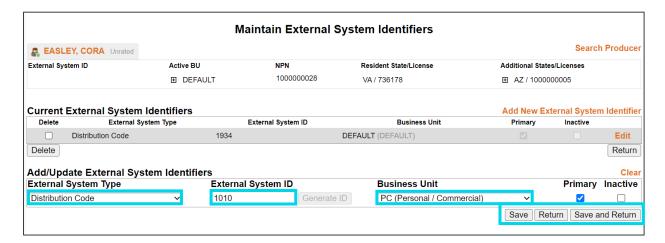


Add a New External System ID

1. Click the Add New External System Identifier button.



- 2. In the Add/Update External System Identifiers section, update the following fields:
- External System Type
- External System ID: Once you select the External System Type, you can edit the
 External System ID. You can either type the External System ID or click the
 Generate ID button.
- Business Unit
- Primary or Inactive Checkboxes:
 - Click the Primary check box to make the External System ID the main ID.
 - Click the Inactive check box to make the External System ID inactive.
 - 3. Click **Save** to save and stay on the same page to continue making changes. Click **Return** to return to the producer record without saving. Click **Save & Return** to save the information and return to the producer record.



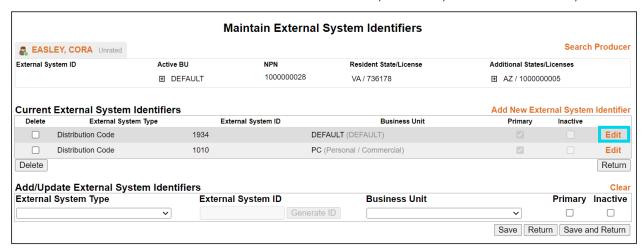


Edit an Existing External System ID

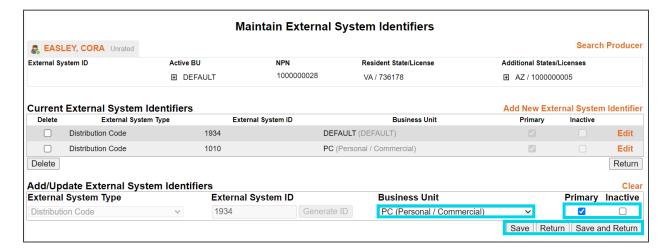
Use this option to assign an existing external system ID to a different business unit. You can also inactivate an external system ID or make an existing ID the primary ID.

To preserve records, you cannot edit the **External System Type** or the **actual External System ID**. If you need to edit anything other than the business unit, you will need to add a new external system ID.

1. Click the **Edit** button next to the external system ID you need to modify.



- 2. You can edit the following fields:
- Business Unit
- Primary
- Inactive
 - Click Save to save and stay on the same page to continue making changes.
 Click Return to return to the producer record without saving. Click Save & Return to save the information and return to the producer record.

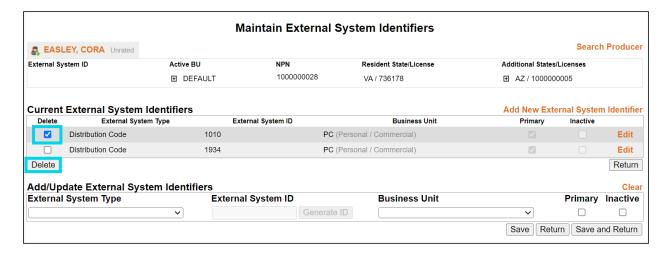




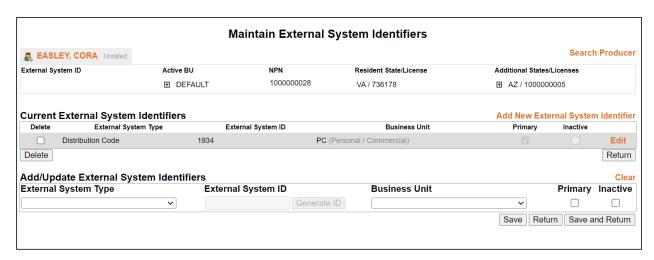
Delete Existing External System ID

Use these steps to delete an external system ID from the producer's record.

- 1. Click the check box next to the External System Identifiers you need to remove.
- 2. Click the **Delete** button.



3. The external system ID will be removed from the producer's record.





Contact Information

Use the **Contact Information** data section of the producer record to review a selected producer's address, telephone, email address, and communication preferences information. The Contact Information data section includes the following sub-sections:

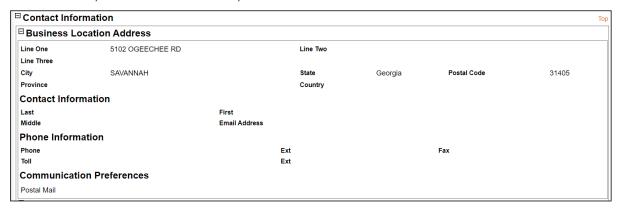
- 1. Business Location Address
- 2. Mailing Address Individuals Only
- 3. Residential Address Individuals Only
- 4. Contact Information Firms Only
- 5. Phone Information Firms Only
- 6. Communication Preferences



ADDRESS TYPE (BUSINESS, MAILING, OR RESIDENTIAL)

Fields in the address type section include the following:

- Line One: Displays the first address line.
- **Line Two**: Displays the second address line.
- City: Displays the producer's city name.
- **State**: Displays the state name.
- Postal Code: Displays the postal or ZIP code.
- Province: For each Canadian address listed, displays its province name.
- **Country**: For each international address listed, displays the country name. If no country is listed, the country defaults as the United States.





CONTACT INFORMATION (FIRMS ONLY)

For each address listed, displays the name and email address of the contact person for the selected address type at the selected firm. Fields include the following:

- Last: Displays the last name of the contact person for the address type.
- First: Displays the first name of the contact person at the selected firm.
- Middle: Displays the middle name of the contact person at the selected firm.
- **Email Address**: Displays the valid email address of the contact person for the selected firm (e.g., joeproducer@firmproducer.com).

PHONE INFORMATION (FIRMS ONLY)

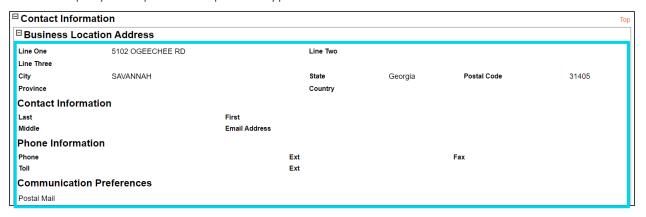
Displays the related telephone contact information for the selected firm producer. Fields include the following:

- **Phone**: Phone number related to the selected address type.
- Ext: Phone number extension related to the selected address type.
- Fax: Facsimile number related to the selected address type.
- Toll: Toll-free phone number related to the selected address type.
- Ext: Toll-free phone number extension related to the selected address type.

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

For each address listed, this section displays the preferred method of communication with the selected firm producer. Fields include the following:

- Email Address
- **[CommunicationPreferenceType]**: Displays either Electronic Mail, Postal Mail, or Telephone.
- **Phone Type**: Available only if preferred method of communication is Telephone. Displays the preferred phone type.





MAINTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Click **Add/Update/Delete Contact Information** to open the *Maintain Contact Information* page. Here you can add, update, or delete address, phone, email, or communication preferences for the selected producer.



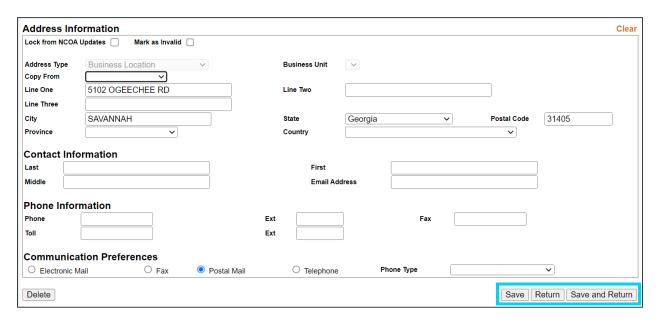
Edit Contact Information

To edit an existing address, click the Edit button (
 next to the address you need to update.



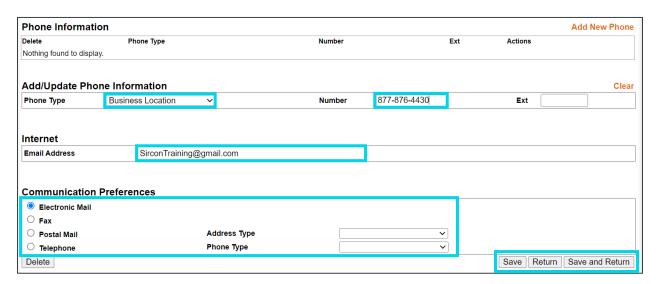


- You can now update the Address, Contact Information (name and email address), Phone Information, and Communication Preferences.
- Click Save to save and stay on the same page to continue making changes.
 Click Return to return to the producer record without saving. Click Save &
 Return to save the information and return to the producer record.



Add New Contact Information

- 1. Click **Add New Phone** to add a new phone number to the contact details. Then select a **Phone Type** and type the **Number** and **Ext** (if needed).
- 2. You can also add an **Email Address** and select your **Communication Preferences**.
- Click Save to save and stay on the same page to continue making changes.
 Click Return to return to the producer record without saving. Click Save &
 Return to save the information and return to the producer record.





Address History

Use the **Address History** data section of a producer record to review a selected producer's historical address information for all recorded address types.

The **Address History** data section displays a table listing historical address information, grouped by each address type currently recorded for the selected producer.

If you update a producer's address information on the *Maintain Contact Information* page, the old address information will automatically be saved to the Address History data section.

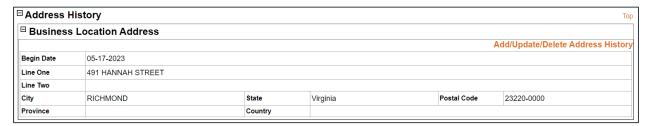
The Address History data section does not store a producer's historical email address or phone information.

Note: If no address history exists on a producer record, the following message will display: "There are no address history records for this [EntityType]."

For each address type listed, click the **Expand** button (\blacksquare) to expand the record row to display historical address information related to the selected address type. Click the **Collapse** button (\boxminus) again to collapse the record row and hide the address information.

Fields include the following:

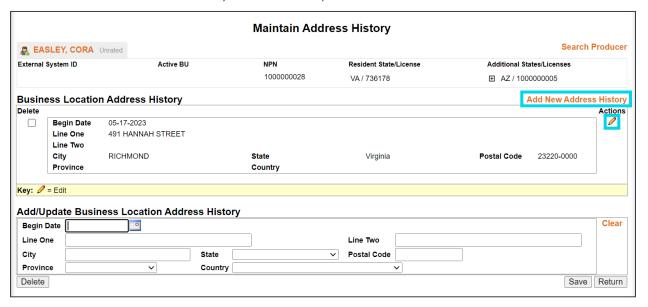
- **Begin Date**: For each historical address listed, displays the date on which it became effective in the system for the selected address type.
- Line One: For each historical address listed, displays its first address line.
- Line Two: For each historical address listed, displays its second address line.
- **City**: For each historical address listed, displays its city name.
- State: For each historical address listed, displays its state name
- Postal Code: For each historical address listed, displays its postal or ZIP code.
- Province: For each Canadian historical address listed, displays its province name.
- Country: For each international historical address listed, displays its country name.



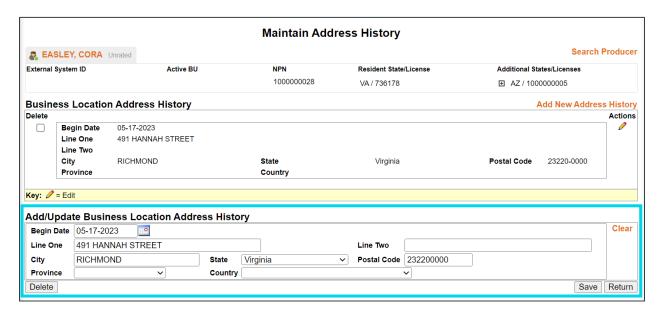


MAINTAIN ADDRESS HISTORY

- 1. Click **Add/Update/Delete Address History** to open the Maintain Address History page.
- 2. Here you can add, update, or delete historical address information related to the selected address type.

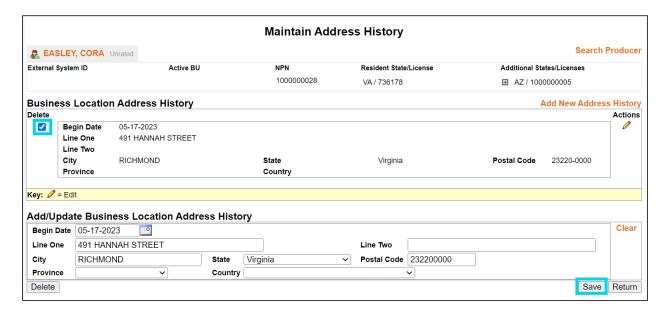


4. You will then fill out the address information in the Add/Update Address History section. Click **Save** to update the record.





5. To delete an address from the address history, click the **Delete** checkbox next to the address then click **Save**.



Email Messages

Use the **Email Messages** data section of a producer record to review a log of email notifications that Producer Central has sent to a producer, as triggered by the Notifications functionality. You may also review the content of each email notification.



The Email Messages data section includes the following fields:

- Sent Date: Date on which the system sent the message.
- Recipients: Email address(es) of the recipient(s) of the email message.
- Notification Type: Type of notification that the system sent. (For more information, see Notifications.)
- Actions: For each email message listed, you will see two options to display more information:

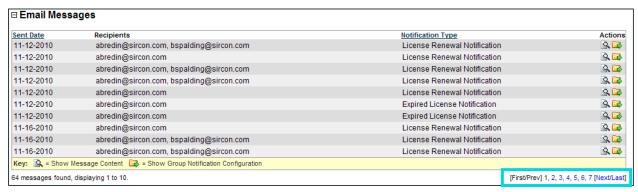


- **Show Message Content** (A): Click to display the text of a selected email notification in a separate window.
- Show Group Notification Configuration (□): Click to open the Notification Configuration page, where you can review the specific email notification settings that triggered the email.

Note: To view and use the **Show Group Notification Configuration**, you must have specific security permissions in your user account that allow you to configure scheduled notifications.

If the volume of messages logged on a producer record exceeds 10, they will display in pages in the Email Messages data section. Use the following page navigation options to review all email messages:

- **[x] messages found, displaying [#] to [#]**: Displays the total number of email messages logged on the selected producer's record, and the range in numbers of codes currently displaying in the data section. (Maximum 10 per page.)
- First/Prev: Click First to open the first page of results; click Prev to open the previous page of results.
- 1, 2, 3, ...: Click a numeral to open a specific numbered page of results.
- Next/Last: Click Next to open the succeeding page of results; click Last to open the last page of results.



Note: Data in the **Email Messages** data section is purged from the system after three years.



Licenses/Qualifications

Use the **Licenses/Qualifications** data section of a producer record to review and maintain information about a producer's active and inactive state insurance licenses and license lines (a.k.a., qualifications, lines of authority, or LOAs).

Add New License/Qua											
License State	License Type	License Number	Original Issue Date	Status	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Inactivation Reason		License Suspend End Date	Copy Rec'd	
⊕ Arizona	Insurance Producer	1000000005	05-06-2023	Active	05-06-2023	05-06-2023					Inactivate
⊞ California	Non-Res Insurance Producer	0C52119	01-26-1999	Active	05-27-2015	10-05-2023					Inactivate
⊞ Colorado	Non-Resident Producer	398256	04-24-2012	Inactive	03-31-2014	03-31-2014	Canceled				
Delaware	Insurance Producer	3000565515	05-17-2023	Active	05-17-2023	10-05-2023					Inactivate
District of Columbia	Insurance Producer	155160	03-23-2012	Active	03-30-2020	10-05-2023					Inactivate
⊞ Florida	Non-Resident Agent	W448056	10-24-2017	Active	10-24-2017	12-31-2024					Inactivate
⊞ Idaho	Non-Resident Producer	330290	10-27-2009	Active	04-11-2014	10-05-2023					Inactivate
Maine	Non-Resident Producer	PRN291771	08-12-2017	Active	08-12-2017	12-31-2024					Inactivate
	Insurance Producer	5438	07-01-1985	Active	01-21-2020	10-05-2023					Inactivate
	Individual Producer	1996312	01-14-2016	Active	01-14-2016	10-05-2023					Inactivate
	Non-Resident Producer	100000005	04-13-2016	Active	04-13-2016	12-31-2024					Inactivate
⊞ New Jersey	Insurance Producer	90577	08-18-2015	Active	08-18-2015	10-05-2023					Inactivate
⊞ New Mexico	Insurance Producer	100000005	05-08-2009	Active	05-08-2009	10-05-2023					Inactivate
⊞ North Carolina	Insurance Producer	100000005	08-18-2015	Active	02-04-2016	03-31-2024					Inactivate

LICENSES

Displays a table listing a selected producer's active and inactive state insurancerelated licenses, sorted alphabetically by the name of the issuing regulatory jurisdiction.

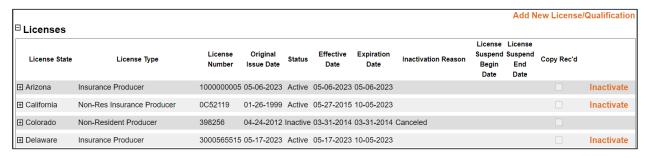
Note: You can click the **Expand** button (H) to expand a section or sub-section of information to reveal additional information. Click the **Collapse** button (H) again to collapse the section or sub-section and hide the additional information.

The following fields are available in the **Licensing** tab:

- **License State**: Name of the issuing regulatory jurisdiction for each license.
- **License Type**: State-specific name or description of each license.
- License Number: State license number or identifier for each license.
- Original Issue Date: Date the license was initially issued or granted by the state.
- Status: Current status of the license in Producer Central.
- **Effective Date**: Date on which the current value of the **Status** field became effective for the license listed.



- **Expiration Date**: State-regulated date on which the license expires. Also known as the "renewal date." This usually displays for licenses from a state that require periodic license renewal. This field may display a value for a license from a state that issues perpetual licenses if the value has been manually recorded or added during data reconciliations.
- **Inactivation Reason**: Only visible for inactive licenses. For each license listed with a **Status** of Inactive, this displays the state-specific reason for its inactivation.
- **License Suspend Begin Date**: Date on which the issuing regulatory jurisdiction suspended the license.
- **License Suspend End Date**: Date on which the issuing regulatory jurisdiction reinstated the suspended license.
- **Copy Rec'd**: Displays a checkmark in the checkbox if your company holds a physical copy of the license, license certificate, or letter of certification. A blank checkbox indicates that your company does not hold a physical copy of the license, license certificate, or letter of certification.
- Inactivate: Available only for an active license. For each active license listed, click the Inactivate button to open the Inactivate License/Inactivate Qualification page. Here you can manually record the inactivation of the selected license. No license cancellation request will be submitted to the state; the process will result in a "record-only" license inactivation.



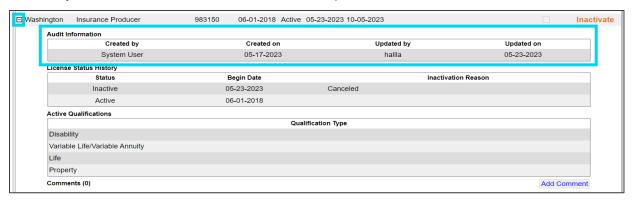
To view more information about an individual license, click the **Expand** button (**E**). You will now see the **Audit Information**, **License Status History**, **Active Qualifications**, and **Comments**.





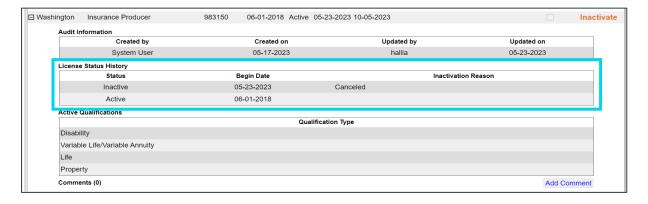
Audit Information: Displays a table containing user audit information. Fields include the following:

- Created By: Name of the staff member responsible for adding the license to the system. In cases where Producer Central added the license through automation (such as through an automated data reconciliation), you will see System User in this field.
- Created On: Date on which the license was first added to the system.
- Updated By: Name of the staff member responsible for the most recent update
 of the license information. In cases where Producer Central updated the license
 information through automation (such as through an automated data
 reconciliation), you will see System User in this field.
- Updated On: Date of the most recent update of the license information.



- 6. **License Status History**: State specific license is expanded. Fields will only appear if the license has a license history:
- **Status**: Displays the license history of each entry listed.
- Beain Date: Date on which the value of the Status field became effective.
- Inactivation Reason: Displays only for an inactive license history item. For each
 inactive license history entry listed, displays the state-specific reason for its
 inactivation.

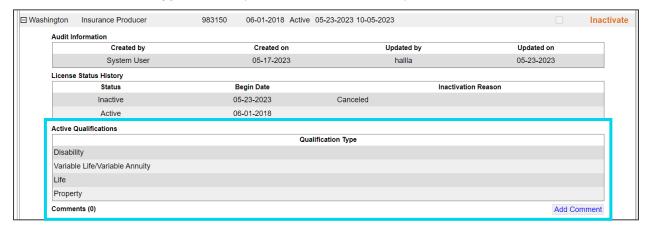
Note: If a license has never been inactivated, displays the following message: "No history found."





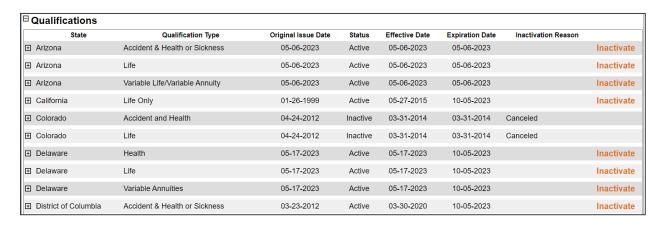
Active Qualifications: For each license listed, this displays a table listing its active, related qualifications (a.k.a., license lines, lines of authority, or LOAs). Fields include the following:

• Qualification Type: State-specific name or description.



QUALIFICATIONS

Under the **Qualifications** section you will see a list of both the active and inactive qualifications related to a selected producer's state insurance-related licenses. The qualifications are sorted alphabetically by the name of the issuing regulatory jurisdiction.



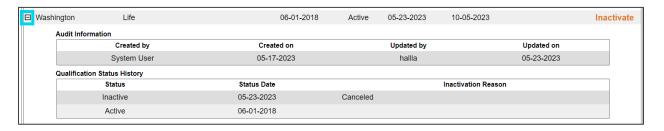
Fields and controls include the following:

- **State**: Displays the name of the issuing regulatory jurisdiction of the qualification listed.
- Qualification Type: Displays the state-specific name or description of the qualification.
- **Original Issue Date**: Displays the date on which the qualification was initially issued or granted by the state.
- **Status**: Displays the current status of the qualification in Producer Central.



