

MONTANA BOARD OF REALTY REGULATION'S (BOARD'S) GROUP ERRORS AND OMISSIONS (E&O) PROGRAM

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NOTICE

- RISC is pleased to continue as the official provider for the Board's group real estate E&O insurance policy for Montana brokers and salespersons. If you were enrolled in the Board's 2023 group program, your coverage expired November 1, 2024.
- Effective November 1, 2020, all actively licensed real estate brokers and salespersons must maintain continuous E&O insurance. New licensees must obtain insurance before their license can be activated.
- Failure to timely obtain or renew E&O insurance is a violation of Montana real estate licensing law. Licensees may purchase insurance outside the group program, provided coverage meets state requirements and proof of coverage is provided to the Board as required by state law.

Protection from the Most Experienced Provider in the Business – RISC's management team has been involved in state-mandated real estate E&O insurance programs longer than any other group in the business. This program is specially tailored to meet the specific needs of Montana licensees. The insurance carrier is Continental (rated "A" by A.M. Best). RISC's experience and excellent claims service, combined with CNA's strong financial performance and ratings, ensures a quality program for Montana licensees.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SIGN BELOW

What is and is Not Covered – We urge all licensees to review a sample policy, including the Exclusions section. A sample policy and additional information are available on our website, www.risceo.com, or by calling us toll-free at 1-800-637-7319, ext. 1.

This is a Claims-Made-and-Reported Policy – There is no coverage for claims first made before the beginning or after the end of your individual policy period. If you have any knowledge of a claim; potential claim; or any act, error, omission, fact, or situation that may give rise to a claim against you or your company, it must be reported in writing immediately to your insurance carrier before your current policy period expires. Failure to do so may jeopardize any coverage that would have otherwise been available. Any claim under the group policy must be reported to us in writing during the individual policy period in which it is first made against the insured. For further instructions and a notice of claim form, visit our website, www.risceo.com, then select the "Claims" tab or call us toll-free at 1-800-637-7319, ext. 2.

Prior Acts and Importance of Timely Renewal – Your "retroactive date" determines whether your insurance applies to claims involving services performed before the new policy's effective date. The retroactive date is the date from which you have continuously maintained uninterrupted E&O insurance with no breaks between policy periods. Even a one-day gap will result in loss of coverage for ALL professional services performed before the new policy's effective date, even if you had E&O insurance when the services were provided and again when the claim arises. If you failed to enroll timely, call RISC immediately to see if you qualify to backdate your individual policy period to November 1, 2024 (subject to approval, \$20 cost if requested more than 60 days after group policy inception). This procedure will not remedy noncompliance with mandatory insurance requirements.

Not Renewing Coverage through the Group Program? Consider an Optional Extended Reporting Period (ERP) Endorsement – There is no coverage for claims that arise after the policy expires unless an ERP is in place. However, claims often arise years after the subject transaction occurred. If you are not renewing coverage for any reason, including inactivating or retiring your license, you should consider purchasing a 1, 2, 3, or 5 year ERP endorsement, which extends the reporting date of your policy to apply to claims that are first made and reported within the ERP. ERP endorsements may only be purchased during or within 90 days of the end of your individual policy period.

Territory – Licensees domiciled in Montana are insured for real estate services performed anywhere they hold a real estate license, provided the services would require a real estate license if performed in Montana. Licensees not domiciled in Montana are insured for Montana transactions only. Out-of-state licensees may be considered domiciled in Montana if their principal real estate license is affiliated with a real estate office in Montana and they reside within 50 miles of the Montana state line. See the Territory section of the policy for more information.

Effective Date – Licensees who enroll after November 1, 2024 will have an inception date of the day we receive the licensee's *completed application and premium*. Licensees may request a different inception date (after November 1, 2024) for Continental's consideration: ______

Premium / Deductible – <u>Once premium has been paid and the policy coverage has incepted, you may not cancel the policy.</u> If your payment is returned for non-sufficient funds, you are responsible for payment of any resulting bank fees or penalties. The deductible will be due in accordance with the policy. Applicant agrees to reimburse Continental for any and all costs and expenses it incurs by employing a collection agency to collect any overdue deductible.

Option for Enrolling E&O Coverage for Multiple Licensees – Companies with 10+ licensees can request a Multiple Licensee Renewal Form to electronically submit enrollment information for all the firm's licensees timely and expediently.

Enrollee has reviewed and understands the information contained herein. Enrollee declares that the above statements are true and that Enrollee has not suppressed or misstated any material facts. Enrollee understands that it is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits. Enrollee agrees that this enrollment form shall be the basis of the contract with the Company and that coverage, if written, will be provided on a claims-made-and-reported basis. Enrollee understands and agrees that the completion of this enrollment form does not bind the Company to issue a policy.

