

Update from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

The Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has now successfully completed programming to no longer require zero reports for Surplus Lines agents and agencies.

Note: the exemption from filing zero reports does not apply to surplus lines insurers.

This means that if a person or company holds a surplus lines agent/agency license with the Texas Department of Insurance and the amount to report is zero, no tax report submission is required. Zero reports can still be submitted during the month of March, if the licensee wishes to submit one. However, in the beginning of April, the period will automatically close and it will not show in the Web File system after that point. Should you need to submit a report for a period that has been systematically closed, please have the licensee send an email to Insurance.Tax@cpa.texas.gov to request that the period be reopened. We will need the 11 digit Texas Taxpayer Number and the period to be reopened.

Our office is currently in the process of removing wording on the Welcome/Web File letters which states that the zero reports are required for surplus lines agents/agencies. This should be completed soon. Until that step is completed, please disregard the verbiage requiring the zero reports. The verbiage on our website should also be updated in the near future.

Finally, any licensees who currently have past due reports, with estimated tax due, will still need to submit a report for the relevant period(s) to replace the estimated amount (even if the amount is zero).