- **Effective Date**: Displays the date on which the current value of the **Status** field became effective.
- **Expiration Date**: Displays the state-regulated date on which the qualification expires. Also known as the "renewal date." Only displays for qualifications from a state that requires periodic renewal of licenses and their related qualifications. May display a value for a qualification from a state that issues perpetual licenses if the value has been manually recorded.
- **Inactivation Reason**: Displays only for an inactive qualification. For each qualification listed with a **Status** of Inactive, displays the state-specific reason for its inactivation.
- Inactivate: Available only for an active qualification. For each active qualification listed, click to open the Inactivate License/Inactivate Qualification page. Here you can manually record the inactivation of the selected qualification. No qualification cancellation request will be submitted to the state; the process will result in a "record-only" qualification inactivation.

Note: To view more information about an individual qualification, click the **Expand** button (H). You will now see the **Audit Information** and **Qualification Status History**.



Audit Information: Displays a table containing user audit information. Fields include the following:

- Created By: Name of the staff member responsible for adding the qualification to the system. In cases where the system added the qualification through automation (such as through an automated data reconciliation), this will display System User.
- Created On: Date on which the qualification was first added to the system.
- Updated By: Name of the staff member responsible for the most recent update
 of the qualification information. In cases where the system updated the
 qualification information through automation (such as through an automated
 data reconciliation), this will show System User.
- Updated On: Date of the most recent update of the qualification information.





Qualification Status History: Displays a table listing a log of the active and inactive qualification history. Fields include the following:

- **Status**: Displays if the qualification has a history of changes. For each qualification history entry listed, displays its status.
- **Status Date**: Displays the date on which the value of the **Status** field became effective.
- **Inactivation Reason**: Displays if the qualification has a history of changes. Displays only for an inactive license history item. Displays the state-specific reason for its inactivation.

Note: If a qualification has never been inactivated, displays the following message: "No history found."

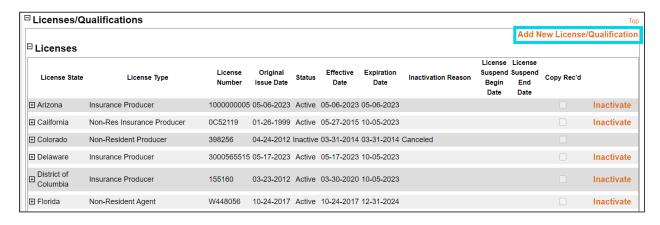


MAINTAIN LICENSES & QUALIFICATIONS

Add New License/Qualification

Follow this process to manually add a new license and/or qualification to the producer record. When you use this option, you will just add the license and/or qualification to the Sircon producer record. This will **not** submit information to the states.

1. Click the **Add New License/Qualification** button to open the Add/Activate License and Qualification page.

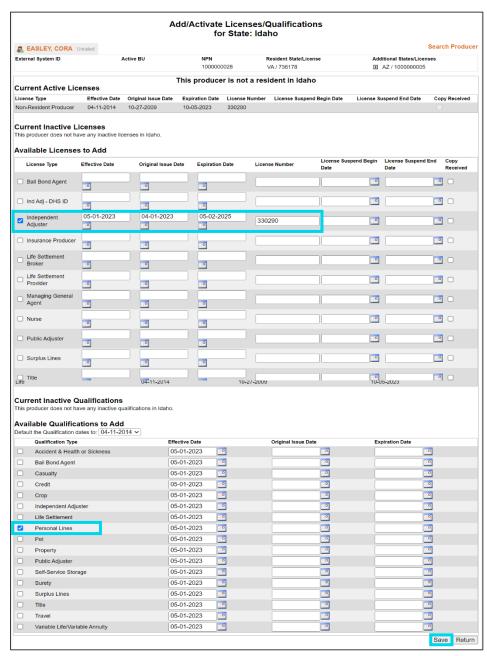


- 2. Click the checkmarks next to the **States** where you need to add a license(s) and qualification(s).
- 3. Click Next.





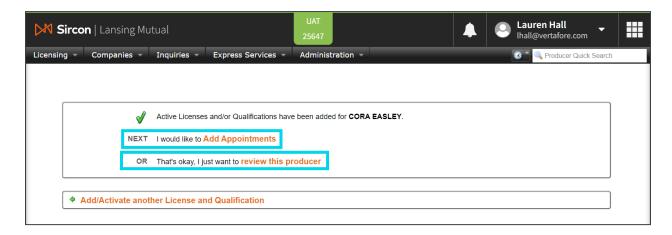
- 4. For each state you select, you will see all the licenses and qualifications that are available to add to the producer in that state.
- To add a license, select the checkbox next to the License you need to add.
 Then update the Effective Date, Original Issue Date, Expiration Date, and the License Number.
- 6. You will also see a list of the Qualifications that are available for the state. Click the check box next to the Qualification(s) (aka line of authority or LOA) that you want to add.
- 7. Click Save.





Note: If you selected more than one state, click **Save & Continue** then add the licenses and qualifications for the next state.

 You will see a message that the Active Licenses and/or Qualifications have been added for the producer. Click Add Appointments to navigate to the appointment page or click Review this Producer to return to the producer record.

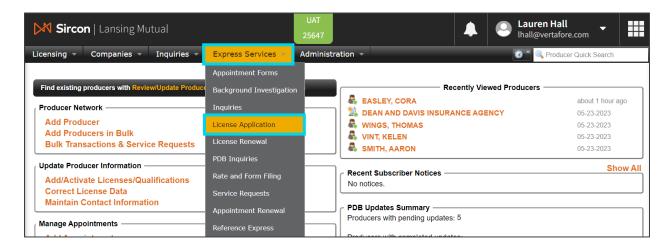


Submit a License Application

When you follow the process above to add a license/qualification, you will **not** submit a license application to the state. The license and qualification will only appear in the Sircon producer record.

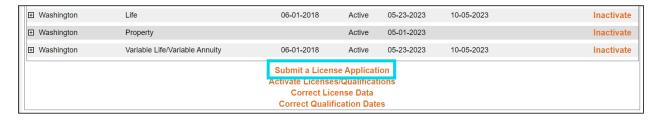
You can submit an electronic license application to one or multiple states for the selected producer using Compliance Express. You can navigate to this in two ways:

1. Click the Express Services tab then select License Application.





In the License & Qualifications data section of the producer record, click the Submit a License Application button.



Activate Licenses/Qualifications

Follow this process to manually activate a license and/or qualification that was inactivated in the producer record. When you use this option, you will **not** submit a license renewal to the states. This will just update the Sircon producer record.

 Click Activate Licenses/Qualifications to re-activate a license and/or qualification within the producer record.

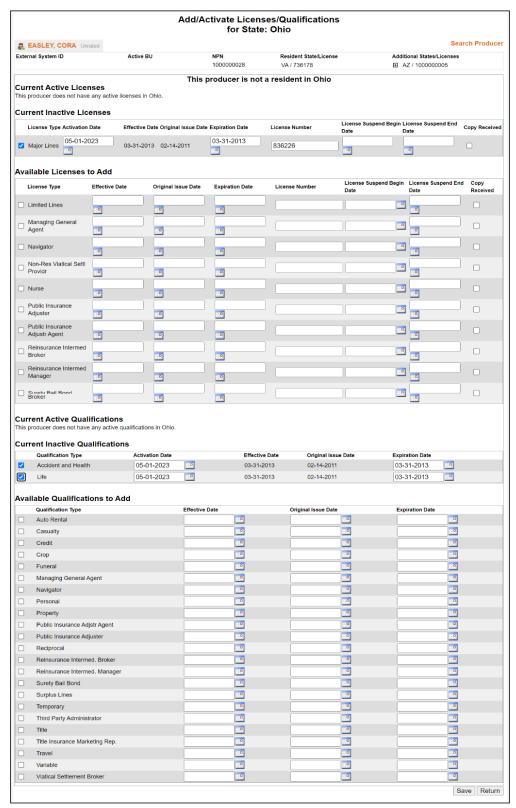


- 2. Click the checkmark next to the **States** where you need to reactivate a license(s) and/or qualification(s).
- 3. Click Next.



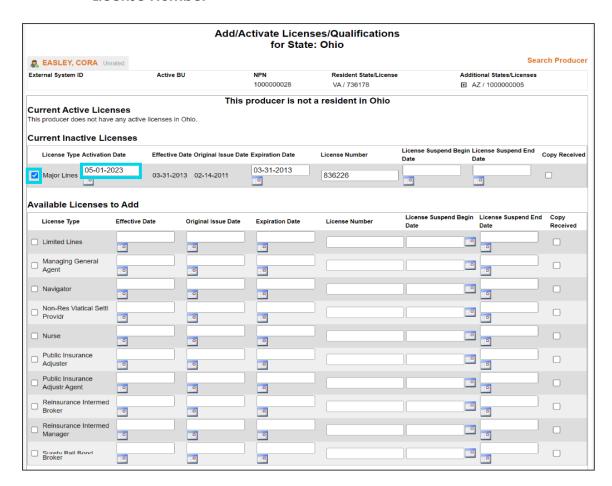


4. You will see the Current Active/Inactive Licenses, the Current Active/Inactive Qualifications, and the Available Licenses/Qualifications to Add.





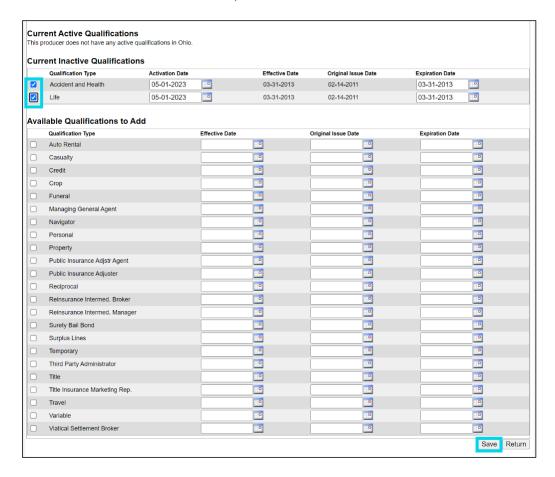
- 5. Under Current Inactive Licenses, click the check box next to the License you want to activate then update the Activation Date.
- 6. If you want to add additional licenses, scroll to the **Available Licenses to Add** section, and click the check box next to the licenses you want to add. Input information into the following fields:
 - Effective Date
 - Original Issue Date
 - License Number



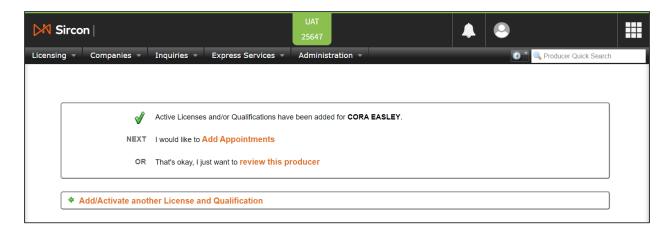
- 7. Next, you will need to add the qualifications that correspond to the license. You will need to add a qualification that corresponds to the license with an activation date on or before the license status date.
- 8. Scroll to the Current Inactive Qualification section.
- To add the qualification, click the check box next to the qualification you need to add. Make sure the Effective Date is on or after the License Activation Date.
- 10. If you need to add additional qualifications, scroll to the **Available Qualifications to Add** section.



- 11. Click the check box next to the qualification (s) you wish to add. Then, enter the:
 - Effective Date
 - Original Issue Date
- 12. Click **Save** to submit the request.



13. You will receive a message that the active licenses and/or qualifications have been added for the producer.





Correct License Data

Use the **Correct License Data** option to manually update the license and qualification data in one or multiple states. You can use this option if you need to change the license number, effective dates, and expiration dates within the Sircon producer record.

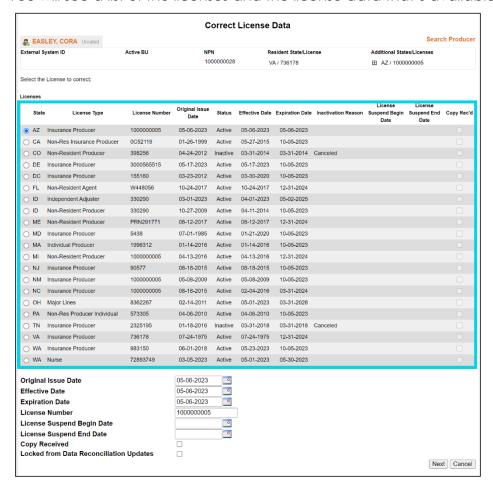
When you correct license data manually, you are only updating the Sircon producer record. Updates will **not** be sent to the states.

Note: This option is only available if the corresponding permission has been granted to the security role to which your user account is assigned.

 Click Correct License Data to update the producer's license data in one or multiple states.

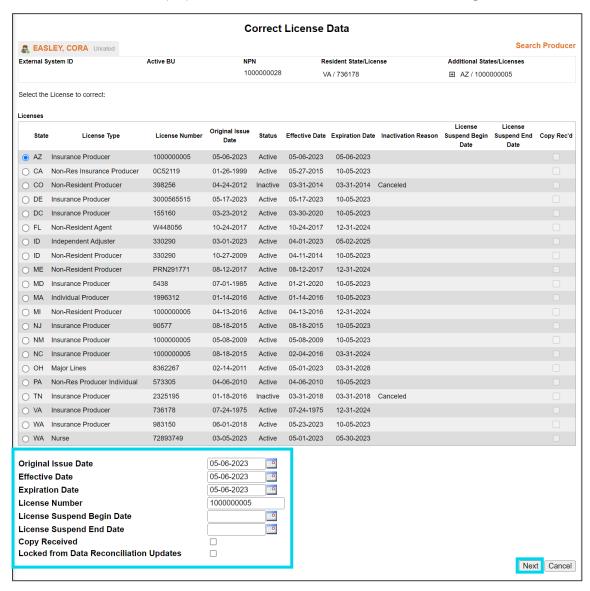


2. You will see a list of the licenses and the license data that's available to edit.



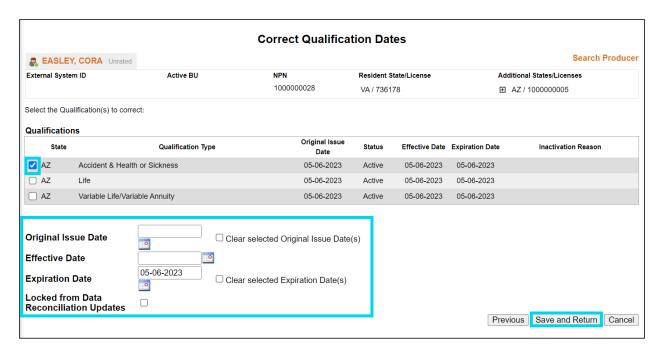


- 3. Select the license you need to edit by clicking the radio button next to the license.
- 4. At the bottom of the screen, you can edit the following details for the license you selected:
 - Original Issue Date
 - Effective Date
 - Expiration Date
 - License Number
 - License Suspend Begin/End Date
 - Copy Received
 - Locked from Data Reconciliation Updates
- 5. Make necessary updates then click **Next** to save the changes.





- 6. You will now see the Correct Qualification Dates page. You will see the list of the qualifications associated with the license you selected on the previous page. If you need to correct the qualification data, select the qualification then scroll down to the bottom of the screen.
- 7. Here you can edit the details of the selected qualification, including the:
 - Original Issue Date
 - Effective Date
 - Expiration Date
 - Locked from Data Reconciliation Updates check box
- 8. Click **Save and Return** to confirm the qualification updates. You will return to the **Correct License Data** page.



9. The license and qualification data will update within the producer record. If you need to send updates to the states, you will need to submit a license renewal or a license application through the Express Services functionality.

Correct Qualification Dates

Use the **Correct Qualification Dates** option to manually update the qualification data in one or multiple states. You can use this option if you need to change qualification issue dates, effective dates, and expiration dates within the Sircon producer record.

When you correct license data manually, you are only updating the Sircon producer record. Updates will **not** be sent to the states.

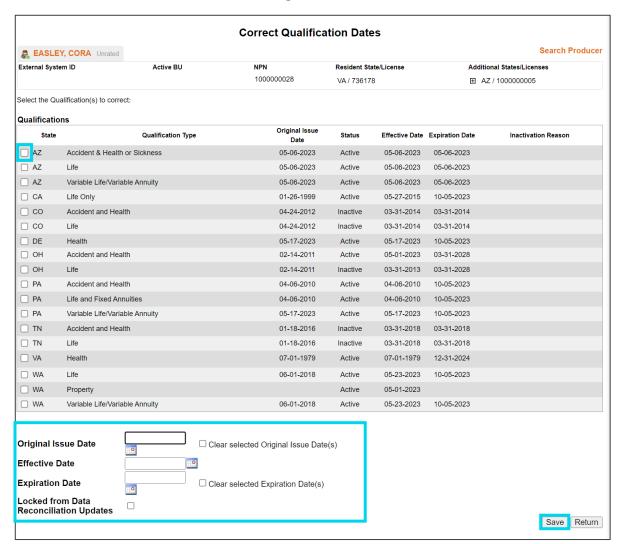
Note: This option is only available if the corresponding permission has been granted to the security role to which your user account is assigned.



1. Click the Correct Qualification Dates button.



- 2. You will now see all the active and inactive qualifications for the producer.
- 3. Select the check box next to the Qualification you want to update.
- You can then update the qualification details, including the: Original Issue Date, Effective Date, Expiration Date, and the Locked from Data Reconciliation Updates check box.
- 5. Click **Save** to submit the changes.





Appointments

Most states require a licensed producer to obtain an appointment in order to legally represent, or sell, a specific product on behalf of an insurance carrier's underwriting company. A carrier submits a producer appointment request to the state department of insurance, pays a fee, and, if the department finds the producer in compliance with state regulations, receives confirmation of the appointment.

The specific rules for appointments vary among requiring states. For example, some states require a producer to be appointed at the time of licensure, while other states require an appointment only upon execution of an application. Some states have lenient appointment "backdating" rules that can cover business a producer has already written, while others do not.

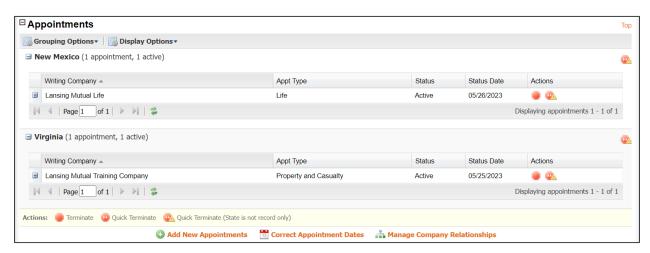
Other states, however, do not require state-verified appointments whatsoever. In those states, an insurance carrier is obliged only to internally track its business relationship among its underwriting company, a producer, and the product lines represented.

A carrier customer using Producer Central can submit a producer appointment request electronically to the state department of insurance. The state's response to the request flows automatically back to Producer Central and updates the producer's record.

In non-appoint states, the carrier customer can manually record a producer "appointment" to comply with state record-keeping requirements.

Agency customers have a different view of appointment information. They need to know when and if a carrier partner has authorized the agency itself, and/or affiliated agents, to sell its product lines in a particular state. They can use Producer Central to track a producer's state appointments with different carrier partners.

Use the **Appointments** data section of a producer record to review and maintain information about a producer's state-verified and record-only appointments. You can view the carrier group's appointing companies, requested appointments, and appointment history in this section.



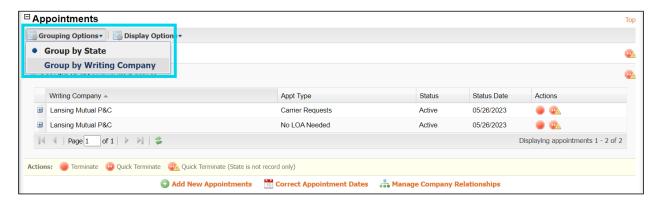


Note: If no appointments are recorded for a selected producer, the following message displays: "No appointments found."

GROUPING OPTIONS

By default, in a carrier deployment, appointments are grouped by state. In an agency/brokerage deployment, appointments are grouped by carrier group name.

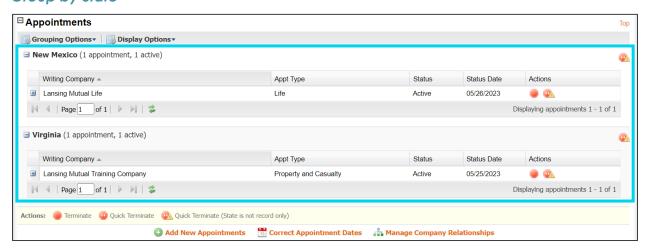
You can alter either default grouping by choosing a different option from the **Grouping Options** dropdown menu.



The number of total appointments per group, either active or inactive, is displayed in parentheses following the group name. If the group includes active appointments, the number of active appointments also appears in parentheses.

If the group includes pending appointments, the number of appointments pending submission or pending state approval also appears in parentheses.

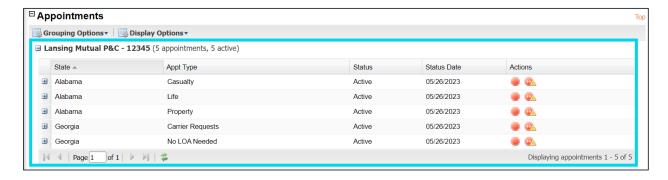
Group by State





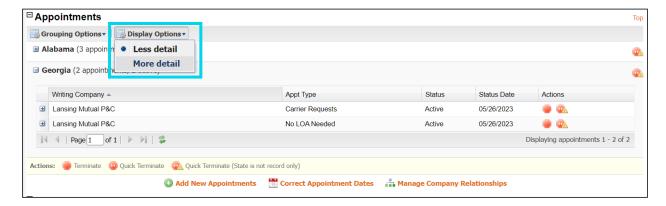
Group by Writing Company

If appointments are grouped by carrier writing company, the writing company's unique NAIC ID displays after the writing company name.



DISPLAY OPTIONS

By default, each group displays only basic appointment information. Use the Display Options dropdown menu to select either **Less Detail** for basic appointment information or **More Detail** for advanced appointment details and historical information.



Less Detail

If you selected **Less Detail** under the **Display Options**, you will see the following fields:

- Writing Company: Available with the Group By State grouping option. Displays
 the name of the appointing company with which a selected producer is
 appointed.
- **State**: Available with the **Group By Writing Company** grouping option. Displays the name of the regulatory jurisdiction in which a selected producer is appointed.
- **Appt Type**: Displays the state-specific description of the appointment type held by a selected producer.
- Status: Displays the current status of the appointment in Producer Central.



- Status Date: Displays the date on which the current value of the Status field became effective.
- Actions: Gives you options to inactivate the appointment. Actions include the following:
 - Terminate (●): Available to carriers only. Click to open the Terminate
 Appointments page. Here you can submit a termination request for one (or multiple) appointments by one (or multiple) appointing companies in the selected state.

Note: This option <u>will submit</u> terminations to states that allow electronic filing. It will also process terminations for record-only states.

