

Guardian

REQUIRED CARRIER SPECIFIC TRAINING (CST) INSTRUCTIONS

Annuity Carrier Specific Product Training and state mandated **NAIC Annuity Training** (see STATE ANNUITY SUITABILITY TRAINING REQUIREMENT for regulation) must be completed prior to soliciting business. Failure to do so will result in rejected business.

Please carefully review the information below and provide a copy of the training certificate to ECA Marketing (licensing@ecamarketing.com) once complete.

If you will not be participating in solicitation of annuity products with this carrier, you can bypass the CST requirements. **Life** producers are required to abide by the rules set in place by the carrier for any additional training requirements. Review **ADDITIONAL REQUIRED TRAINING** before proceeding.

Annuity Carrier Specific Product Training

Who should complete the product training?

All agents must complete product training, regardless of state.

When can the product training be taken?

Product training can be taken at any time. The training and new business can be taken/dated the same day.

Product Training Directions:

1. Go to <https://naic.pinpointglobal.com/Guardian/Apps/default.aspx>
2. Register or log in
REGISTRATION NOTE: in "Firm or Broker/ Dealer Selection", input "Non Registered Guardian Agent"
3. Select My Product Training
4. Complete all the Fixed Annuity Courses (multiple courses may be listed)
5. (recommended) Email certificate to licensing@ecamarketing.com

Additional Required Training

Anti-Money Laundering Training (AML):

Guardian will accept all vendors for AML training. AML must be compliant before soliciting business and must be renewed every two years. Failure to do so will result in rejected business.

Mandatory 4-Hour Annuity CE:

ALABAMA	HAWAII	MARYLAND	NEW JERSEY	TENNESSEE
ALASKA	IDAHO	MASSACHUSETTS	NORTH DAKOTA	*TEXAS
ARIZONA	ILLINOIS	MICHIGAN	OHIO	VIRGINIA
*CALIFORNIA	INDIANA	MINNESOTA	OKLAHOMA	WASHINGTON
COLORADO	*IOWA	MISSISSIPPI	OREGON	WEST VIRGINIA
CONNECTICUT	KANSAS	MISSOURI	PENNSYLVANIA	WISCONSIN
DELAWARE	KENTUCKY	MONTANA	RHODE ISLAND	WYOMING
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	LOUISIANA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH CAROLINA	
GEORGIA	MAINE	NEW HAMPSHIRE	SOUTH DAKOTA	

Mandatory – Requirement Varies:

Interpretation of the state ruling can vary by insurer

*CALIFORNIA	Resident and non-resident agents soliciting annuities in CA must complete an initial 8-hour CA state specific course along with a 4-hour refresher course every two years prior to license renewal. CA does not allow reciprocity for the annuity training between states.
FLORIDA	Resident and non-resident agents are not required to take any version of the 4-Hour NAIC Annuity Training to sell annuities in FL. The 5-hour “Law and Ethics Update” course covers the senior suitability requirement. FL resident agents soliciting cross border sales will be required to take a one-time 4-hour annuity training course in states that have implemented the NAIC guidelines. Insurers are responsible for providing product-specific training.
*IOWA	In addition to a 4-Hour NAIC Annuity Training course, agents selling indexed annuities in IA must take a one-time 4-hour course specific to indexed annuity products.
NEW YORK	Effective 8/1/19 for Annuities and 2/1/20 for Life, NY has amended Regulation 187 (Suitability and Best Interests) to include agent training. NY has not instituted an hourly CE requirement, however, resident and non-resident agents are required by the insurer to take an undefined hourly vendor training specific to “Suitability & Best Practices in Life Insurance & Annuity Transactions” prior to soliciting new business or servicing in-force policies originally issued in NY.
*TEXAS	Resident and non-resident agents must complete a one-time 4-hour annuity CE course. In addition, resident agents must take 8 hours of ongoing CE specifically relating to annuities each license period. Licensees that are exempt from CE are not exempt from the initial 4-hour annuity training. Exemptions apply to the ongoing 8 hours of CE required each license period. TX will accept most annuity CE courses taken in other states.
UTAH	No specific hourly requirements have been implemented. Solicitation of annuity products in the state of UT will not be allowed until the agent has taken a product specific training provided by the insurer.

No Requirement – States exempt from Annuity CE requirement:

Agents may be subject to insurer provided product specific training

ARKANSAS	NEVADA	VERMONT
NEW MEXICO	NORTH CAROLINA	