



Bulletin 19-15

TO: SURPLUS LINES BROKERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: CHANGES TO EXEMPT COMMERCIAL PURCHASER MINIMUM QUALIFYING AMOUNTS

Under Alaska Statute (AS) 21.34.900, the definition of “exempt commercial purchaser” has the meaning given under 15 U.S.C. 8206 (Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010).

Under 15 U.S.C. 8206(5)(C)(ii), the definition of exempt commercial purchaser with regard to the minimum qualifying amounts for three categories of exempt commercial purchaser are to increase on **January 1, 2020**. As prescribed in 15 U.S.C.(5)(C)(ii), “the amounts in subclauses (I), (II), and (IV) of clause (C)(i) shall be adjusted to reflect the percentage change for such five-year period in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (CPI-U).”

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has adopted the following updates to the CPI-U and Alaska will be using these amounts as set forth herein. The percentage change calculation and adjusted minimum amounts for the affected categories are shown below:

Change Calculation

CPI-U September 2014 238.031
CPI-U September 2019 256.759*

Adjustment Calculation: = (256.759 – 238.031) / 238.031
Percentage Change: = .079 or 7.9%

| <u>Subclause Category</u> | <u>Previous Minimum</u> | <u>Adjusted Minimum</u> (Effective 1/1/2020) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| (I) Net Worth | \$22,040,000 | \$23,781,160 |
| (II) Annual Revenues | \$55,100,000 | \$59,452,900 |
| (IV) Annual Budgeted Expenditures | \$33,060,000 | \$35,671,740 |

*Source: CPI, October 2019, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)
<https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0>

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