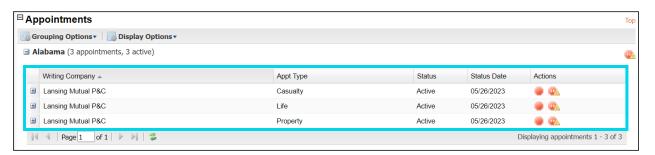
• Quick Terminate (2): Available to carriers only. Used for appointments recorded in a "non-appoint state" (i.e., a state that does not require state-verified appointments). Click Quick Terminate to open the Quick Terminate Appointment page. Here you can submit a termination request for the appointment you selected that corresponds to a single writing company and state.

Note: If you use this option, the system <u>will not submit</u> a termination request to the state; the process will result in a "record-only" termination.

Quick Terminate (State is not Record Only) (22): Available to carriers only.
 Used for appointments recorded in an "appointment state" (i.e., a state
 that processes carrier appointment requests and tracks producer
 appointments). Click to open the Quick Terminate Appointment page.
 Here you can submit a termination request for the appointment you
 selected that corresponds to a single writing company and state.

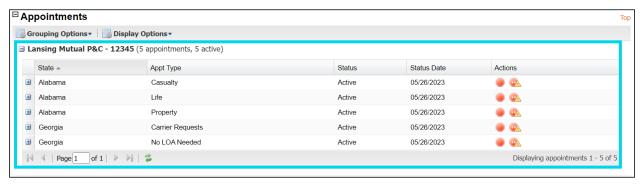
Note: If you use this option, the system <u>will not submit</u> a termination request to the state; the process will result in a "record-only" termination.

Grouped by State





Grouped by Writing Company



More Detail

If you selected More Detail under the Display Options, you will see the following fields:

- Writing Company: Available in carrier deployments only with Group By State grouping option. Name of the appointing company with which a selected producer is appointed.
- State: Available in carrier deployments only with Group By Writing Company grouping option. Name of the regulatory jurisdiction in which a selected producer is appointed.
- NAIC ID: Available in carrier deployments only with Group By Writing Company grouping option. Displays the National Association of Insurance Commissioners identifier of the appointing company.
- Appt Type: State-specific description of the appointment type held by a selected producer.
- **Status**: Current status of the appointment in Producer Central.
- Status Date: Date on which the current value of the Status field became effective.
- **Active Date**: Appointment's effective date. Displays for both active and inactive appointments.
- **Term Date**: Date on which the appointment became inactive.
- **Term Reason**: For an inactive appointment only. State-specific reason for the appointment termination.
- **Shared Producer**: Name of the producer with which the appointment is shared (i.e., the appointment state acknowledges that a producer is authorized under another producer's appointment, such as an affiliated individual producer's indirect appointment with a firm producer).
- **State Verified**: Displays a checkmark if the appointment was submitted through Sircon for Carriers and processed by a state. A checkmark will also exist if a manually recorded appointment was verified using state records (such as through an automated data reconciliation).
 - A checkbox without a checkmark indicates that the appointment has not been processed by a state (including pending appointment requests) or may not exist in state records.



- Record Appt: Displays a checkmark if the appointment was manually recorded on the selected producer's record or if the appointment was added to the record through an automated data reconciliation.
 - A checkbox without a checkmark indicates that the appointment was not manually recorded and was submitted through Sircon for Carriers to the state.

Note: Use the following guidelines when analyzing information in the **State Verified** and **Record Appt** fields.

- a) If neither the **State Verified** or **Record Appt** fields are checked, an appointment request submitted to an appointment state is still pending submission or state processing.
- b) If the **State Verified** box is checked but the **Record Appt** box is blank, an appointment request submitted to a state has been processed (either Approved or Denied).
- c) If the **State Verified** box is blank but the **Record Appt** box is checked, a record-only appointment has been added.
- d) If both the **State Verified** and **Record Appt** boxes are checked, then an appointment has been added but also verified against state appointment data.
- **Created by**: Username of the user who added the appointment to the producer's record. Displays "System User" if the appointment was added by an automated/system process.
- **Created on**: Date on which the appointment was added to the producer's record.
- **Updated by**: Username of the user who terminated, or most recently modified, the appointment. Displays "System User" if the appointment was terminated, or modified, by way of an automated/system process.
- Updated on: Date on which the appointment was terminated or most recently modified.
- Actions: Gives you options to inactivate the appointment. Actions include the following:
 - Terminate (●): Available to carriers only. Click to open the Terminate Appointments page. Here you can submit a termination request for one (or multiple) appointments by one (or multiple) appointing companies in the selected state.

Note: This option <u>will submit</u> terminations to states that allow electronic filing. It will also process terminations for record-only states.



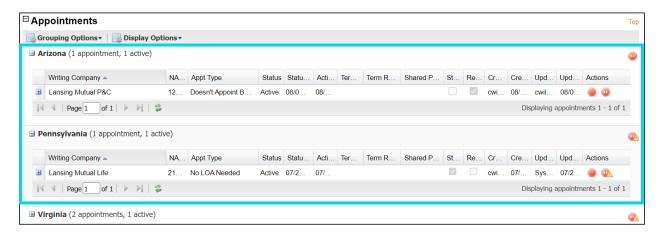
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Note: If you use this option, the system <u>will not submit</u> a termination request to the state; the process will result in a "record-only" termination.

Quick Terminate (State is not Record Only) ((a)): Available to carriers only. Used for appointments recorded in an "appointment state" (i.e., a state that processes carrier appointment requests and tracks producer appointments). Click to open the Quick Terminate Appointment page. Here you can submit a termination request for the appointment you selected that corresponds to a single writing company and state.

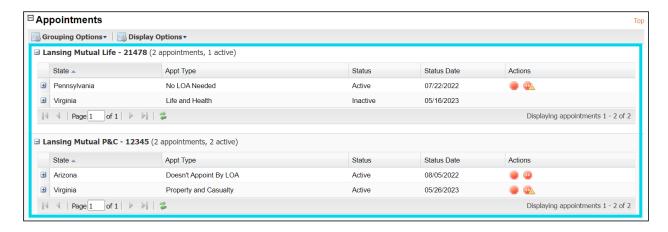
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Group by Writing Company



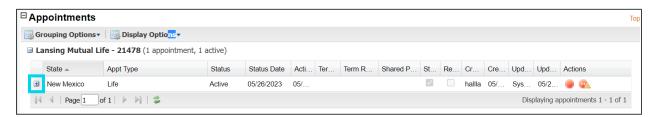


Group by State



APPOINTMENT REQUESTS

You can display additional details about the appointment requests by clicking the **Expand** button (H) next to the appointment details.



You will now see information about the transaction requests that affected the status of the appointment.

Note: The information can include both appointment and/or appointment termination requests.

Information will display only for an appointment request submitted through Sircon for States to a state that processes appointment or termination requests and tracks appointments.

If an appointment is manually recorded on a producer record, the following message will display: "No appointment requests."



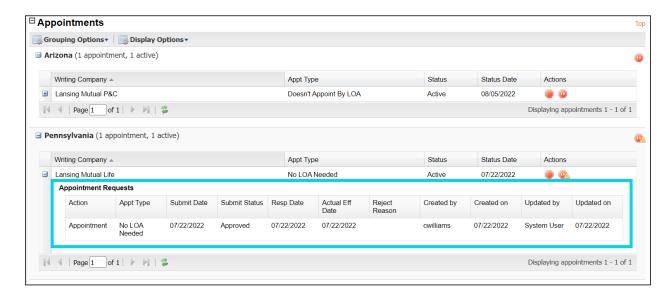


Fields included in the appointment requests section include:

- **Action**: Submitted transaction type, either Appointment or Termination.
- **Appt Type**: State-specific description of the appointment type held by a selected producer.
- Submit Date: Date on which the transaction was submitted.
- **Submit Status**: Status of the transaction request:
 - Approved: Processed and approved by the state.
 - Denied: Processed and rejected by the state.
 - Submitted to SIRCON: Pending state processing.
- **Resp Date**: Displays only for transaction requests that have undergone state processing. Shows the date on which the state responded to the request.
- Actual Eff Date: Displays only for transaction requests that have undergone state
 processing. Shows the date on which a requested appointment or termination
 became or would become effective. This is based on the Vertafore-configured
 state backdating or system future-dating rules.
- Reject Reason: Displays only for transaction requests that have undergone state
 processing and where the value of the Submit Status field is Denied. Shows the
 state-specific reason the request was rejected.
- **Created by**: Username of the staff member, or process, that submitted the transaction request. If the request was submitted through an automated process, this field displays SYSTEM_USER.
- **Created on**: Date on which the transaction request was recorded in Sircon for Carriers.
- **Updated by**: Username of the staff member or process that last updated the transaction request.
 - If a transaction request is pending or failed before submission to a state, the
 username of the staff member who submitted the request will display (or
 SYSTEM USER if the request was submitted through an automated process).
 - If a transaction was processed by a state, will display SYSTEM_USER.
- **Updated on:** Date on which the transaction request was last updated.
- Appointment Counties: Only for states that require a county-level producer appointment. Displays the name of each county to which the transaction was submitted.

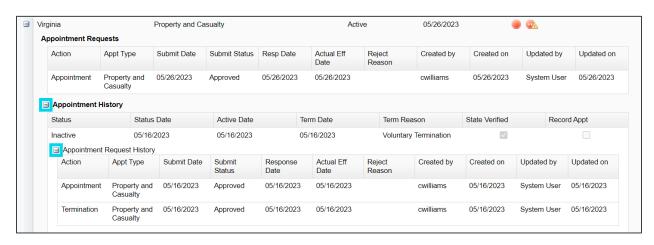
Note: Use the **Refresh** icon ($\stackrel{\triangleright}{=}$) to update the display of state appointment information (e.g., to check on the status of a pending appointment request).





APPOINTMENT HISTORY

To display a history of the appointment changes, click the **Expand** button (**E**) next to the **Appointment History** section. When you expand the Appointment History, you can also see additional details under the **Appointment Request History** section.

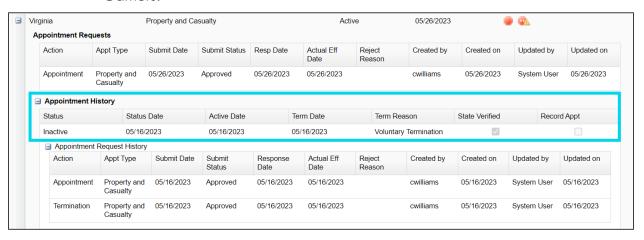


Fields and controls under the **Appointment History** section include the following:

- **Status**: Historic status of the appointment history item.
- Status Date: Date on which the historic status was updated.
- Active Date: Displays the appointment's effective date.
- Term Date: Date on which the appointment became inactive.
- **Term Reason**: State-specific reason for the appointment termination.
- **State Verified**: Checkmark if the appointment was submitted through Sircon for Carriers and processed by the state. A checkmark is also shown if a manually recorded appointment was verified from state records (such as through an automated data reconciliation).



- A checkbox without a checkmark indicates that the appointment has not been processed by a state (including pending appointment requests) or may not exist in state records.
- **Record Appt**: Checkmark if the appointment was manually recorded on the selected producer's record. A checkmark also shows up if the record was added through an automated data reconciliation.
 - A checkbox without a checkmark indicates that the appointment was not manually recorded and was submitted to a state through Sircon for Carriers.



For each appointment history log item listed, you can expand the **Appointment Request History** to display information about the transaction requests that affected the status of the historic appointment.

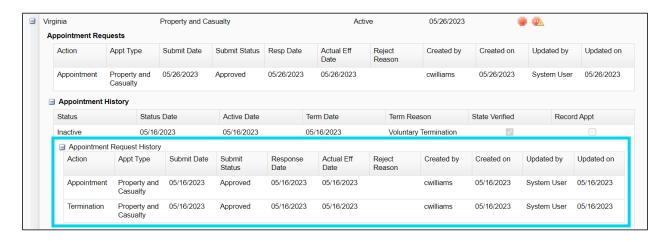
Note: The information may include either appointment or termination requests.

The fields under the **Appointment Request History** section include:

- Action: Displays the submitted transaction type, either Appointment or Termination.
- Appt Type: State-specific description of the appointment type held by a selected producer.
- Submit Date: Date on which the transaction was submitted.
- **Submit Status**: Status of the transaction request.
- Resp Date: Displays only for transaction requests that have undergone state processing. Shows the date on which the state to which the request was submitted responded to the request.
- Actual Eff Date: Displays only for transaction requests that have undergone state
 processing. Shows the date on which a requested appointment or termination
 became or would become effective, based on Vertafore-configured state
 backdating or system future-dating rules.



- Reject Reason: Displays only for transaction requests that have undergone state
 processing and where the value of the Submit Status field is Denied. Shows the
 state-specific reason for the rejection.
- Created by: Username of the staff member or process that submitted the transaction request. If the request was submitted through an automated process, displays SYSTEM USER.
- Created on: Date on which the transaction request was recorded in Producer Central
- Updated by: Username of the staff member or process that last updated the transaction request.
 - If a transaction request is pending or failed before submission to a state, the
 username of the staff member who submitted the request will display (or
 SYSTEM_USER if the request was submitted through an automated process).
 - If a transaction was processed by a state, this will display SYSTEM_USER.
- **Updated on**: Date on which the transaction request was last updated.



MAINTAIN APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

Within the appointment, you have three options to maintain appointments from the producer record.

Click **Add New Appointments** to open the Add Appointments page. Here you can submit a new state appointment request or record an appointment for a selected producer.

Click **Correct Appointment Dates** to open the *Correct Appointment Dates* page. From here you can fix key compliance dates on a selected producer's record or protect appointment data on the record from automated data reconciliation updates.

Click **Manage Company Relationships** to open the *Company Relationships* page. From here you can record the payment status and termination vesting period information for a selected producer.





Note: For more information about submitting appointments, refer to the Appointments and Terminations Quick Guide.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

If a license displayed in the **Licenses/Qualifications** data section is inactivated, through either an automated or manual action, the system will inactivate all its related qualifications (license lines) automatically.

The system will also inactivate all appointments supported by now-inactive licenses or license lines. For a carrier customer, this action will result in a "record-only" appointment termination and not in an appointment termination transaction being submitted to a state.

Appointments in Sircon States

An appointment or termination request submitted to certain states using an electronic submission method is routed directly to the state's department of insurance regulatory management system. A request to one of these states, referred to as a "Sircon State," will result in a rapid state response (i.e., "real-time" response) and can offer significant business advantages.

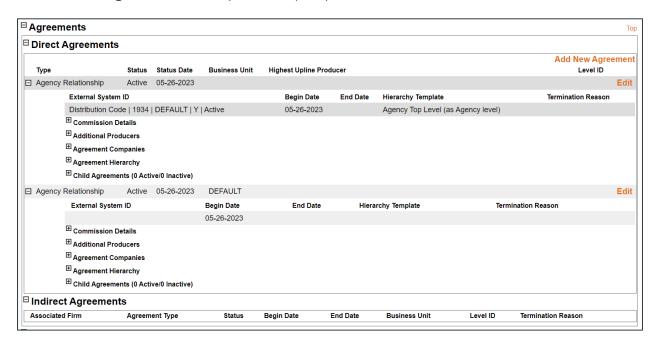
A transaction request submitted to all other states, however, goes first through a third-party, electronic interface and then to the state and can vary in response time. Ask your Vertafore representative for more information and for the current list of "Sircon States."

To expand a field whose value is truncated or obscured, with the left mouse button click and hold the right cell border of the field's header cell, drag the mouse swiftly to the right, and then release. Repeat as necessary to view the full field value.



Agreements

An agreement is a binding contract between a company and a producer under which the producer may market insurance-related products for the company. Agreements are initially created by the Vertafore support team. Once they are created, you can assign agreements to producers and review information about a producer's contractual agreements with your company.

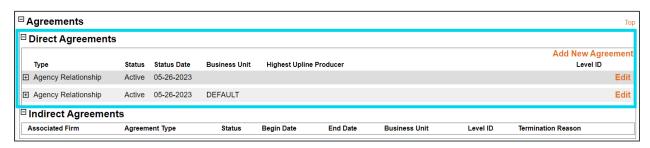


The **Agreements** data section includes the following sub-sections:

- Direct Agreements: Contracts that are directly made with a producer to sell/market product lines for the carrier's underwriting companies.
- Indirect Agreements: Contracts that are made between a carrier and an agency or brokerage to sell/market product lines. Indirect agreements are assigned to producers that are associated with the corresponding agency or brokerage.

DIRECT AGREEMENTS

Direct agreements are the contracts that fall under the product lines of your carrier's underwriting companies.

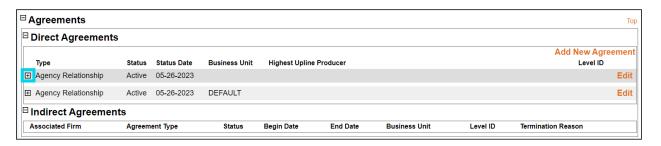




You will initially see a list of the agreements that are assigned to the producer. The fields in the top section of the direct agreements are:

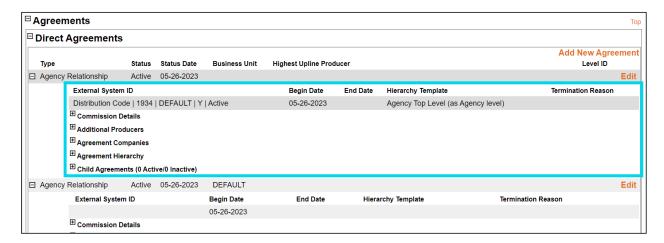
- **Type**: For each upline producer agreement listed, displays the upline producer's agreement type.
- **Status**: Displays the status of the upline producer's agreement, either Active or Inactive.
- Status Date: Displays the date on which the current value of the Status field was set.
- **Business Unit**: Displays the business unit associated with the producer agreement.
- **Highest Upline Producer**: The name of the producer is hyperlinked at the top of the producer's agreement hierarchy. Click the hyperlink to open the highest upline producer's record in the *Review/Update Producer* page.
- Level ID: Displays the level ID of the upline producer's agreement.

Click on the **Expand** button (H) next to the agreement to drill into more details.



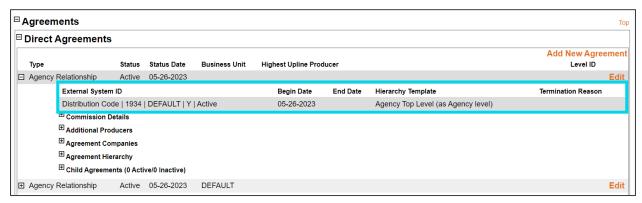
Under direct agreements you can view:

- Commission Details
- Additional Producers
- Agreement Companies
- Agreement Hierarchy
- Child Agreements





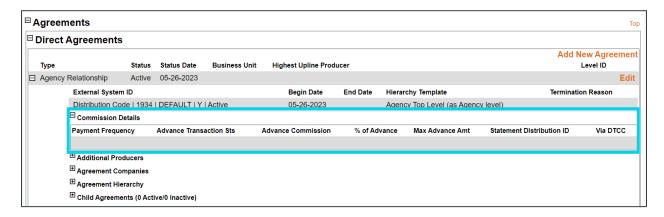
- **External System ID**: Displays the external system identifier that links the producer's agreement with information in other systems, such as commissioning or new business.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the agreement became active.
- **End Date**: *Inactive agreements only*. Displays the date on which the agreement became inactive.
- Hierarchy Template: If the agreement is governed by a hierarchy template, this displays the selected hierarchy template that establishes the ordered reporting level and/or compensation schedule for the producer in the agreement.
- **Termination Reason**: If the agreement is inactive, this displays the reason for the inactivation of the agreement.



Expand the **Commission Details** section to see details about commission payments to the producer under the agreement. Fields include the following:

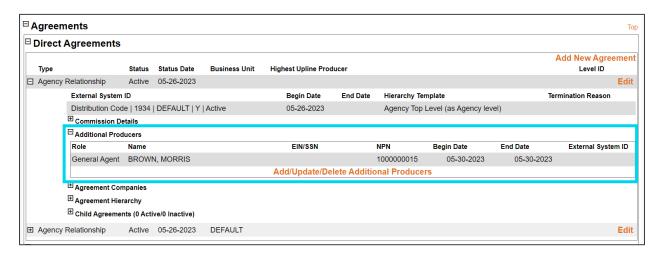
- Payment Frequency: Displays a value representing the timing of commission payments to the producer.
- Advance Transaction Sts: Displays a value indicating the method by which a commission advance should be paid to the producer (e.g., On Hold, Periodto-Date, etc.)
- Advance Commission: Displays a value indicating whether or not the producer may receive an advance on commission.
- **% of Advance**: Displays a numeric value between 0.00 and 100.00 that represents the amount of the producer's advance on commission.
- Max Advance Amt: Displays the maximum amount of advance on commission that the producer may receive.
- **Statement Distribution ID**: Displays an ID for statement distribution.
- Via DTCC: Indicate whether the agreement will be conducted using DTCC.





Expand the **Additional Producers** section to see a table listing additional producers on the agreement. Fields include the following:

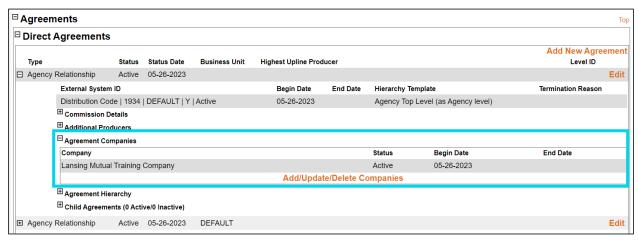
- Role: For each additional producer listed, displays the producer's role in the agreement.
- Name: Displays the producer's name.
- **EIN/SSN**: Displays the producer's Tax Identification Number.
- NPN: Displays the producer's National Producer Number.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the producer was added to the agreement.
- End Date: Inactive additional producers only. Displays the date on which the producer's role in the agreement became inactive.
- **External System ID**: For each additional producer listed, displays the external system identifier associated with the agreement.
- Add/Update/Delete Additional Producers: Click to open the Maintain Additional Producers page, where you can add, update, or delete additional producers on the selected agreement.





Expand the **Agreement Companies** section to display all appointing or underwriting companies on the agreement. Fields include the following:

- Company: Displays the company's name.
- **Status**: Displays the status of the company on the agreement.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the company became party to the agreement.
- **End Date**: *Inactive companies only*. For each inactive company listed, displays the date on which the company's involvement in the agreement ended.
 - o **Add/Update/Delete Companies**: Click to open the *Maintain Companies* page, where you can add, update, or delete agreement company information.

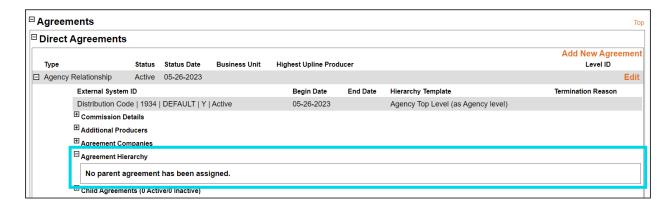


Expand the **Agreement Hierarchy** section to see a record of the agreement history. This section will only display details for parent/child agreements.

