

4123-19-08 Renewal of self-insuring risks.

- (A) The privilege of an employer to pay compensation, etc., directly, must be renewed annually. Beginning with the effective date of this rule, prior to renewal of the employer's privilege of self-insurance, the bureau shall re-evaluate the employer's financial strength and administrative ability as described in rule 4123-19-03 of the Administrative Code. The bureau will consider past performance of the self-insuring employer as an additional factor in determining whether to renew the privilege of self-insurance. Waivers granted for good cause by the administrator pursuant to paragraph (H) of rule 4123-19-03 of the Administrative Code will continue in effect indefinitely unless there is a significant change, in the opinion of the bureau of workers' compensation.
- (B) Self-insuring risks desiring to continue paying compensation, etc., directly, shall secure from the bureau a copy of the appropriate form of application which shall be completed and returned to the bureau. The employer may also be required to include a reporting of the amount of payments made and the amount of reserves established for the aforementioned claims as sufficient to cover future liabilities. The properly completed renewal forms shall be signed by the Ohio self-insuring program administrator who has been designated by the employer to the bureau or an officer of the company and filed ninety days prior to the renewal date.
- (C) The application forms and the employer's financial statement shall be reviewed by the bureau. In order to renew its status as a self-insuring employer, the employer shall establish the following to the bureau's satisfaction: that the employer has fulfilled the minimal level of performance standards that an employer is required to meet before being granted permission to pay compensation and benefits directly, as provided in paragraph (K) of rule 4123-19-03 of the Administrative Code; that the employer has substantially resolved all outstanding complaints filed with the bureau; and that the employer has achieved a satisfactory rating in its most recent audit report. Upon compliance with these requirements, the administrator may approve the renewal application. If the application is granted, the bureau will so notify the applicant within thirty days prior to the renewal date. In this notification, the bureau shall specify the contribution to the self-insuring employers' guaranty fund and the amount of the additional security, if required.
- (D) If the aforesaid employer, upon receipt of such notification, promptly provides the bureau with the security in the amount and form specified by the bureau, the bureau thereafter will issue said employer a revised "Findings of Facts" statement and certificate which will be sent to the risk by the bureau.
- (E) In the event the bureau finds that the minimum criteria set forth in the rules have not been met, the bureau shall give written notice to the applicant that the privilege to pay compensation, etc., directly, will not be renewed. Said notice shall give the employer two weeks to exercise the right to a public hearing before the self-insured review panel, in accordance with the provisions of rule 4123-19-14 of the Administrative Code. If no hearing is requested or if the self-insured review panel or, on appeal, the administrator upholds the non-renewal, the applicant shall forthwith be required to pay its full premium into the state insurance fund for the intervening period from the date of the expiration of the last renewal date to the date of the order of non-renewal issued by the self-insured review panel or the administrator, or obtain a binder for state fund coverage as of the expiration date of its last renewal.
- (F) If an employer's privilege to pay compensation directly is not renewed, the employer must secure coverage through the state insurance fund for any ongoing operations. If such employer does not secure state fund coverage, that employer shall be deemed an amenable but noncomplying employer pursuant to sections 4123.01 to 4123.99 of the Revised Code.
- (G) If, for any reason, it is not possible to finally pass on the employer's application for renewal prior to the

expiration of its present authorization, an extension may be granted until such time as the final disposition of the application for renewal can be made.

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