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PRORATED ENROLLMENT FORM

Effective November 1, 2020, Montana law required that all real estate brokers and salespersons carry and maintain E&O insurance that applies to all licensed activities. E&O insurance may be purchased through the Board's group policy through RISC. Licensees may purchase insurance outside the group program, provided coverage meets state requirements and proof of coverage is provided to the Board as required by state law.

ENROLL ONLINE AT WWW.RISCEO.COM with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover Card and receive a certificate of coverage immediately upon completion (a poprefundable \$5 convenience fee applies). Proof of coverage can be downloaded immediately upon payment

immediately upon completion (a nonrefundable \$5 convenience fee applies). Proof of coverage can be downloaded immediately upon payment. ENROLL BY MAIL Complete sections 1. – 3., below, and send completed form (both pages) with a check or money order payable to RISC. 1. Licensee Information - Failure to provide complete / correct information may delay issuance of coverage. Licensee Name License Type BRO - or - RBS -LIC-Circle One Insert # Firm SSN (Last 4 Digits ONLY) Address City State Work Phone Home Phone Cell Phone □ I want text reminders if / when that option is available. Fax Fmail* *We occasionally send important notices by email. To receive these notices, provide your current email address and add our email domain (@risceo.com) to your address book. 2. Basic Policy. Circle Month of Inception Date. Licensees who enroll after November 1, 2023 will have an inception date of the day we receive the licensee's completed application and premium. Licensees may request a different inception date (after November 1, 2023) for Continental's consideration. All policies expire November 1, 2024. Limits of Liability – \$100,000 per Claim / \$300,000 Aggregate Deductible – \$1,000 (Damages) See prorated amounts to NOV 2024 - \$168 DEC 2024 - \$154 JAN 2025 - \$140 FEB 2025 - \$126 MAR 2025 - \$112 APR 2025 - \$98 the left MAY 2025 - \$84 JUN 2025 - \$70 JUL 2025 - \$56 AUG 2025 - \$42 SEPT 2025 - \$28 OCT 2025 - \$14 3. Select Any Desired Optional Endorsements. This is a claims-made-and-reported policy. An endorsement will only apply to a claim if the endorsement is in effect when the claim is first made, which may be after this policy period expires. You should consider continuing to purchase an endorsement for as long as you would like the coverage to apply (provided you continue to meet any eligibility requirements). Appraisal Endorsement - Adds insurance for services as a licensed / credentialed appraiser. Eligibility requirements: (1) a real estate license and (2) an active appraisal license. \$200 Appraisal License #: Appraisal Trainee Endorsement - Supervising appraisers may purchase this endorsement to add specific appraiser \$200 trainees listed in the endorsement to the definition of insured. Eligibility requirements: (1) a real estate license; (2) an active per appraisal appraisal license; and (3) also purchase an appraisal endorsement (above). Attach a list of appraisal trainees that you trainee would like listed in the endorsement (required). A separate premium applies to each appraisal trainee. Conformity Endorsement - Conforms your insurance through the MT policy to comply with the E&O requirements of \$20 another mandated state where you have an active real estate license. Eligibility requirement: You must be actually domiciled regardless of in MT or treated as domiciled in MT by the policy terms. number of Please circle applicable state(s): AK CO ID IA KY LA MS ND NE NM RI SD TN* WY states at time Other State License Type: _____/ Other State License #: _____ (identify s' *Eligibility for TN conformity is limited by TN regulations. Contact RISC if you need coverage for a TN license. (identify state if more than one) of purchase Developed / Constructed by Spouse Endorsement - \$100,000 per claim / \$300,000 aggregate sublimits for claims relating to the sale or listing for sale of residential property which is constructed or developed by the licensee's spouse \$250 (conditions apply). Property Management Endorsement - Adds insurance for specified property management services. \$150 Residential Personal Interest Coverage Endorsement - \$100,000 per claim / \$300,000 aggregate sublimits for claims concerning the sale or listing for sale of residential property (defined in the endorsement) owned by you or your spouse \$50 (conditions apply). Note the basic group policy automatically includes \$100,000 per claim / \$300,000 aggregate sublimit for claims involving the sale or listing for sale of your primary residence (conditions apply). Increased Limits Endorsement – You may purchase ONLY ONE of the following: \$250,000 per Claim / \$750,000 Aggregate \$100 \$500,000 per Claim / \$1,000,000 Aggregate \$160 BASIC PREMIUM \$ + OPTIONAL ENDORSEMENT PREMIUM (IF ANY) \$ \$ Send Completed Form (Both Pages) with a Check or Money Order Payable to RISC.

Overnight Delivery

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Mailing Address

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