When a reporting or compensation hierarchy has been established for the selected agreement, this section displays all upline producers to which the selected producer is a downline on the agreement. Fields include the following:

- **Start Date**: For each upline producer agreement listed, displays the date on which the upline producer's agreement became active.
- **End Date**: *Inactive agreements only*. Displays the date on which the upline producer's agreement became inactive.
- Business Unit: Displays the business unit associated with the upline producer's agreement.
- **Hierarchy Template**: Displays the upline producer's ordered role in the agreement's governing hierarchy template.
- Level ID: Displays the level ID of the upline producer's agreement.
- Actions: For each upline producer agreement listed, click the View button (
) to open the upline producer's agreement information in the Review/Update Agreement page.





Expand the **Child Agreements** section to see all the child agreements, both active and inactive, that are downline to the producer on the selected agreement. In parentheses you will see the number of active and inactive child agreements. Fields and controls include the following:

- **Producer Name**: For each child agreement listed, displays the name of the downline producer.
- Type: For each child agreement listed, displays the agreement type.
- **Start Date**: For each child agreement listed, displays the date on which the child agreement became effective.
- Business Unit: For each child agreement listed, displays the associated business unit.
- Hierarchy Template: For each child agreement listed, displays the governing hierarchy template.
- Level ID: For each child agreement listed, displays its agreement level ID.
- **Actions**: Click the **View** button () to open a downline entity's agreement information in the *Review/Update Agreement* page.
- Move Children to Another Agreement: Click to open the Reassign Downline to a
 New Parent Agreement page, where you can transfer the child agreements of
 the selected agreement to a new parent agreement.
 - o **Type**: Displays the agreement type.
 - Status: Displays the current status of the agreement, either Active or Inactive.
 - Level ID: Displays the producer's level ID in the agreement.



INDIRECT AGREEMENTS

Indirect agreements indicate one or multiple upline producers (such as an agency or brokerage) are authorized to sell/market products for your carrier group's underwriting companies. Producers are assigned indirect agreements to indicate they are associated with a corresponding agency/brokerage.

Fields in the indirect agreement section are:

- **Agreement Companies**: Displays the names of your carrier group's underwriting companies that are party to the producer's indirect agreement.
- **Company**: Displays the name of an underwriting company.
- Status: Displays the current status of the underwriting company on the agreement.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the underwriting company became party to the agreement.
- **End Date**: *Inactive agreements only*. Displays the date on which the underwriting company became inactive as a party to the agreement.
- Associated Firm: Displays the name of the firm producer with which the
 producer is affiliated and through which the producer is party to the
 agreement.
- Agreement Type: Displays the agreement type between the firm and the producer.
- **Status**: Displays the status of the agreement between the firm and the producer.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the agreement between the firm and the producer became active.
- **End Date**: *Inactive agreements only*. Displays the date on which the agreement between the firm and the producer became inactive.
- **Business Unit**: Displays the business unit associated with the producer agreement.
- Level ID: Displays the firm's level ID in the agreement.
- **Termination Reason**: Displays the reason for the inactivation of the agreement.

Note: When you add an association between an individual producer and a firm, and the associated firm has an active agreement, the system automatically will add an indirect agreement with the associated firm to the **Agreements** data section of the individual producer's record.

If you terminate the association, however, the system will not automatically inactivate the individual producer's indirect agreement with the associated firm.



Firm Associations (Individual Licensees Only)

Many states require carriers and firms to track and manage agent-to-agency affiliations. Some states allow firms to share an appointment with affiliated individual producers, allowing the agents to conduct business under the firm's appointment. This can potentially reduce a carrier's appointment fees in those states.

Use the **Firm Associations** data section of an individual producer record to review information about an individual's active and inactive associations, or affiliations, with an agency or brokerage.



The **Firm Associations** data section displays a table listing an individual producer's active or inactive individual-to-firm associations or affiliations, grouped first by firm and then by association state(s). It includes the following fields:

- **EIN**: Displays the firm's Federal Employer Identifier Number.
- **Firm**: For each individual-to-firm association listed, displays the firm's name as an orange hypertext link. Click the link to open the firm's record in the *Review/Update Producer* page.
- **Begin Date**: For each individual-to-firm association listed, displays the date on which the association became effective (i.e., the date of the oldest state association).
- **End Date**: For each inactive individual-to-firm association listed, displays the date on which the association became inactive (i.e., the date on which the last state association became inactive).

Click the **Expand** button (H) to see more details about the firm.



- **Association States**: For each firm association listed, you will see the states in which the agent-to-firm association is recorded.
- **State**: For each association state listed, click the **Expand** button to display the active qualifications (license lines or LOA) held by the firm and the affiliated agent in the selected association state. Fields include the following:
 - Active Qualifications for [FirmName]: Displays the active qualifications held by the firm in the selected association state.

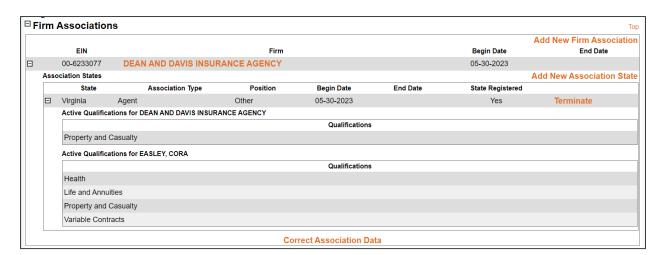


- Active Qualifications for [IndividualName]: Displays the active qualifications held by the affiliated individual in the selected association state.
- **Association Type**: Displays the relationship of the individual to the firm in the selected association state.
- **Position**: Displays the employment title of the individual with the firm in the selected association state.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the individual became associated with the firm in the selected association state.
- **End Date**: Displays the date on which the association between the individual and the firm became inactive in the selected association state.
- State Registered: Displays Yes if the individual-to-firm association is recorded with the department of insurance in the selected association state. Displays No if the individual-to-firm association is not recorded with the department of insurance in the selected association state (i.e., recorded only in your company's internal records).

Click the **Expand** button (H) next to the association state to see more details about the firm and producer qualifications.



You will now see the active qualifications for the firm and for the individual licensee.





MAINTAIN FIRM ASSOCIATIONS

Use hyperlinks in the firm associations to transfer you to the maintenance transactions in Producer Central. There are several maintenance functions available, including:

- Add New Firm Association
- Add New Association State
- Terminate
- Correct Association Data

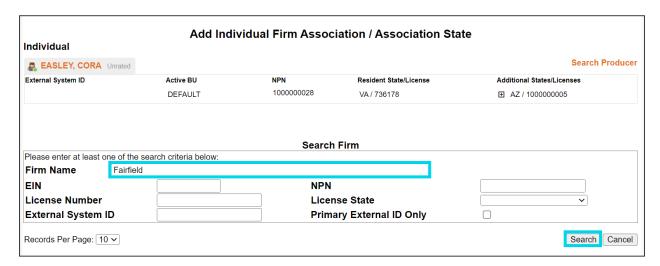
Note: All data that is added or updated using this page will apply only to the affected producer record. The data <u>will not be transmitted</u> directly to the states and will not update state records.

Add New Firm Association

 Click the Add New Firm Association button to add another firm or agency to the account.

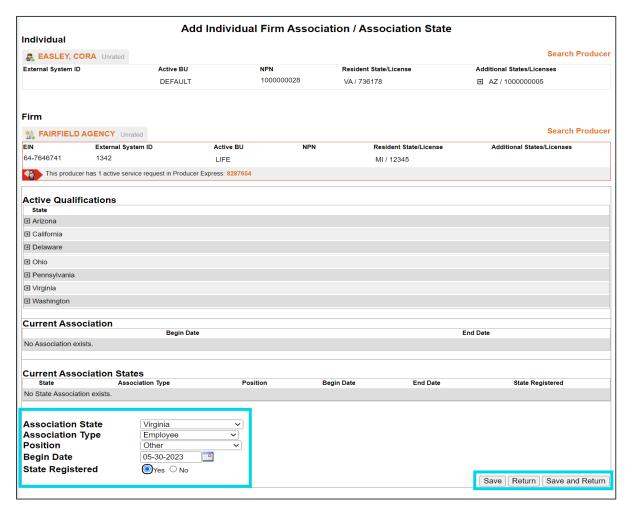


- 2. You will now see the Add Individual Firm Association / Association State page. Enter at least one of the search criteria to find an agency or firm.
- 3. Click Search.





- 4. You will see a list of the **Active Qualifications** for the agency/firm. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and update the following fields:
- Association State: State where the agent and firm are associated. The firm will need to have an active qualification in the state you select.
- Association Type: Choose the association type from the drop-down list. This
 displays the relationship of the individual to the firm in the selected
 association state. The options in the association type are maintained with
 code use indicators.
- **Position**: Displays the employment title of the individual with the firm in the selected association state.
- Begin Date: Displays the date on which the individual became associated with the firm in the selected association state.
- State Registered:
 - Displays "Yes" if the individual-to-firm association is recorded with the department of insurance in the selected association state.
 - Displays "No" if the individual-to-firm association is not recorded with the department of insurance in the selected association state (i.e., recorded only in your company's internal records).
- 5. Click **Save** or **Save and Return** to submit the association.





6. You will now see the firm association in the producer record.



Add New Association State

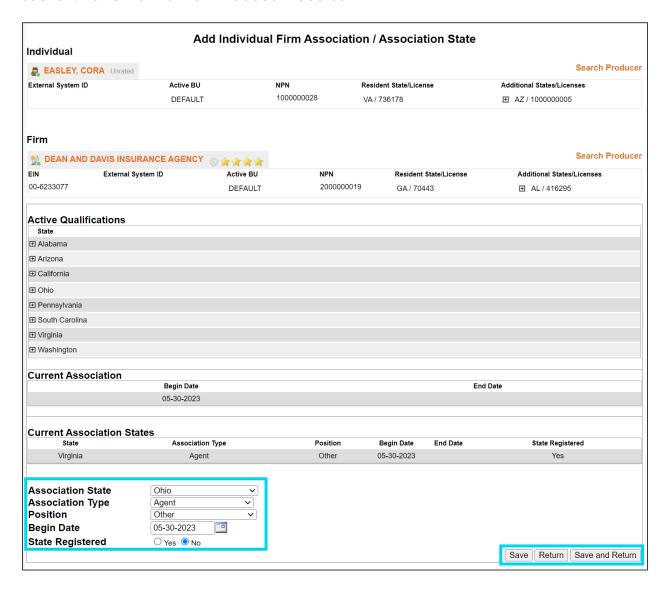
The **Add New Association State** option is available when you expand the firm/agency details. This option will allow you to add a new association state for a firm.

1. Click the Add New Association button.



- 2. You will see a list of the **Active Qualifications** for the agency/firm. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and update the following fields:
- **Association State**: State where the agent and firm are associated. The firm will need to have an active qualification in the state you select.
- Association Type: Choose the association type from the drop-down list. This
 displays the relationship of the individual to the firm in the selected
 association state. The options in the association type are maintained with
 code use indicators.
- **Position**: Displays the employment title of the individual with the firm in the selected association state.
- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the individual became associated with the firm in the selected association state.
- State Registered:
 - Displays "Yes" if the individual-to-firm association is recorded with the department of insurance in the selected association state.
 - Displays "No" if the individual-to-firm association is not recorded with the department of insurance in the selected association state (i.e., recorded only in your company's internal records).
- 3. Click **Save** or **Save and Return** to submit the association.





4. You can now see the state association you added under the firm.





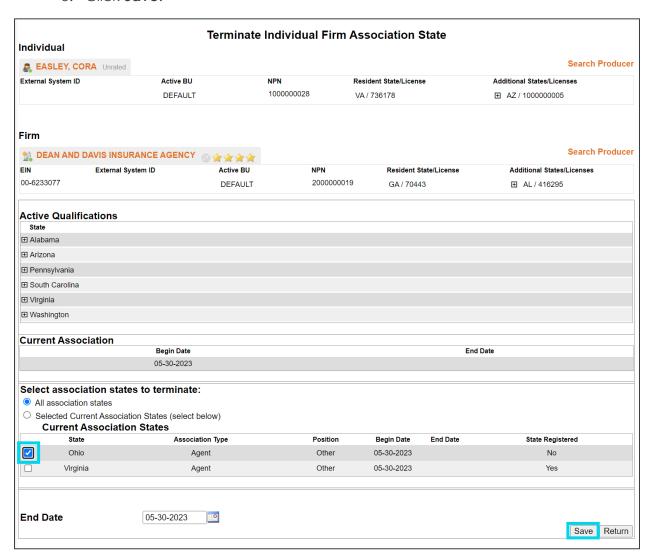
Terminate

Use the **Terminate** option to remove a firm association from a producer's record.

1. Click the **Terminate** button.

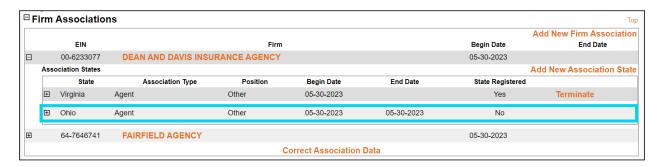


- 2. You will now see the Terminate Individual Firm Association State page. Select the association state you want to terminate.
- 3. Click Save.





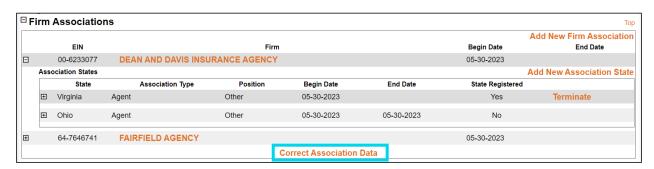
4. You will now see the state association will have an **End Date** listed since the association is considered inactive.



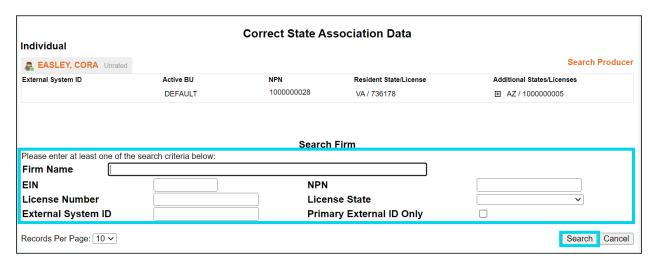
Correct Association Data

Use the Correct Association Data option if you need to update firm association data.

1. Click the Correct Association Data option.

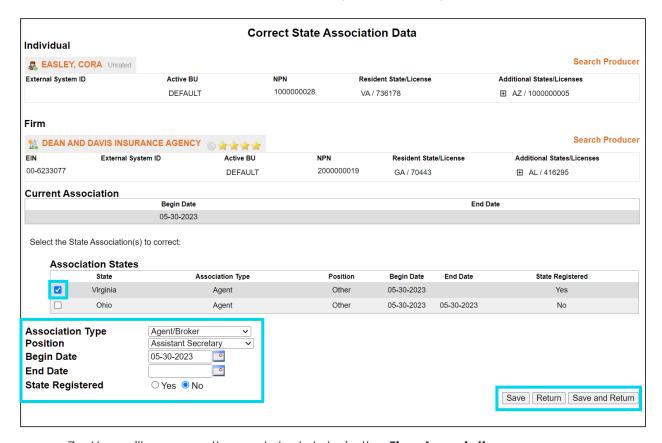


- 2. Search for the firm/agency that you need to correct the state association data by entering data in at least one of the search criteria.
- 3. Click Search.





- 4. Check the **Association State** where you need to correct data.
- 5. You can then update any of the fields below:
 - Association Type
 - Position
 - Begin Date
 - End Date
 - State Registered
- 6. Click **Save and Return** to view the updates in the producer record.



7. You will now see the updated data in the **Firm Associations**.



Note: Associations are not synced with the PDB. All updates are record only and will need to be maintained manually in the producer record.



Individual Associations (Firms Only)

Numerous states require carriers and firms to track and manage agent-to-agency affiliations. Some states allow firms to share an appointment with affiliated individual producers, allowing the agents to conduct business under the firm's appointment and potentially reducing a carrier's appointment fees in those states.

Use the **Individual Associations** data section of a firm producer record to review information about agency's or brokerage's active and inactive associations or affiliations with individual producers.

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MAINTAIN INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATIONS

Use hyperlinks in the individual associations to transfer you to maintenance transactions in Producer Central. There are several maintenance functions available, including:

- 1. Add New Individual Association or State Association: Click to open the Add Individual Firm Association/Association State page. Here you can add a new association between the selected firm and an individual producer.
- 2. **View Individual Associations**: A list of individual affiliations is not displayed directly in the **Individual Associations** section of a firm producer record. Click to open the *Individual Associations Inquiry* page. Here you can view a report of individual producers associated with the selected firm.
- 3. **Terminate a State Association**: Click to open the *Terminate Individual Firm* Association State page. Here you can inactivate an association between the selected firm and an individual producer in a selected association state.

Note: When a producer holds at least one active individual-to-firm association in a state, the **Status** field in the **Details** data section of the producer's record will hold a value of **Active**.

This condition persists even after the producer no longer holds an active state appointment. To set the **Status** field to Inactive, you must terminate all active appointments and individual-to-firm associations.

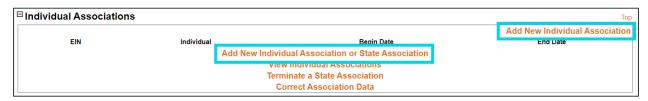
4. **Correct Association Data**: Click to open the *Correct State Association Data* page. Here you can hard-correct or "data fix" individual-to-firm association information in a selected association state.



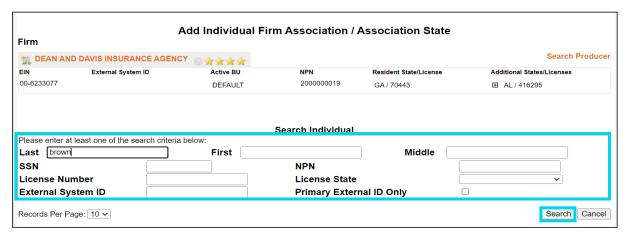
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Add New Individual Association or State Association

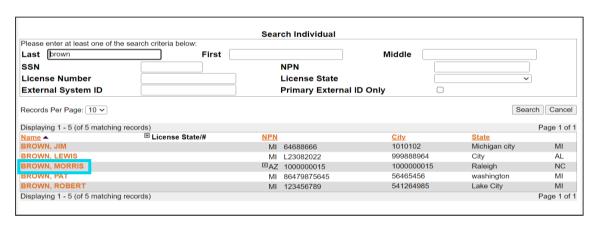
 Click either the Add New Individual Association button or the Add New Individual or State Association button.



- 2. Enter search criteria in at least one of the fields below.
- 3. Click Search.

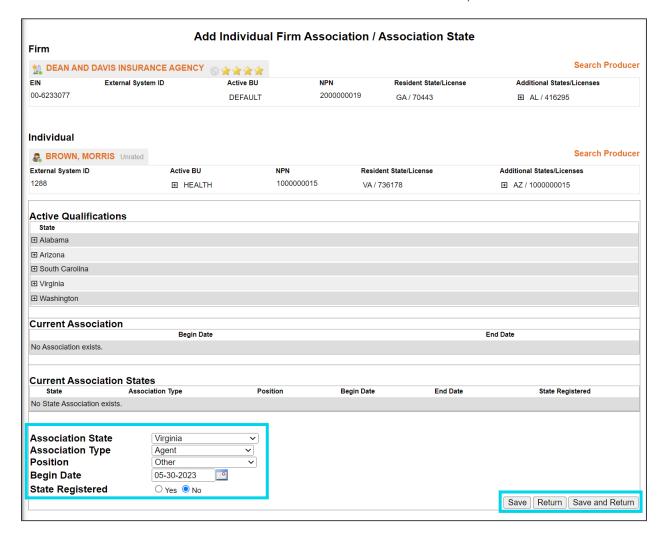


- 4. If multiple individuals match your search criteria, you will see a list of the different people below.
- 5. Click the **Name** of the individual you need to update.





- 4. You will now see the Add Individual Firm Association / Association State page.
- 5. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and update the following fields:
 - Association States
 - Association Type
 - Position
 - Begin Date
 - State Registered
- 6. Click **Save and Return** to add the firm association to the producer.





View Individual Associations

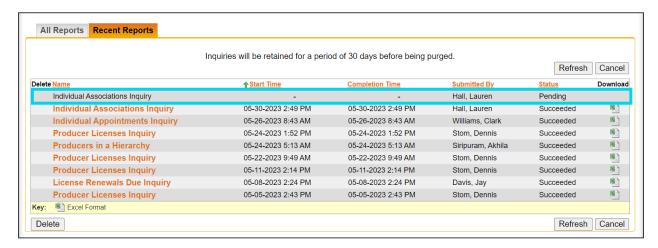
1. Click the **View Individual Associations** button to view a report of all the individual licensees that are associated with the agency.



 To pull the report, select View/Refresh Report to run the report in real time. Or click Submit Offline to run the report in the background. This option is useful if the report is large.

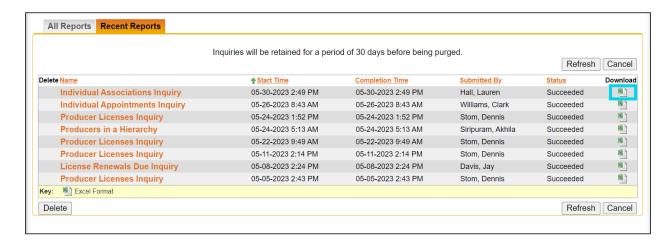


3. If you selected **Submit Offline**, a screen will appear where your report will load in the background. When the status is "pending," the report is still loading.

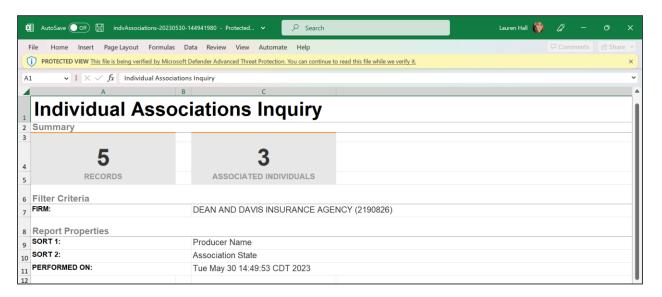


- 4. Once the report is finalized, you will see the status is now "Succeeded."
- 5. Click the **Excel** button (1) to download the Excel file to your computer.





Once downloaded, you can open the Excel file to view the individuals associated with the agency.



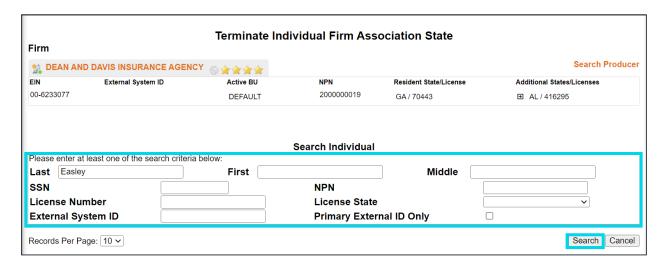
Terminate a State Association

 Click the Terminate a State Association button to remove an individual association from a firm/agency.

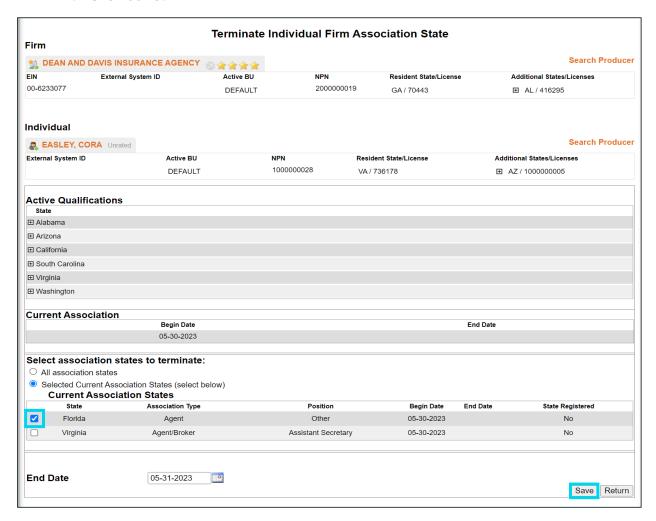


- 2. Search for the Individuals whose associations you need to remove using at least one of the search criteria below.
- 3. Click Search.





- 4. You will now see the Terminate Individual Firm Association State page.
- 5. You will see a list of all the Active Qualifications and Current Associations.
- 6. Select the state (or states) that you want to terminate.
- 7. Click Save.



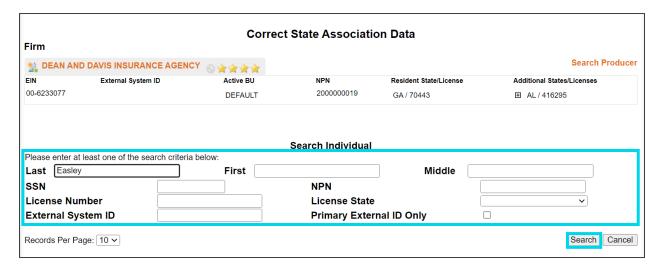


Correct Association Data

 Click the Correct Association Data button to update association data for individual licensees.

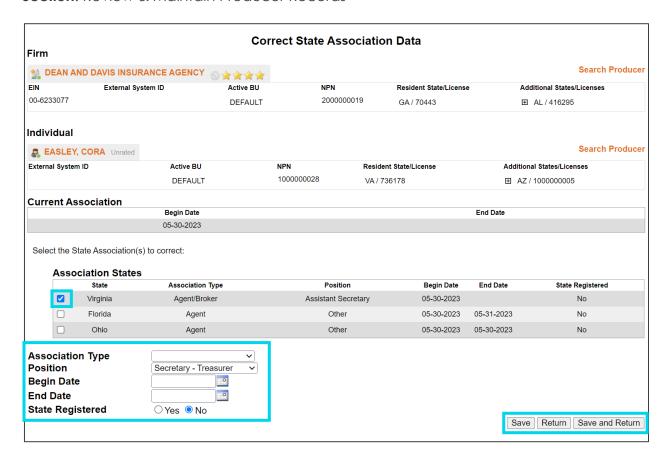


- 2. Search for the individual licensee by entering search criteria in at least one of the fields below.
- 3. Click Search.



- 4. Select the association you need to modify by clicking the checkbox next to the association state.
- 5. You can now update any of the fields below:
- Association Type
- Position
- Begin Date
- End Date
- State Registered
- 6. Once you finish updating the information, click **Save** or **Save and Return**.





Employment History (Individual Licensees Only)

Use the **Employment History** data section of a producer record to review and maintain information about a producer's history of employment positions.



The **Employment History** data section includes the following fields:

- **Begin Date**: Displays the date on which the selected producer started the position.
- End Date: Displays the date on which the selected producer vacated the position.
- **Employer Name**: Displays the name of the employer of the position.
- Position: Displays the name of the position title.
- Annual Salary: Displays the annual compensation of the position.
- Reason for Leaving: Displays the reason that the selected producer vacated the position.

Click the **Expand** button (H) next to the employment history to see the address information.





The following fields will appear:

- **Line One**: Displays the first street address line of the selected producer's employment position.
- Line Two: Displays the second street address line of the selected producer's employment position.
- **City**: Displays the address city of the selected producer's employment position.
- **State**: Displays the address state of the selected producer's employment position.
- Postal Code: Displays the address postal code of the selected producer's employment position.
- Province: Displays the address province of the selected producer's employment position. (Canadian addresses only).
- Country: Displays the address country of the selected producer's employment position.
- Phone: Displays the address telephone number of the selected producer's employment position.
- **Phone Extension**: Displays the address telephone number extension of the selected producer's employment position.

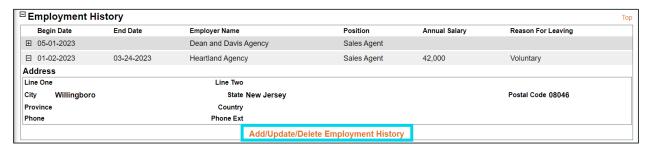


Note: Employment history information saved to a producer's record will automatically populate the **Employment History** section of a license application or license renewal submitted for the producer and spare manual data entry.



MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

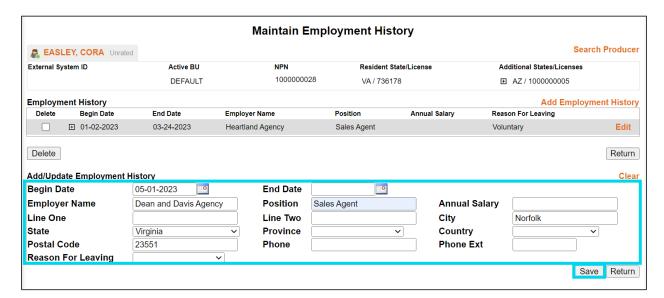
 Click Add/Update/Delete Employment History to modify the employment history.



- To add employment history, scroll down to the Add/Update Employment History section at the bottom of the screen and add information into the required fields.
- 3. To edit existing employment, click the **Edit** button next to the record then update any fields you need to modify.

Note: None of the fields are mandatory, you can choose to maintain whichever fields you need.

4. Click the Save button to update the information.

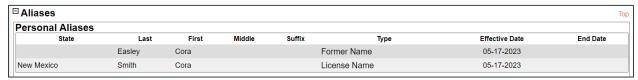


Note: Employment history information saved to a producer's record will automatically populate the **Employment History** section of a license application or license renewal submitted for the producer and spare data entry.



Alias (Individuals Only)

Use the **Aliases** data section of a producer record to review and maintain information about a producer's past or alternate identities.



The Aliases data section includes the following sub-sections:

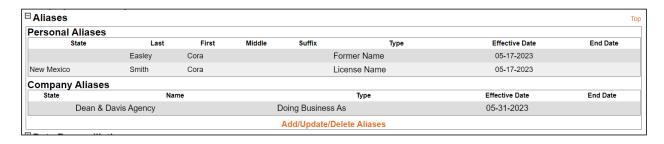
- Personal Aliases
- Company Aliases

In the **Personal Aliases** section, you will see an individual producer's past or alternate identities. The fields include the following:

- **State**: Name of the state with which it is associated.
- Last: Producer's alias last name.
- First: Producer's alias first name.
- Middle: Producer's alias middle name.
- **Suffix**: Producer's name suffix (e.g., Sr. III, etc.).
- Type: Type of alternate identity (e.g., Former Name, Doing Business As, etc.).
- Effective Date: Date on which the alias became effective.
- End Date: Date on which the alias became inactive.

In the **Company Aliases** section, you will see an individual producer's alternate business identities. Fields include the following:

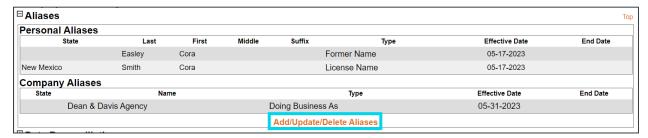
- State: Name of the state with which it is associated.
- Name: Producer's alternate business name.
- Type: Type of alternate identity (e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Doing Business As, etc.)
- Effective Date: Date on which the alias became effective.
- End Date: Date on which the alias became inactive.





MAINTAIN ALIASES

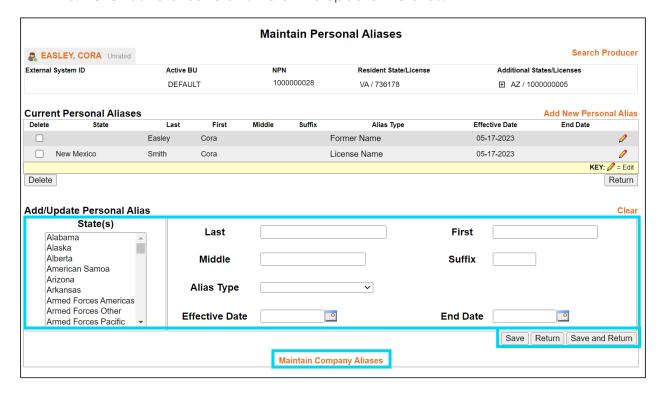
1. Click the **Add/Update/Delete Aliases** button to open the *Maintain Personal Aliases* page, where you can add, update, or delete a selected individual producer's personal or business alias information.



- To add an alias, fill out the information in the Add/Update Personal Alias section.
- To update an existing alias, click the Edit button (
 next to the alias you need to update then edit the fields in the Add/Update Personal Alias section.
- 4. To delete an alias, click the check box next to the alias you want to update then click **Delete**.

Note: It is often more advantageous to add an **End Date** to an Alias rather than to delete the Alias. Deleted Aliases can still be pulled in with the next PDB sync which may cause data reconciliation errors.

- 5. To update a company alias, click the **Maintain Company Aliases** button.
- 6. Click **Save** or **Save and Return** to update the alias.





Data Reconciliation

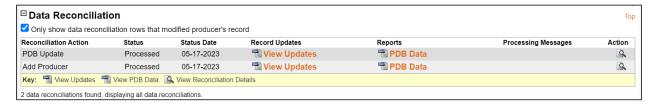
Producer Central can automatically update key data elements in a producer record with information obtained from a trusted, external data source. Examples of trusted sources include the producer database, state regulatory databases, or producer education course completion clearinghouses.

Data reconciliation can keep your producer records refreshed and in a state of constant synchronization with state or education provider data, with little or no manual intervention. Reconciliations can be performed on-demand by user action or as part of an automated system-scheduled data maintenance operation.

In the **Data Reconciliation** data section of a producer record, you can review historical information about automated data reconciliation operations that affected the producer record.

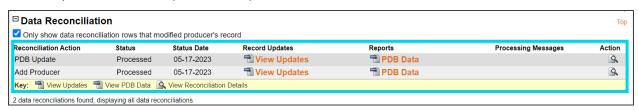
An automated data reconciliation operation can be initiated from many sources, including:

- Adding a Producer
- PDB Updates
- Maintenance transactions in Producer Central. These are transactions that are linked within the Producer Record which allow you to update an individual producer (for example the Maintain Company Address functionality.)



The **Data Reconciliation** data section includes the following fields:

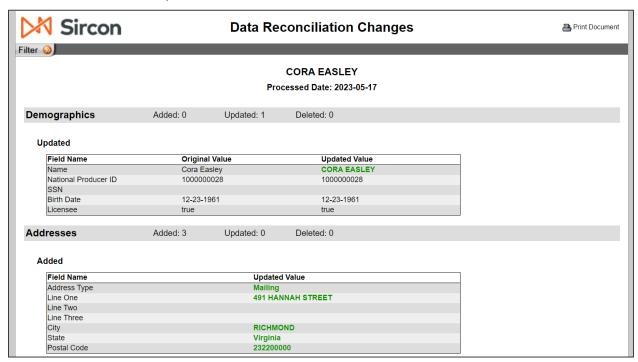
- **Reconciliation Action**: Displays the specific system function that triggered the reconciliation (e.g., Add Producer or PDB Updates).
- Status: Current status of the operation (e.g., Processed, Error, Pending, Running).
- Status Date: Date the status was last updated.
- Record Updates: Click the link to view the data that was updated based on the reconciliation source.
- **Reports**: Click the link to view the report from the external source of data that the system used to update the producer record.



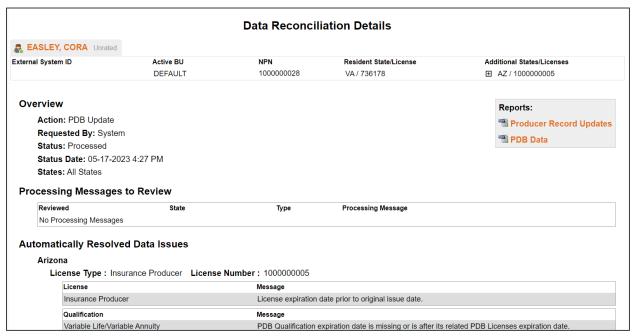


External data source reports include the following:

• View PDB Report (**): Click to open the report obtained from the national PDB that was used to update the producer record during the automated data reconciliation operation.



• View Reconciliation Data (
): Click to the View Reconciliation button under the Actions column to open a report that shows all the data that was last synced with the report.





State Producer Numbers (Individual Licensees Only)

Use the **State Producer Numbers** data section of a producer record to track information about an individual producer's state-assigned producer number.



The State Producer Numbers data section includes the following fields:

- State: Name of the state associated with the state producer number.
- **Producer Number**: State producer number value.

Note: When submitting an appointment transaction to a state that requires a state producer number, the system will automatically derive the value of the License Number that corresponds to the producer license associated with the appointment request.

It will ignore existing state producer numbers recorded in the State Producer Numbers section of the producer's record.

Required Items (Individual Licensees Only)

Required items help you track and manage activities during the lifecycle of a producer.

For example, you could require a producer to forward certain documentation for your licensing staff to keep on file, such as a copy of their driver's license or a fingerprint card.

Or if you need a producer to send in the GA Citizenship Affidavit to submit the application for the producer, you can add this as a required item and add it to the record.

At other times, it might be necessary to set a "milestone" for internal use by which a producer will be expected to have fulfilled all necessary requirements to be eligible to sell a product.

You can set events or activities as "required items" in a producer record, and then use a simple reporting tool to compile a "to-do" or follow-up list. Required items are easy to use and flexible enough to accommodate a wide range of uses.

Use the **Required Items** data section of a producer record to review a producer's required items.





Under the **Required Items** section, you will see the following fields:

- **State**: Name of the state associated with the required item.
- **Required Item**: Displays the name of the required item. Maintained through code use indicators.
- **Status**: Current status of the item (e.g., Pending, Requested, Received).
- Request Date: Date on which the required item was most recently requested.
- Follow-up Date: Date on which the request for the required item is to be reviewed.
- Received Date: Date on which the request for the required item was fulfilled,
- Other Identifier: For each required item listed for which an additional identifier for the required item is recorded, displays the additional required item identifier.

Click the **Expand** button (H) next to the required item to see more details.



You will now see the following fields:

- Business Unit: Short name of the business unit associated with the required item.
- Comment: Text comment associated with the required item.
- All Request Dates: Date(s) on which a request was made to fulfill the required item.



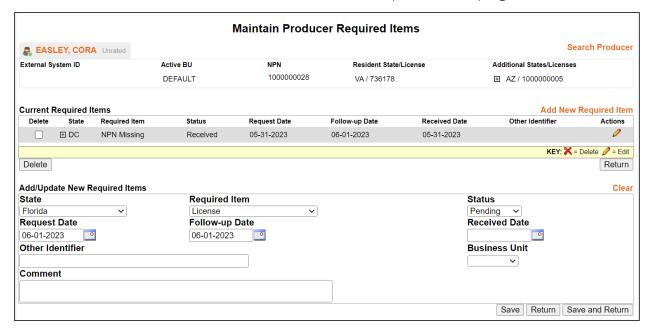
MAINTAIN REQUIRED ITEMS

1. Click the **Add/Update/Delete Required Items** button to maintain required items for the producer.





2. You will now see the Maintain Producer Required Items page.



Add a New Required Item

1. To add a new required item, click the **Add New Required Item** button.

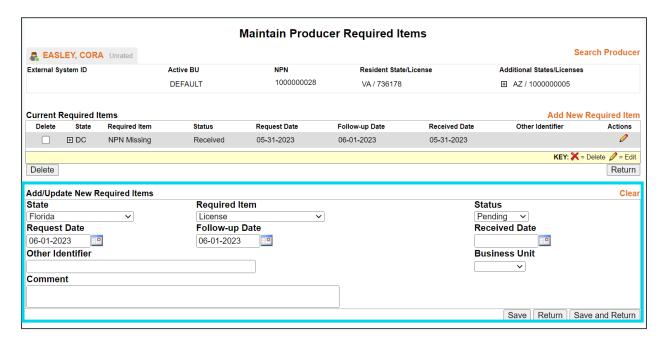


- 2. Scroll to the Add/Update New Required Items section. Fill out the following fields:
 - State
 - Required Item
 - Status
 - Request Date
 - Follow-up Date
 - Received Date
 - Business Unit

Note: You can also add another identifier or comment to the item.



3. Click **Save** or **Save and Return** to submit the information.

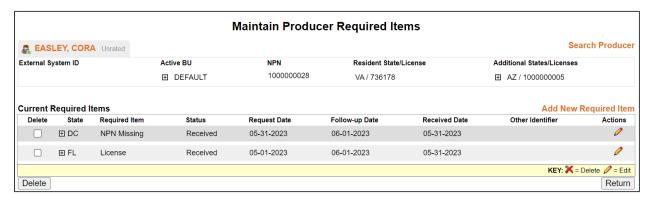


4. You can now see the required item was added to the producer record.



Edit an Existing Required Item

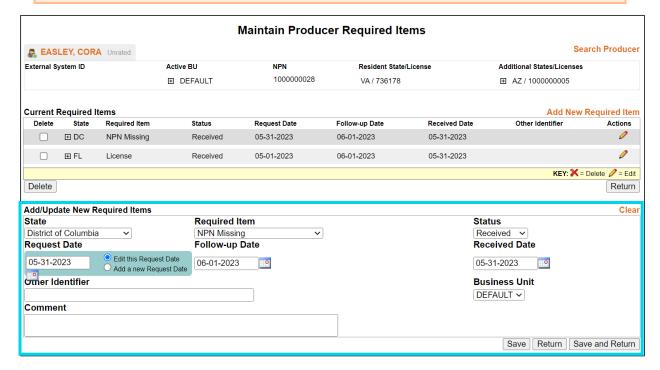
1. From the Maintain Producer Required Items page, click the **Edit** button (≥) next to the item you need to modify.



- 2. You will see all the details about the item in the Add/Update New Required Items section.
- 3. Update any of the fields you need to modify.



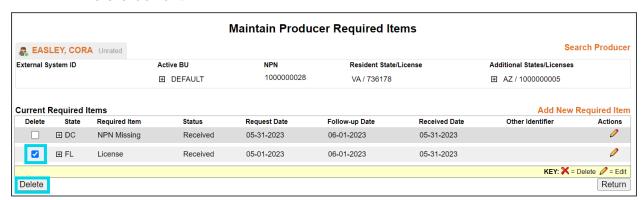
Note: If you need to modify the **Request Date**, you can choose to edit the request date or add a new request date.



4. The updates will be reflected on the producer record.

Delete a Required Item

1. Click the check box next to the item you need to remove then click the **Delete** button.



2. The item will be removed from the producer record.





Background Investigations

Using Producer Central, you can submit a request for a producer to complete background investigations to several leading vendors. Examples of background investigations include:

- Credit Checks
- Criminal Background (Federal, State, or Local)
- Education Verification
- Employment Verification
- Licensing State Verification

Summary results of the business investigation will flow automatically from the vendor to the producer's record. If you have need to submit a background check request to an external vendor, you can manually record the results in the producer record.



- BI Firm: Name of the background investigation firm that processed the BI request.
- Investigation Types: Types of background investigation(s) performed.
- Request Date: Date on which the background investigation request was submitted.
- **Status**: Status of the background investigation request (i.e., the actual request, not the result).
- Status Date: Date on which the value displayed in the Status field was updated.
- **BI Firm Result**: Result of the background investigation request as reported by the background investigation firm (e.g., Pass, Fail, Needs Review).
- Review Result: Result of the internal staff review of the background investigation results (e.g., Fail, Pass, Review).

Click a **Expand** button (➡) to display the BI Details, Related Appointment Requests, and Related License Applications sections.

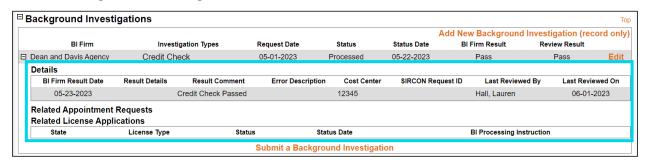


In the **Details, Related Appointment Requests**, and **Related License Applications** sections, you will see the following fields:

• **BI Firm Result Date**: Date on which the value of the BI Firm Result field in the Background Investigation section last was updated.



- Result Details: Click the View hyperlink to open in a separate browser window the BI vendor's website, where an authorized user may log in to review detailed BI results.
- Result Comment: Populated only if the background investigation was submitted through Producer Central/Producer Express. Displays a comment returned with processing from the background investigation vendor.
- Error Description: Populated only if the background investigation was submitted through Producer Central/Producer Express. If the value of the Status field in the Background Investigation section is "Error," displays a description of the processing error.
- Cost Center: Cost center to which the fees for the background investigation transaction were assigned.
- **SIRCON Request ID**: Populated only if the background investigation was submitted through Producer Central/Producer Express. Displays the system-internal identifier for background investigation transaction.
- Last Reviewed By: Name of the staff member who last updated the background investigation information.
- Last Reviewed On: Date on which the background investigation information last was updated.
- **State**: Two-letter code abbreviation of the state to which the appointment request was submitted.
- **License Type**: Type of license that was submitted.
- Status: Status of the related request.
- Status Date: Date the Status field was last updated.
- **BI Processing Instruction**: Displays the user-selected action that the system will take on an appointment request based on the results of the selected background investigation.





MAINTAIN BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

You have two options for maintaining background investigations:

- 1. Use **Submit a Background Investigation** to send the investigation request directly to a vendor.
- 2. Click **Add New Background Investigation (Record Only)** to record a background investigation manually to Producer Central without sending information to an external source.



Submit a Background Investigation

To submit a background investigation, an individual producer record must contain the following required information:

- Birth date
- SSN
- Residential address
- At least one of the following:
 - Education entry (if requesting a BI that includes verifying education)
 - Employment history entry (if requesting a BI that includes verifying employment)
 - One active license (if requesting a BI that includes verifying active licensure)
 - 1. Click the **Submit a Background Investigation** button.

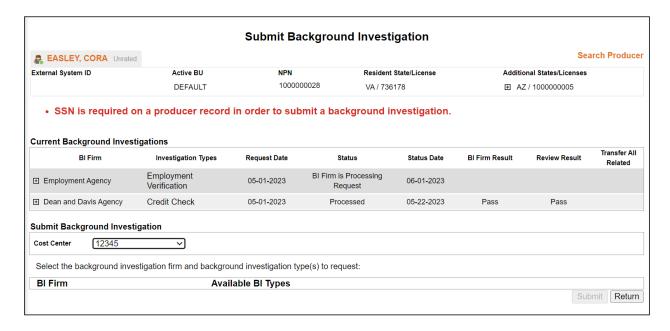


2. You will now see the Submit Background Investigation page. Select the **Cost Center** the background investigation will be charged to.

Note: If no cost centers are defined for your user account, the **Cost Center** dropdown menu in the *Submit Background Investigation* section is disabled.

3. You will see a list of the BI Firms that are associated with your company. Select the **BI Firm** you want to use then click **Submit**.





Add New Background Investigation (Record Only)

Use this option to add a new record only background investigation. If you use this option, the background investigation will not be submitted to a BI firm.

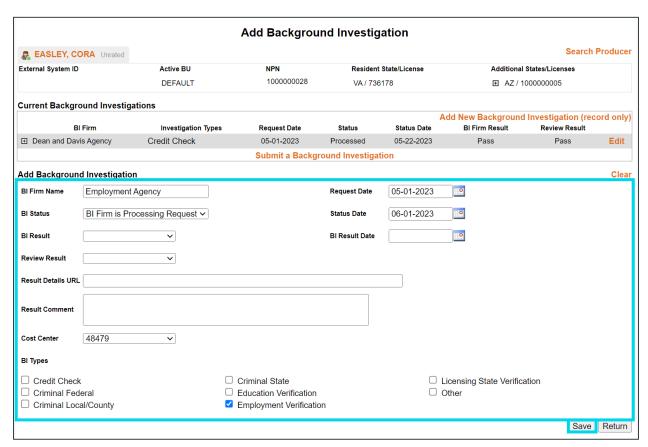
1. Click the Add New Background Investigation (record only) button.



- Fill out information in the fields below. You don't need to fill out all the information, just maintain the fields you need.
 - BI Firm Name: Required. Enter the name of the background investigation firm to which a BI request was submitted or from which BI results were returned.
 - Request Date: Required. Enter the date on which the BI was requested. Use the MMDDYYYY date format. Or click the Calendar button () to open a popup calendar from which you can click to select a date. Must be on or before the Status Date.
 - **BI Status**: Required. From the dropdown menu, select a value representing the current status of the BI request (e.g., BI Firm is Processing Request, Error, Processed, Pending Submission, Submitted).
 - Status Date: Required. Enter the date on which the value of the BI Status field last was updated. Use the MMDDYYYY date format. Or click the Calendar button () to open a popup calendar from which you can click to select a date.



- **BI Result**: From the dropdown menu, select a value representing the result of the BI as reported by the BI firm (e.g., Fail, Pass, Review).
- BI Result Date: Required if a value is entered for BI Result. Enter the date on which the value of the BI Result field last was updated. Use the MMDDYYYY date format or click the Calendar button () to open a popup calendar from which you can click to select a date. Must be on or after the Status Date.
- Review Result: From the dropdown menu, select a value representing the
 result of your company's internal review of the BI results (e.g., Fail, Pass,
 Review).
- **Result Details URL**: Enter the web address of the BI firm's website, where an authorized user may log in to review detailed BI results. Enter the address using the full, standard URL formatting (e.g., http://www.vertafore.com).
- **Result Comment**: Enter a free-form text comment.
- **Cost Center**: From the dropdown menu, select a cost center to assign the fees for the background investigation transaction.
- **BI Types**: At least one required. Click to checkmark one or multiple checkboxes to select specific background investigation types to record for the select producer.
- 3. Click **Save** to add the background investigation.





4. You can now see the background investigation appear on the producer record.





Business Units

Business units are used to group producers (both individuals and agencies) into logical or physical divisions for easier tracking, maintenance, and reporting. Business units are required to complete several transactions in Producer Central (such as Appointments and License Applications).

Use the **Business Units** data section of a producer record to review a producer's assignment to one or multiple business divisions, segments, distribution channels, or geographic locations in your organization.

You can assign producers into multiple business units depending on the business needs. A business unit may also contain more granular divisions, or sub-codes.

Note: If you don't want to create multiple business units, you can use the "DEFAULT" business unit.

BUSINESS UNIT EXAMPLES

Product Line

Business Unit Name	Business Unit Short Name
Property & Casualty	PC
Accident	ACC
Life	LIFE
Annuities	ANN

Geographic Locations

Business Unit Name	Business Unit Short Name
Northeast	NE
South	STH
Northwest	NW
Midwest	MW

Distribution Channels

Business Unit Name	Business Unit Short Name
Captive Agent	CAGT
Direct Agent	DAGT
Captive Agency	CAGY
Direct Agency	DAGY

□ Business Units					Тор
BU Name	Status	Begin Date	End Date	Cost Center	
DEFAULT	Active	05-25-2023			
PC	Active	06-01-2023			
Add/Update Business Unit					



The Business Units data section includes the following fields and controls:

- **BU Name**: Business unit short name.
- **Status**: Business unit's status, either Active or Inactive.
- **Begin Date**: Date on which its status most recently became Active.
- End Date: Date on which its status most recently became Inactive.
- Cost Center: Business unit's associated cost center.



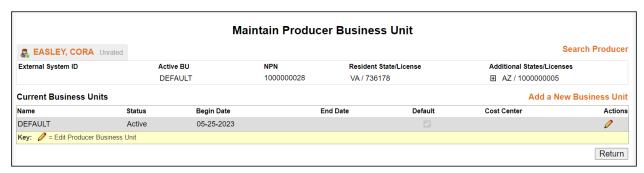
MAINTAIN BUSINESS UNITS / COST CENTERS

A producer will need to have at least one business unit assigned to them to create appointments and license applications.

1. To assign a business unit to a producer, click Add/Update Business Unit.

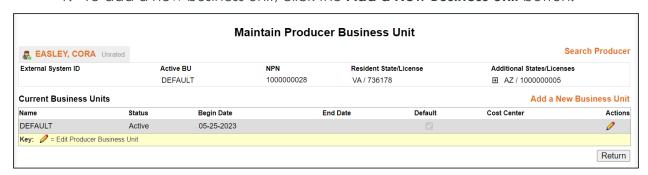


2. You will now see the Maintain Producer Business Unit page.



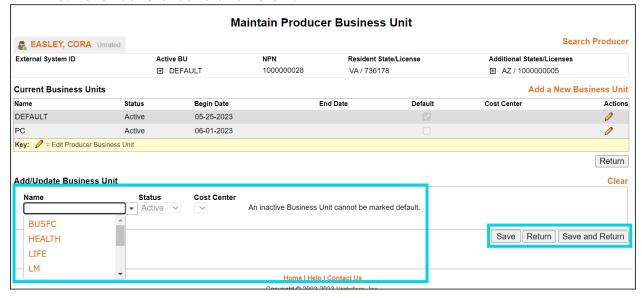
Add a New Business Unit

1. To add a new business unit, click the Add a New Business Unit button.



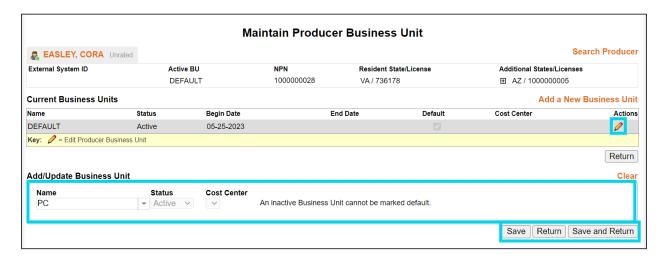


- 2. Choose the **Name** of the Business Unit you want to add from the drop-down list.
- 3. Click Save or Save and Return.



Edit an Existing Business Unit

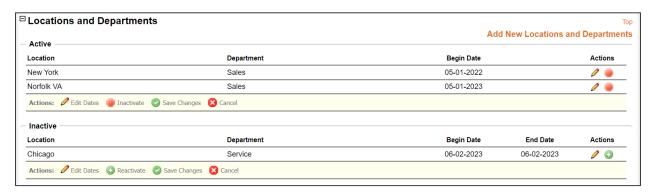
- 1. To edit an existing business unit, click the **Edit** button (\mathscr{P}) .
- 2. Update the business unit Name, Status, and Cost Center.
- 3. Click Save or Save and Return.





Locations and Departments

Use the **Locations and Departments** data section of a producer record to review information about an individual producer's location and department assignments, established according to the structure of your company's organization chart or the producer's authorization start date.



Under the **Active** section, you will see the following fields:

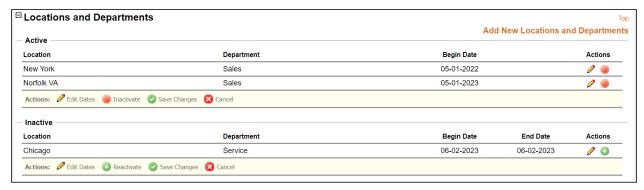
- **Location**: Producer's active location assignments.
- **Department**: Producer's active department assignments.
- **Begin Date**: Date on which the producer was actively assigned to the location/department.
- Actions: Displays options to modify the existing locations/departments.
- Edit Dates (): Click to update the Begin Date of an active assignment. Once you update the date, click the Save Changes button ().
- Inactivate (): Click to inactivate an active assignment. A separate pop-up window will open with the details of the location/department assignment. In the End Date field, enter the date on which the assignment became inactive, and then click the Inactivate button. The popup window will close, and the assignment will display in the Inactive sub-section.

Under the **Inactive** section, you will see these fields:

- **Location**: Producer's inactive location assignments.
- Department: Producer's inactive department assignments.
- Begin Date: Date on which the producer was actively assigned to the location/department.
- End Date: Date that the location/department became inactive.
- Actions: Displays options to modify the existing locations/departments.
 - Edit Dates (♠): Click to update the Begin Date or the End Date of an inactive assignment. Once you modify the dates, click the Save Changes button (♠).



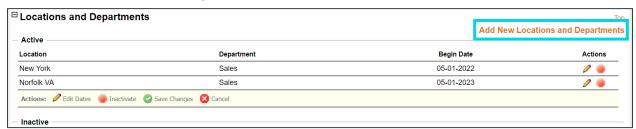
• **Reactivate** ((2)): Click to reactivate an inactive assignment. The reactivated assignment will disappear from the Inactive sub-section and appear in the **Active** sub-section.



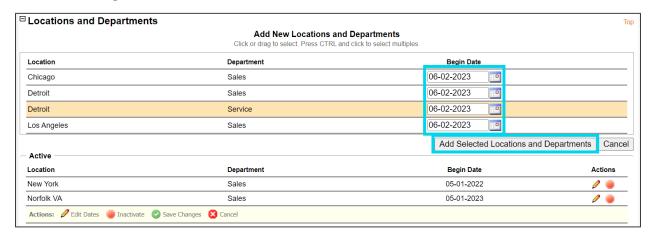
MAINTAIN LOCATIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

Add New Locations and Departments

 To assign a producer to a new location and/or department, click Add New Locations and Departments.

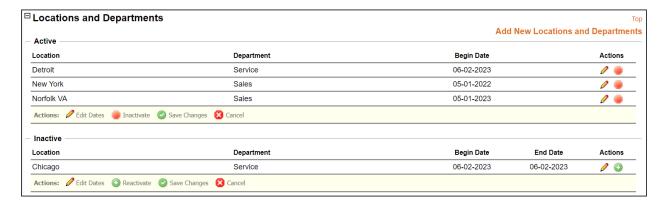


- 2. Click to highlight the assignment you want to add.
- 3. In the selected assignment's **Begin Date** field, enter the date on which the assignment became active, using the MM-DD-YYYY date format or click the **Calendar** button () to open a popup calendar from which you can click to select a date.
- Click the Add Selected Locations and Departments button to activate the assignment.



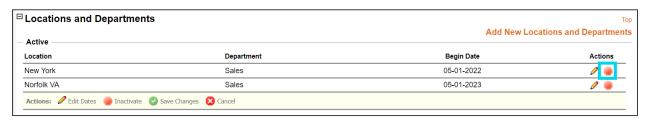


5. The assignment will appear in the **Active** sub-section. To cancel adding an assignment, click the **Cancel** button ().



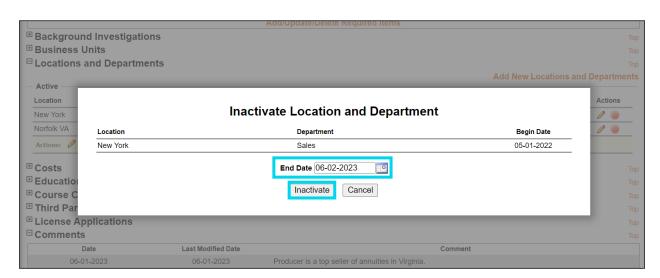
Inactivate Location

1. Click the **Inactivate** button (**)** next to the location in the **Actions** column.



- 2. Enter the **End Date** using the MM-DD-YYYY format or click the **Calendar** (

 button to select a date.
- 3. Click the **Inactivate** button.

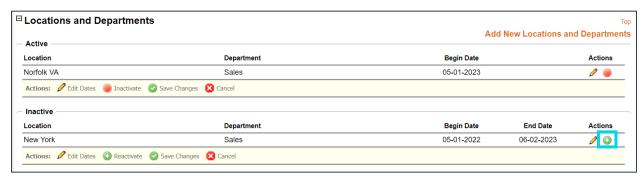


4. The location and department you selected is now in the **Inactive** section.



Reactivate a Location and Department

1. Click the **Reactivate** button ((1)) next to the appointment you want to add.



2. You will now see the location/department appear in the **Active** column.



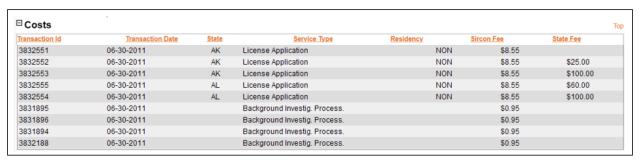
Note: The **Locations and Departments** data section is available on individual producer records only.

Depending on how the system is configured, you may record a location without a related department, or vice versa.

Location and department values are configurable by a user with administrative permissions. For more information, refer to the Administration quick guide.

Costs

Use the **Costs** data section of a producer record to review an ongoing list of the transactions, services, and fees expended to maintain the producer's compliance and maintenance of the producer's record.

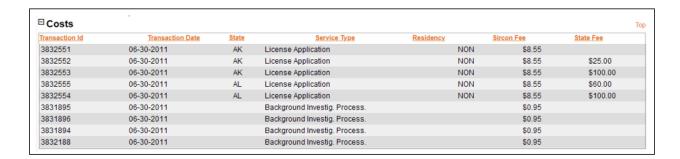




The **Costs** data section displays a table showing the expenditures associated with the selected producer. By default, expenditures are sorted alphabetically by **Transaction Date**, with the most recent expenditures first. Fields in the **Costs** section include:

- **Transaction ID**: For each expenditure listed, displays its Sircon transaction or confirmation identifier.
- Transaction Date: Date on which the expenditure was made.
- **State**: Name of the state associated with the expenditure. For non-state related expenditures, no state name is displayed.
- **Service Type**: Type of transaction or service for which the expenditure was incurred. May include the following transactions or service types:
 - Agency Status Inquiry
 - Appointment Processing
 - Appointment Terminations
 - Background Investigation Processing
 - CE Continuance
 - Individual Appointment Inquiry
 - Individual License Renewal
 - Individual Status Inquiry
 - Individual Letter of Certification
 - License Application
- Residency: Displays RES if the expenditure to obtain or maintain a resident license or NON if the expenditure was to obtain or maintain a non-resident license.
- **Sircon Fee**: Sircon fee for processing the transaction or service.
- **State Fee**: Displays the state transaction fee. For non-state related expenditures, no state fee is displayed.

Note: You can click a column heading to re-sort the table by the selected information category. Click a column heading once to sort the table in ascending order by that category and click it again to re-sort the table in descending order by that category.





Fees associated with a lookup of a producer's record on the national Producer Database (PDB), such as through an automated data reconciliation, are **not tracked** in the Costs data section. However, they are reported on the **Producer Costs Inquiry**. For more information, refer to the Reporting quick guide.

Education Credentials (Individual Licensee Only)

An active education credential is a signal that a producer currently fulfills the basic requirements necessary to be eligible to represent a particular line of business in a given state.

Use the **Education Credentials** data section of a producer record to review information about a producer's current and past education credentials. The Education Credentials data section displays information only; it updates automatically based on a producer's license status or completion of specific education or training coursework.

☐ Education Credentia	als				Тор
Active Credentials					
Regulatory Body	Credential Name	Status	Start Date	End Date	
	Lansing Mutual AML Training Credential	Active	05-29-2023	05-29-2025	
Inactive Credentials					
Regulatory Body	Credential Name	Status	Start Date	End Date	
	Arizona LTC Credential	N/A	05-07-2023		
	California Annuity Credential	Inactive	01-26-1999		
	California LTC Credential	Inactive	01-26-1999		
⊕ Colorado	Colorado LTC Credential	N/A	03-31-2014		
	Florida LTC Credential	Inactive	10-24-2017		
	Idaho LTC Credential	Inactive	10-27-2009		
	Maine LTC Credential	Inactive	08-12-2017		
	Maryland LTC Credential	Inactive	07-01-1985		
	New Jersey LTC Credential	Inactive	08-18-2015		
■ North Carolina	North Carolina LTC Credential	Inactive	08-18-2015		
⊕ Ohio	Ohio LTC Credential	Inactive	05-01-2023		
⊕ Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania LTC Credential	Inactive	04-06-2010		
	Tennessee LTC Credential	N/A	03-31-2018		
	Virginia LTC Credential	Inactive	07-01-1979		
	Washington LTC Credential	Inactive	06-01-2018		

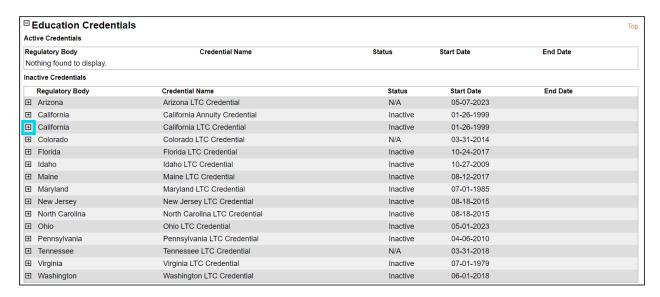
You can see all the active and inactive education credentials. The fields displayed in education credentials are:

- **Regulatory Body**: Name of the regulatory or oversight entity to which the credential applies. The range of values is configured by a user with administrative permissions on the Add Credential page.
- **Credential Name**: Name of the credential. This field is configured by a user with administrative permissions on the **Add Credential** page.
- **Status**: Producer's status with regard to the education credential. The value is updated automatically based on the ongoing status of the producer's applicable state license and qualifications (LOAs) and the producer's continuing fulfillment of a credential program, consisting of product-specific training coursework. Values include the following:
 - **Active**: The producer's licensure and coursework currently support the education credential.

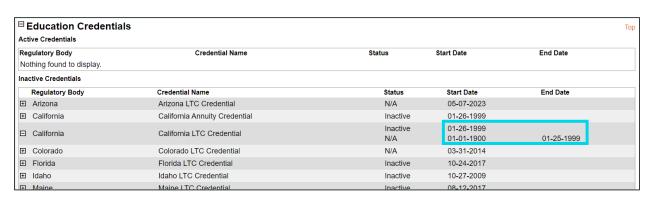


- Inactive: The producer's licensure makes the producer eligible for the education credential, but the producer has not fulfilled the supporting coursework.
- **N/A**: The producer is no longer eligible for the education credential, because he or she no longer holds the necessary licensure, the supporting coursework is no longer valid, or both.
- **Start Date**: Displays the first date of the period during which the associated Status was effective.

Click the **Expand** button (H) next to education credential to see the status change history. You will now be able to see information in the following fields:



• **End Date**: Displays the last date of the period during which the associated Status was effective. An education credential with a Status of Active will not display a value.





Note: The system automatically calculates and inserts the values of the **Status**, **Start Date**, and **End Date** fields, based on events concerning a producer's licenses or course completions.

Most states require a producer to hold an appointment by the carrier that is underwriting a policy or issuing a product that the producer is soliciting or selling. A producer's active education credential together with an active appointment (where required) can be interpreted to mean that the producer is fully carrier-authorized to sell a product line in a particular state.

Course Completions (Individual Licensees Only)

An individual producer is compelled to take and earn credit for various education or training courses, either as a regulatory requirement for obtaining and maintaining an insurance license or to qualify to solicit or sell specific product lines.

Product-specific or business-conduct coursework may be required by federal or state regulators or by an insurance carrier with which a producer is employed or contracted.

Use the **Course Completions** data section of a producer record to review and maintain information about a producer's education or training courses and credits.



The Course Completions data section includes the following fields and controls:

- Course Name: Name of the education or training course.
- Provider Name: Name of the organization or person that delivered the education or training course.
- **Provider Subscriber ID**: Education provider's Vertafore subscriber account number, when applicable.
- **Provider Course ID**: Identifier that the education provider has assigned to the course, when applicable.
- Category: Education type or grouping of the course.
- Subcategory: Sub-type grouping of the course, such as initial or ongoing.
- **Regulatory Body**: Regulatory or oversight entity that compelled the producer to take and earn credit for the course.
- **Credit Hours**: Number of whole and/or partial hours for which the producer has earned credit for completing the course.
- Completion Date: Date on which the producer completed the course.



Document Reference: Identifier for the documentation certifying that the
producer completed the course. May be used to link the course completion to a
file in an internal document imaging system.



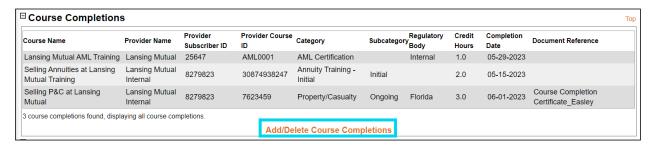
MAINTAIN COURSE COMPLETIONS

There are two options within the course completions section:

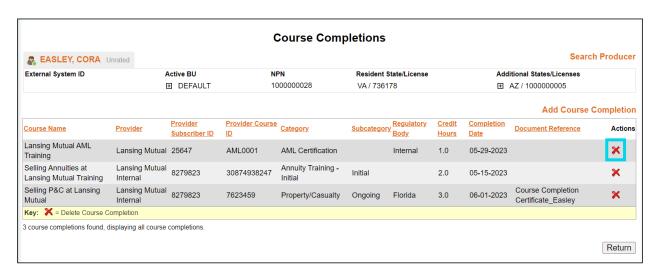
- Delete Course Completions
- Add New Course Completions

Delete Course Completions

1. Click Add/Delete Course Completions.

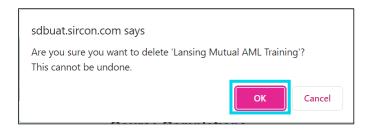


2. Click the **Delete** button (*) to remove a course completion from the producer record.

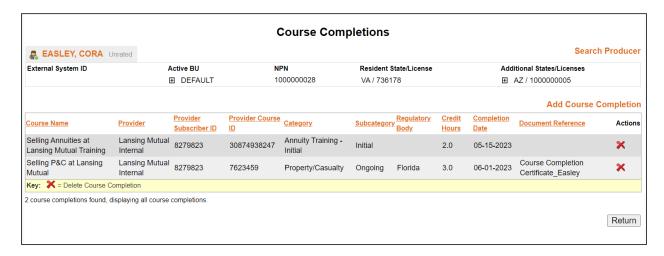




You will receive a message asking if you are sure you want to delete the course completion. Click OK.

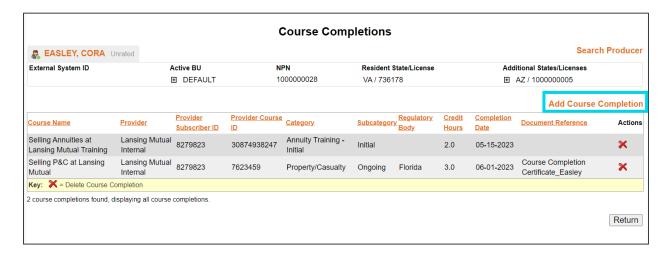


4. The course will now be removed from the record.



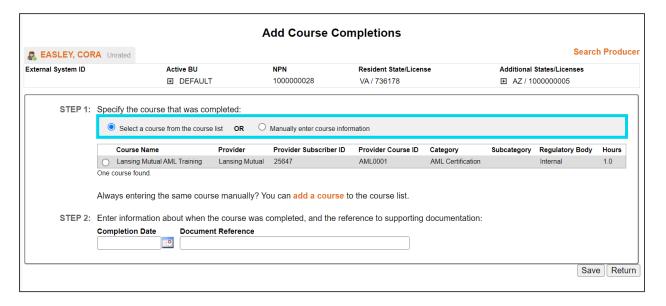
Add New Course Completion

1. Click the **Add Course Completion** button to manually add a course completion to the producer record.



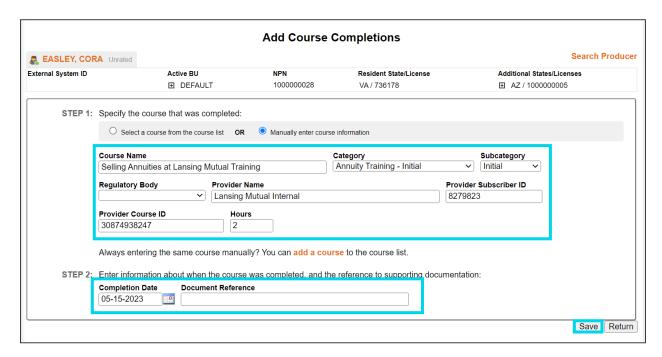


- 2. If your company maintains a course list, you can select the course from the list or you can manually enter course information.
- 3. If you select the course from the list, you will just need to enter the **Completion Date** and the **Document Reference** number.
- 4. Click Save.

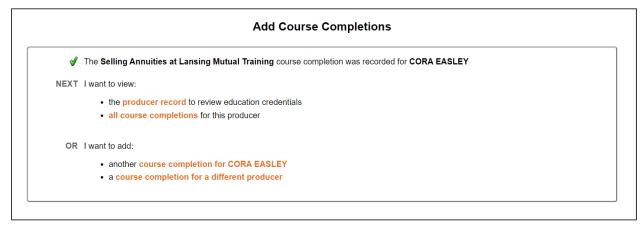


- 5. If you choose to manually enter the course information, you will need to enter the following fields:
 - Course Name
 - Category
 - Subcategory
 - Regulatory Body
 - Provider Name
 - Provider Subscriber ID
 - Provider Course ID
 - Hours
 - Completion Date
 - Document Reference
- 6. Click Save.





7. You will see a message that the course completion was recorded. You will see links to view the producer record or display all the course completions for this producer.



8. When you open the course completions, you will now see the course completions in the producer record.





Third Party Certification

Whether entered manually or retrieved from an external data source through an automated data reconciliation operation, Producer Central can store certification of a producer's compliance with a state's eligibility requirements to represent a certain line of business. A certification, together with the proper licensure, can translate to fulfillment of a credential program and earn the producer an education credential.

Use the **Third-Party Certifications** data section of a producer record to review the producer's third-party education or training certification information.



The Third-Party Certifications data section includes the following fields:

- **Type**: Product type or training course category associated with the certification.
- Regulatory Body: Regulatory jurisdiction to which the certification applies.
- **Source**: Name of the external source of the certification, such as an education provider or training credential clearinghouse. Displays Manual if the third-party certification was recorded manually on the producer's record.
- **Status**: The current status of the selected producer's attainment of the certification, either Active (has attained certification) or Inactive (has not attained or has lost certification).
- **Start Date**: Date on which certification began, based on date calculations by the certification Source. If manually added to the producer's record, the date on which the certification began will be displayed.
- Expiration Date: For each third-party certification listed, the date on which the
 certification expires or expired is displayed, based on date calculations by the
 certification Source.
- **Status Message**: For each third-party certification listed, a message returns the certification Status from the certification source, This is also based on date calculations by the certification Source.





MAINTAIN THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATIONS

You can add, edit, or delete third party certifications.

1. Click the Add/Update/Delete Third Party Certification.



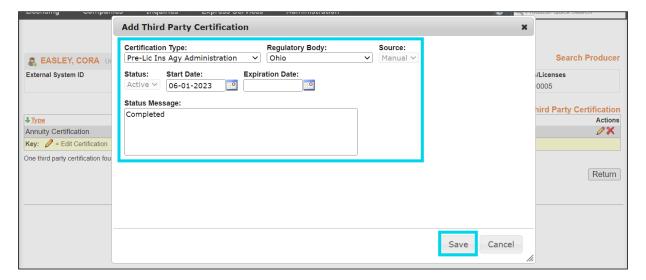
2. You will now see the Maintain Third Party Certifications page.

Add Third Party Certification

1. Click the **Add Third Party Certification** button.

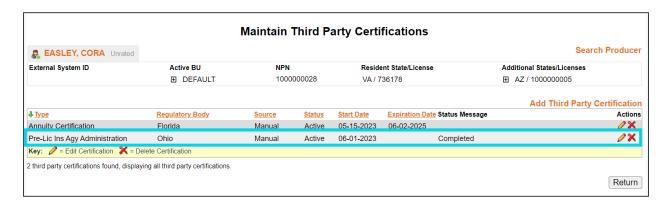


- 2. Enter information into the following fields:
 - Certification Type
 - Regulatory Body
 - Start Date
 - Expiration Date
 - Status Message
- 3. Click **Save** to submit the certification details.





4. You will now see the certification on the record.

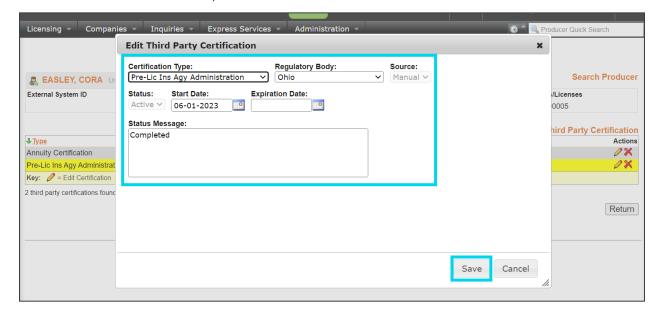


Edit Third Party Certification

1. Click the **Edit** button (≥) to modify the third-party certification details.



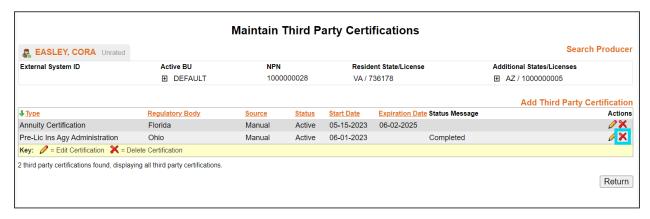
2. Edit the necessary details then click the **Save** button.





Delete Third Party Certification

1. Click the **Delete** button (**) to remove a certification from the producer's record



2. You will receive a message asking if you are sure you want to delete the certification. Click **OK**.



3. The certification will be removed from the producer record.





License Applications

Use the **License Applications** data section to review the status of license applications that were submitted to states electronically from Producer Central on behalf of the producer.

You also can review license applications that have been submitted outside of Producer Central if they were recorded on the producer's record.



The License Applications data section includes the following fields:

- Add New License Applications: Click to open the Record License Applications page, where you can manually add license application information to the selected producer record.
- State: Name of the regulatory jurisdiction to which it was submitted.
- **License Type**: State-specific license class that was applied for.
- **Status**: The current status in the submission and/or state response process.
- Status Date: Date on which the value of the Status field last was updated.
- Responsible Staff Member: Name of the staff member who submitted or recorded the license application.



MAINTAIN LICENSE APPLICATION

There are two different options to maintain license applications:

- Add New License Applications Use this option to manually add a license application to the producer record. When you use this option, a license application <u>will not</u> be sent to the state. This is just used to create a record within the producer record.
- 2. **Update/Delete License Applications** Use this option to view the status of a license application submitted electronically through Producer Central. You can also use this option to update information about a license application that was submitted externally to Producer Central but manually recorded on the producer's record.

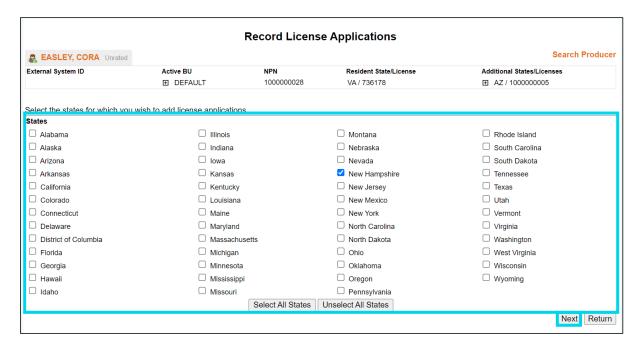


Add New License Applications

1. Click the Add New License Applications button.



- 2. Select the **State**, or states, where you need to submit license applications.
- 3. Click Next.

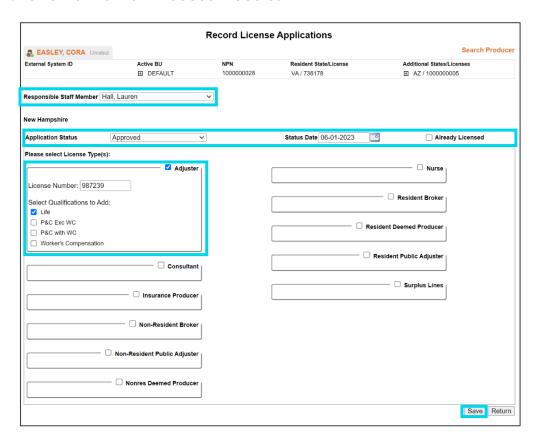


- 4. Select the **Responsible Staff Member** from the dropdown list. The value will default to your name.
- 5. For each state, click the check box next to the **License Type** you need to add.
- 6. Under the license type, enter the **License Number** and select the **Qualifications** to add to the license.

Note: If the user is already licensed in the state, click the **Already Licensed** check box.

- 7. Update the license Application Status and Status Date.
- 8. Click Save.

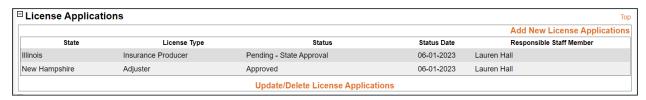




 You will receive a message that license applications were recorded for the producer. Click the review this producer hyperlink to return to the producer record.



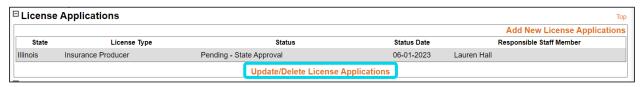
10. You can now see the license application record was added successfully.



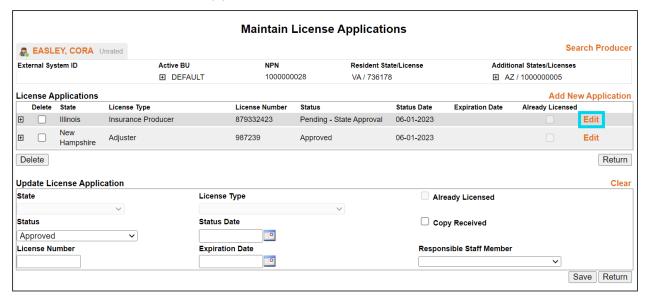


Update/Delete License Applications

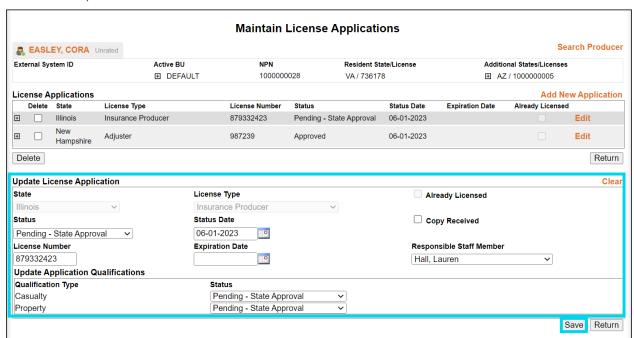
1. Click the **Update/Delete License Applications** button.



2. To edit a license application, click the Edit button.



3. In the **Update License Application** section, modify any fields that you need to update then click **Save**.

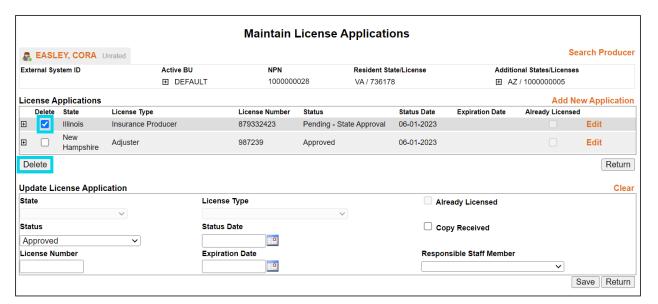




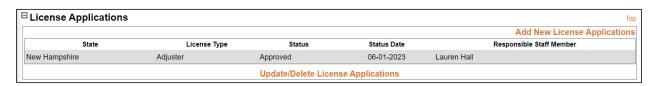
Note: The Status of a license application submitted electronically through Producer Central is updated automatically with the initial state response. The state may issue a separate response to each related qualification (LOA) request; they are viewable in the License Applications section of the Maintain License Applications page.

In most instances, once a license application that was submitted electronically through Producer Central is approved by a state, the Licenses/Qualifications data section on the affected producer record is updated automatically with the new license and qualification information.

4. To delete a record only license application, click the checkmark next to the application then click **Delete**.



5. The license application will be removed from the producer record.





Comments

Use the **Comments** section to add and maintain notes on the producer record. This section allows you to record remarks, staff internal notes, or miscellaneous information about a producer.

The fields that are available in the comments section are:

- Date: Date the comment was first added to the record.
- Last Modified Date: Date the comment was last updated.
- Comment: Displays the contents of the comment.



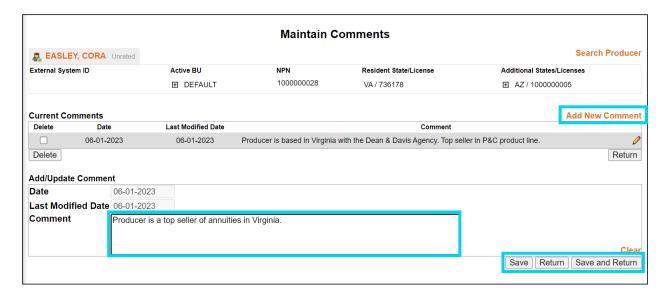
MAINTAIN COMMENTS

1. Click the Add/Update/Delete Comments button to maintain the comments.



Add a Comment

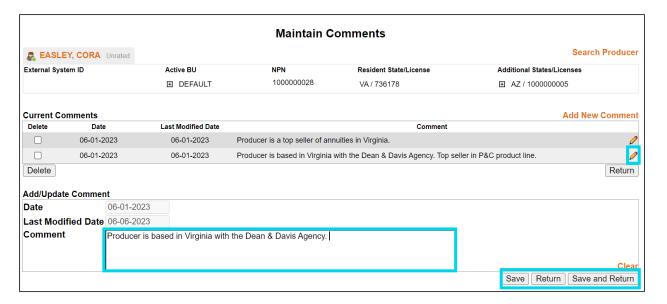
- 1. To add a new comment, click the **Add New Comment** button.
- 2. In the Add/Update field. Enter the details into the **Comment** field.
- 3. Click **Save** or click **Save and Return** to save the information and return to the producer record.





Edit a Comment

- 1. To edit an existing comment, click the **Edit** button next to the comment you want to modify.
- 2. The current comment will appear in the Add/Update Comment section.
- 3. Update the **Comment** details. The **Last Modified Date** will automatically update to the current date.
- 4. Click **Save** or click **Save and Return** to save the information and return to the producer record.



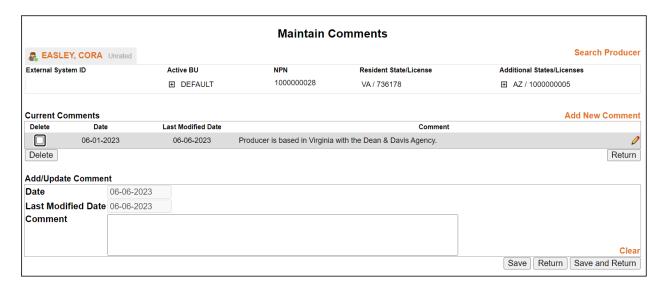
Delete a Comment

1. To delete a comment, click the checkbox next to the comment you want to modify then click the **Delete** button.





2. The comment will be removed from the producer record.



Transaction History

Use the **Transaction History** data section to review a log of the producer's Producer Express onboarding or maintenance transaction requests.

- 1. **PX Transaction ID**: Displays the Producer Express request ID number, a unique and searchable identifier assigned by Producer Express to every request record created in the system.
- 2. **Transaction Type**: Displays the request or packet type.
- 3. **Status**: Displays the status of the request in Producer Express (e.g., Processed, Open, Pending, Error, User Closed).
- 4. Last Modified Date: Displays the date and time at which the request achieved its most recent milestone in Producer Express.
- 5. Custom Tracking ID: Displays the customer-assigned tracking identifier.





Professional Liability

Use the **Professional Liability** data section of a producer record to review information about a producer's professional liability coverage, such as errors and omissions (E&O) insurance or bonds insurance.



Fields that are included in the professional liability insurance section are:

- **Type**: Displays the type of professional liability coverage, either E&O Policy or Bond, held by the selected producer.
- Company: Name of the company issuing the producer's professional liability coverage.
- **Policy Number**: Policy number of the producer's professional liability coverage.
- **Coverage Period**: Beginning date and the ending date of the effective period of the producer's professional liability coverage.
- **Per-Incident Coverage**: The limit in dollars and cents payable per claim or incident under the producer's professional liability coverage. Note that a Bond coverage type does not typically have a per-incident coverage amount.
- **Total Coverage**: Aggregate limit in dollars and cents payable during the effective period under the producer's professional liability coverage.
- # of Exclusions: Displays the sum of types of claims specifically excluded under the terms of the producer's professional liability coverage.

Click the **Expand** button (H) to see more information about Exclusions and Audits.



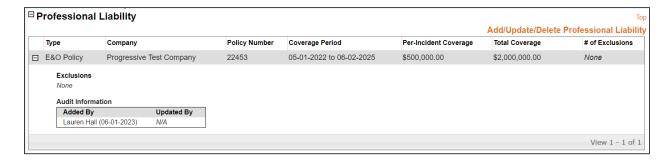
You will now see the following information:

- **Exclusions**: Description and system code of types of claims specifically excluded under the terms of the producer's professional liability coverage. If the coverage includes no exclusions, displays "None."
- Added By: Name of the staff member responsible for adding the professional liability coverage to the system.
- Updated By: Name of the staff member responsible for the most recent update
 of the professional liability coverage information.



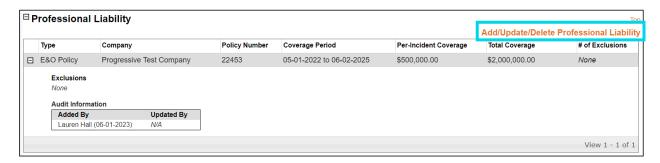
Note: In cases where the professional liability coverage information was added through integration with Producer Central, the **Added By/Updated By** fields will display the Request ID of the request that effectuated the coverage update.

You can click the Request ID to navigate to the specific request. The date of the most recent update of the professional liability coverage information displays in parentheses.



MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

1. Click the Add/Update/Delete Professional Liability button.



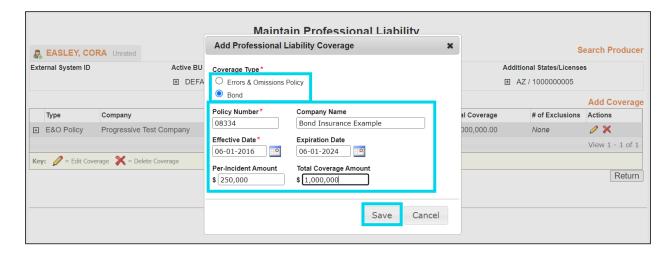
Add Professional Liability Insurance

1. Click the **Add Coverage** button from the Maintain Professional Liability page.





- 2. Select either Errors & Omissions Policy or Bond for the Coverage Type.
- 3. Type the **Policy Number** and select the **Effective Date** of the policy.
- 4. The other fields are optional. Enter the Company Name, Expiration Date, Per-Incident Amount and Total Coverage Amount if applicable.
- 5. Click Save.

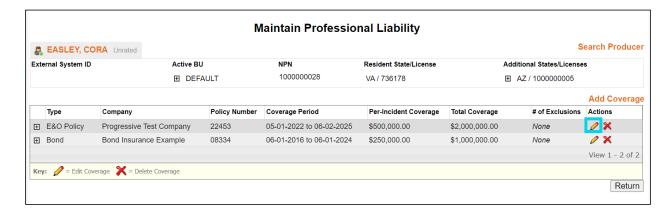


6. You can now see the professional liability insurance in the producer record.



Edit Existing Professional Liability Insurance

1. From the Maintain Professional Liability page, click the **Edit** button (≥) next to the professional liability option you want to edit.

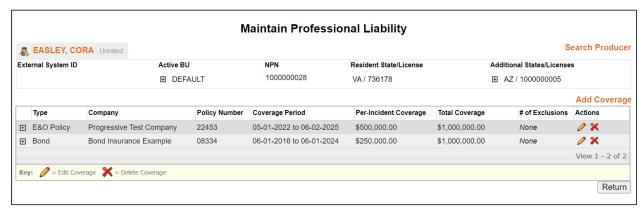




- The Edit Professional Liability Coverage pop-up window will appear. From here you can update any of the following fields: Company Name, Expiration Date, Per-Incident Amount, and Total Coverage Amount.
- 3. Click Save.

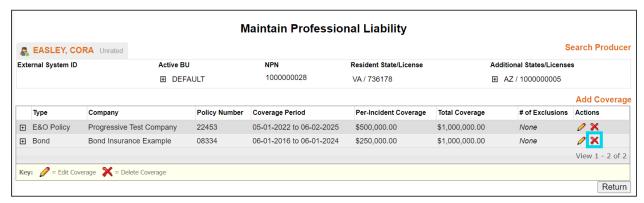


4. The updates will be reflected on the producer record.



Delete Professional Liability Insurance

 From the Maintain Professional Liability page, click the Delete button (✗) next to the professional liability option you want to remove.





2. You will receive a message asking if you are sure you want to delete this record. Click **Confirm**.



Securities Information (Individual Licensees Only)

Use the **Securities Information** data section of an individual producer record to review active securities registrations and examinations related to a producer's affiliated firm (broker/dealer).

The Securities section are sorted into two groups:

- Registrations
- Exams

REGISTRATIONS

The **Registrations** section displays a selected producer's active state and self-regulatory organization (SRO) registrations, grouped by the firm (broker/dealer) with which the producer's registration is associated.

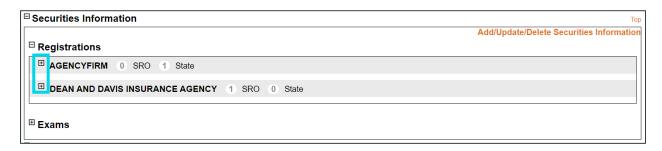
By default, Producer Central will only display active registrations that are associated with an affiliated firm.

If the producer record does not contain any active registration information, the following message will display: "No Active Records."

Note: Pending and inactive registrations will not display on this screen, but they may be logged within Producer Central.

Click the **Expand** button (H) next to the security firm to see more information about the registrations.



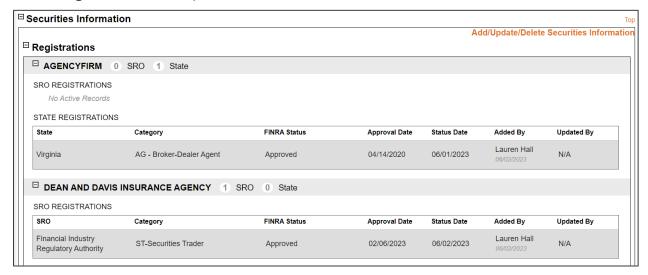


You can now see the following fields:

• **[AGENCYFIRM]**: The name of the firm (broker/dealer) associated with the producer's securities registrations. The total number of SRO and State registrations will be displayed following the firm name.

Note: If the producer's securities registration information was verified through an external source, the following message: "Verified Externally" will be displayed.

- **SRO**: Name of the self-regulatory organization (SRO).
- State: Name of the state.
- Category: Registrations category (for example, OT Authorized Trader or ST Securities Trader).
- **FINRA Status**: Status of the registration with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
- Approval Date: Date the registration was approved.
- Status Date: Date on which the registration's FINRA Status last was updated.
- Added By: Username of the staff member, or system user, that added the registration to the producer record and the date on which it occurred.
- **Updated By**: Username of the staff member, or system user, that last modified the registration on the producer record and the date on which it occurred.





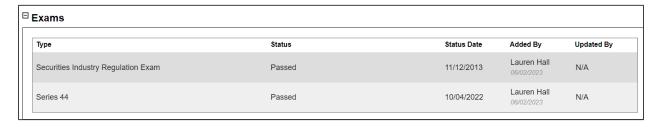
EXAMS

Under the **Exams** section, you can see the status of all the securities exams associated with the producer. Click the **Expand** button (H) to see the exam details.



The fields under the **Exams** section are:

- **Type**: Shows the type of securities examination the producer completed (for example, the Series 6 exam or the Securities Industry Regulation Exam).
- **Status**: Shows the status of the securities exam (for example, Passed or Reinstated).
- Status Date: Date on which the Status was last updated.
- Added By: Username of the staff member, or system user, that added the examination information to the producer record and the date on which it occurred.
- Updated By: Username of the staff member, or system user, that last modified the
 examination information on the producer record and the date on which it
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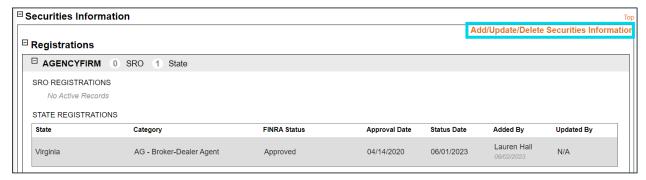




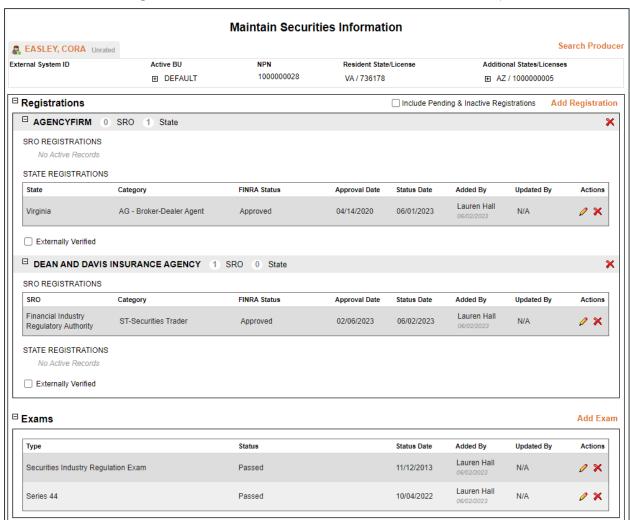
MAINTAIN SECURITIES INFORMATION

In the maintain securities information section, you can add, edit, and delete regulations and exams.

1. Click the Add/Update/Delete Securities Information button.



2. You will now see the Maintain Securities Information page. You will see all the active registrations and exams that are associated with the producer record.





3. Click the **Include Pending & Inactive Registrations** checkbox to view all the producer's registrations, regardless of the FINRA Status. Uncheck the checkbox to only view the producer's active registrations only.

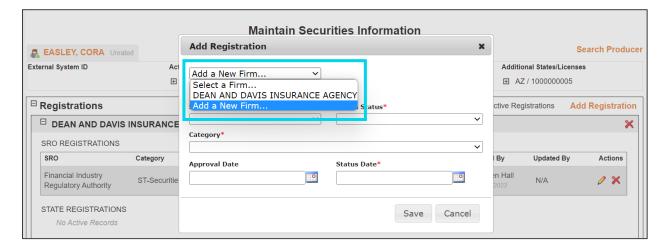


Add Registration

1. Click the Add Registration button.



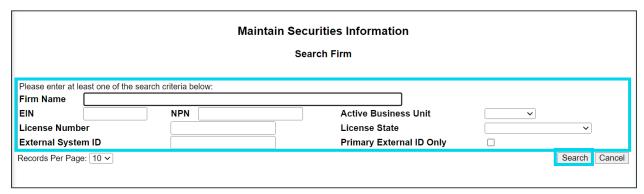
- 2. The Add Registration popup window will appear.
- 3. Start by selecting the **Firm** the producer's securities information is associated.
- 4. Click the dropdown window and select an existing firm or click **Add a New Firm**.



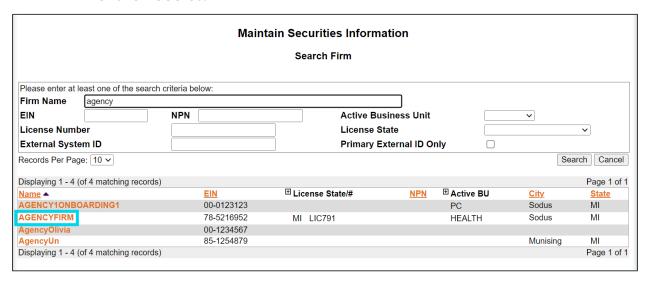
Note: In this example, we are clicking the Add a New Firm button.



- 5. Search for the firm by entering search criteria in at least one of the fields below.
- 6. Click Search.



7. If multiple firms match your search criteria, select the **Name** of the firm from the list of records.



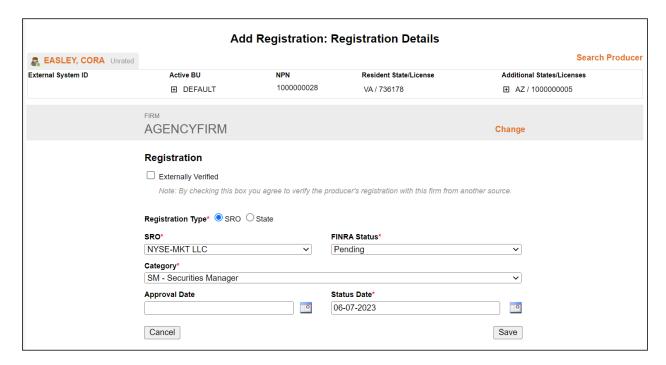
- 8. You will now see the Add Registration page.
- 9. Select the **Registration Type**: either **SRO** or **State**.
- 10. Enter information into the following fields:
 - SRO
 - State
 - FINRA Status
 - Category
 - Status Date

Note: The **Approval Date** field is optional. Use this field to indicate if a registration was approved by FINRA.

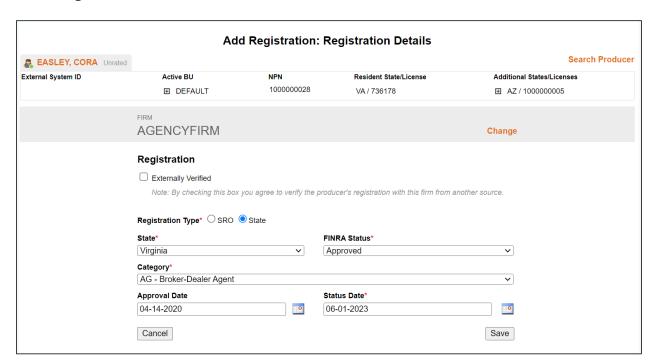
11. Click Save.



SRO Registration

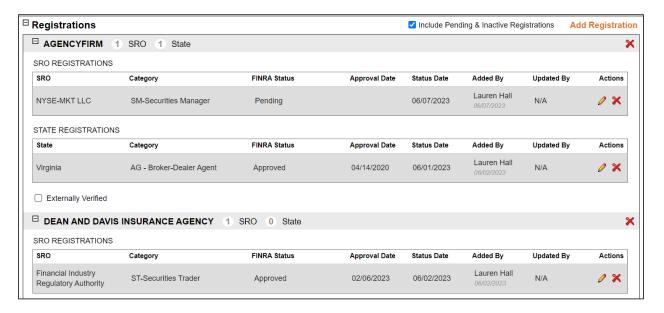


State Registration



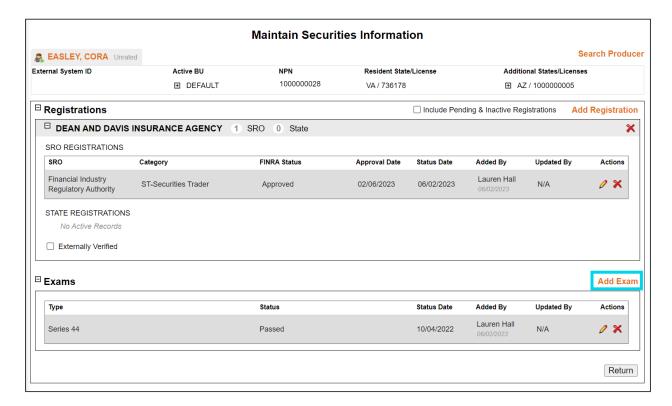


12. If the FINRA status is approved, you will now see the registration on the producer record.



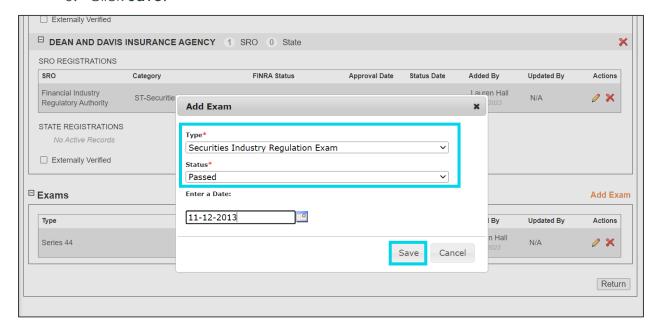
Add Exam

1. From the Maintain Securities Information screen, click the Add Exam button.

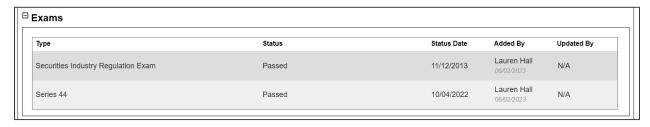




- 2. The **Add Exam** popup will appear.
- 3. From the dropdown lists, select the exam **Type** and the **Status**.
- 4. Enter a **Date** that reflects the exam status.
- 5. Click Save.



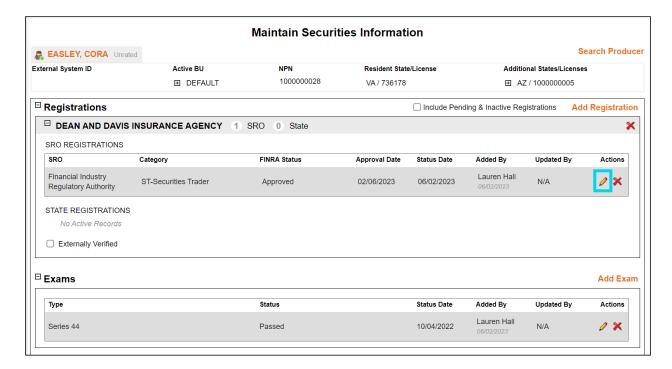
6. You will now see the Exam in the producer record.





Edit Registration or Exam

To edit a securities registration or exam, click the Edit button (
 next to the record



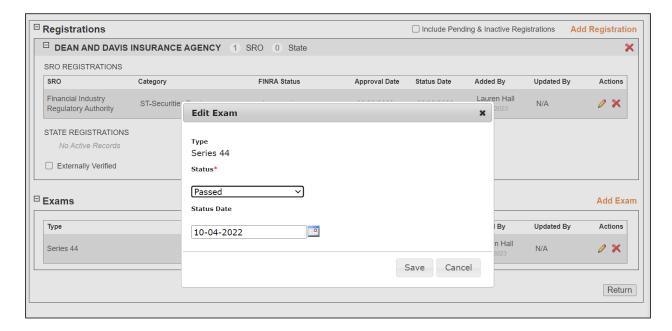
- 2. The Edit Registration or Edit Exam popup screen will appear.
- 3. Update any field(s) you need to edit, then click Save.

Edit Registration

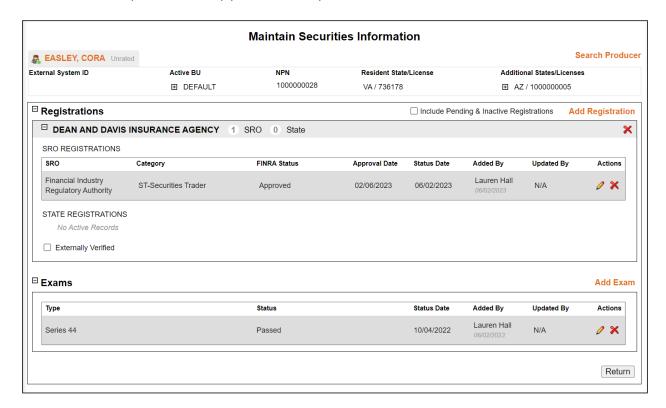




Edit Exam



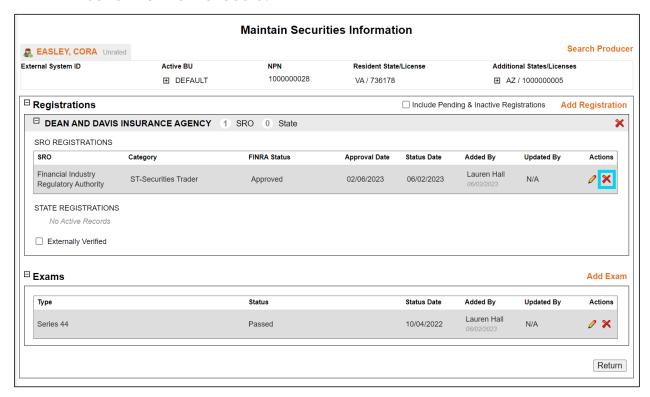
4. The updates will appear on the producer record.



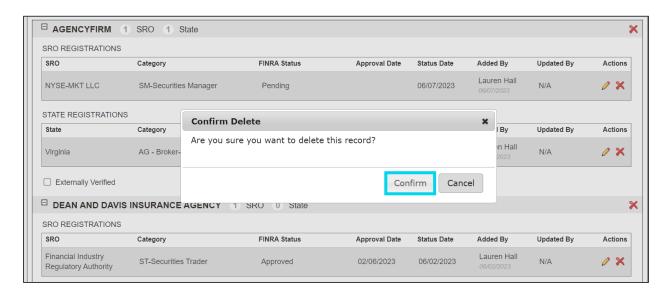


Delete Registration or Exam

1. To remove a securities registration or exam record, click the **Delete** (*) button next to the record.



- 2. You will receive a message that asks if you are sure you want to delete this record.
- 3. Click Confirm.





Authorization Overrides

Use authorization overrides to suspend a producer from selling. Overrides may be configured by state, product, sales event, and/or writing company. They may be set to be effective for a specified time or indefinitely.

You can configure an individual or firm producer record in Producer Central to override an "Authorized" result of a sales authorization check, based on specific override criteria.

A sales authorization check on a producer with authorization override configured will return a "Not Authorized" result, regardless of the producer's sales authorization credentials.

Use the Authorization Overrides data section of a producer record to view sales authorization override information for the producer.



- **Type**: Result of the producer's sales authorization check as a consequence of the authorization override (e.g., "Not Authorized).
- **Effective Dates**: Begin and end dates of the producer's sales authorization override. You will see "No End Date" if the override is set to be in effect indefinitely.
- **State**: Name of the state in which the producer's sales authorization result is overridden. Displays "All States" if the override is in effect for all states.
- Product: Product type for which the producer's sales authorization result is overridden. Displays "All Products" if the override is in effect for all available product types.
- **Sales Event**: Sales event for which the producer's sales authorization result is overridden. Displays "All Sales Events" if the override is in effect for all sales events.
- Writing Company: Aggregate limit in dollars and cents payable during the
 effective period under the producer's professional liability coverage. Displays "All
 Writing Companies" if the override is in effect for all available appointing
 companies.
- **Created By**: Name of the staff member responsible for adding the authorization override information to the system.
- In cases where the Sircon system added the authorization override information through integration with Producer Express, displays the Request ID of the Producer Express request that effectuated the added coverage.



- You can click the Request ID to open Producer Express and navigate to the specific request. The date on which the authorization override information was first added to the system displays in italics.
- **Reason**: A free text comment related to the sales authorization override. Displays "No reason found to display" if a reason was not entered.

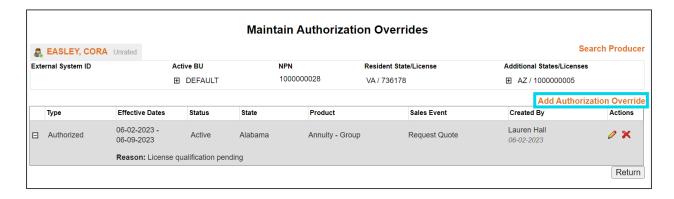
MAINTAIN AUTHORIZATION OVERRIDES

1. Click the Add/Update/Delete Authorization Overrides button.



Add Authorization Override

1. Click the Add Authorization Override button.



- 2. The Add Authorization Override popup window will appear.
- 3. Select the Type of Override, either Not Authorized or Authorized.
 - If you select **Not Authorized**, the sales authorization will fail if it matches the criteria you enter in this section.
 - If you select **Authorized**, the sales authorization will pass if it matches the criteria you enter in this section.
- 4. Select the **Start Date**. This is the date the authorization override will begin.
- 5. You can optionally select an **End Date** to restrict the authorization override to a specific date range.
- 6. You can optionally select details from the **State/Jurisdiction**, **Product**, or **Sales Event** fields to restrict the authorization override to the specified criteria.
- 7. Use the **Comment** field to add the details about the authorization override. This fields is optional.

8. Click Save.



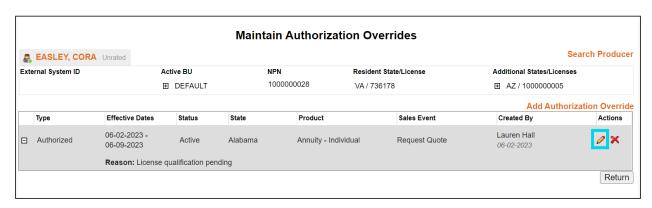


9. You will now see the authorization override in the producer record.



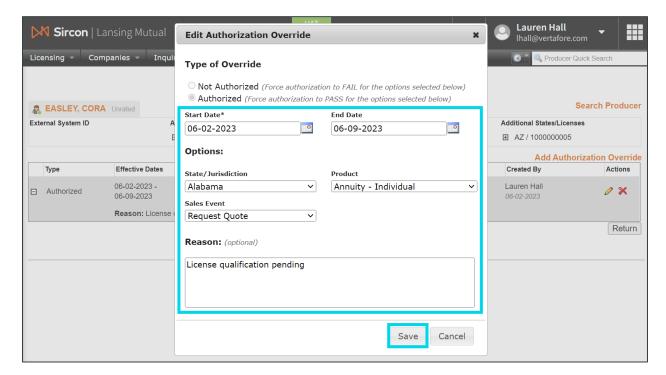
Edit Existing Authorization

 In the Maintain Authorization Overrides screen, click the Edit button (≥) to modify an authorization override record.





- 2. Modify any of the fields in the Edit Authorization Override popup window.
- 3. Click **Save** to confirm the changes.



4. You can now see the changes reflected in the producer record.





Delete Authorization Override

1. In the **Maintain Authorization Overrides** screen, click the **Delete** button (*\infty) to remove an authorization override record.



- 2. You will see a popup message that asks you if you are sure you want to delete this record.
- 3. Click Delete.





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Help is just a click away. Vertafore has two resources available to support you 24/7:

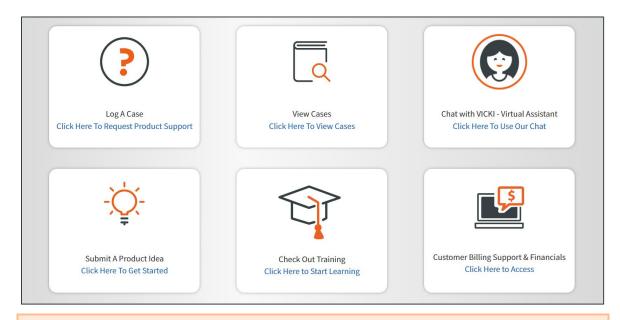
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- Sircon Support

My Vertafore

My Vertafore is our free online customer support portal and knowledge base.

With 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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