

# Royal Neighbors of America

## REQUIRED CARRIER SPECIFIC TRAINING (CST) INSTRUCTIONS

**Annuity Carrier Specific Product Training** and state mandated **NAIC Annuity Training** (see NAIC ANNUITY SUITABILITY AND BEST INTEREST STANDARD STATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS 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](mailto: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?

Only agents in NAIC regulated states must complete product training (see attached Annuity Suitability Training Requirement). States that do not require a 4-hour state training but still require carrier product training include: FL, MT, NY and UT.

#### When can the product training be taken?

The product training is available at any time. The training can be taken the same day that business is solicited.

**Product Training Directions:** Select links below to complete the product training course. A copy of the certificates should be emailed to [licensing@ecamarketing.com](mailto:licensing@ecamarketing.com). Please note: **BOTH** training courses must be completed in order to solicit business, regardless what product is being written.

FPDA/SPIA Product Training Course: <https://royalneighbors.mindflash.com/PublicCoursePage.aspx?c=5071362756498>

SPDA/MYGA Product Training Course: <https://royalneighbors.mindflash.com/PublicCoursePage.aspx?c=5071178248530>

### Additional Required Training

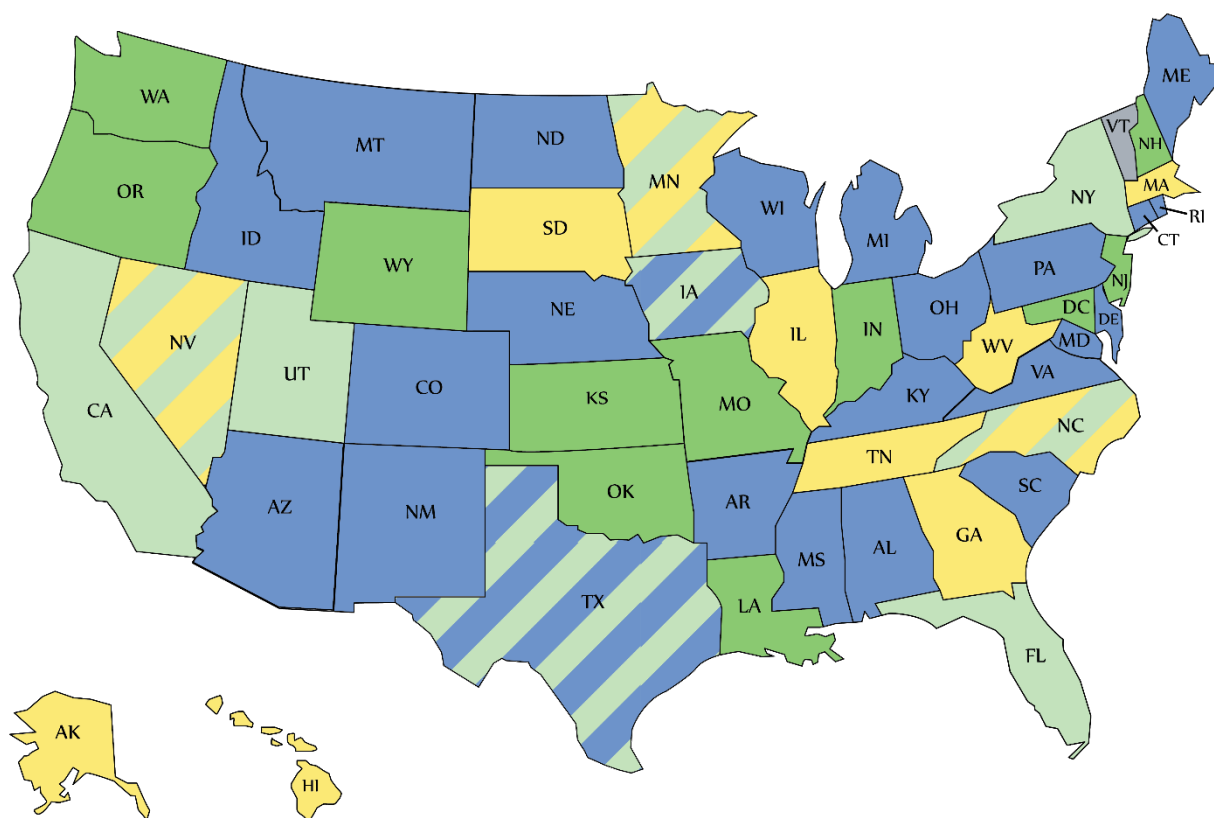
#### Anti-Money Laundering Training (AML):

LIMRA is the only accepted AML vendor of RNA. If AML was taken through any other vendor it will be declined and the agent asked to take the training with LIMRA. RNA only has the capability to obtain AML information from LIMRA every 2-weeks which can result in slower processing times on the initial new business application. To avoid any potential delays, it is recommended that a screen shot/print screen of the LIMRA training page be provided as proof of completion. The training must be completed within 24-months. AML is only verified on the initial new business application. RNA does not track renewal AML training.

# NAIC ANNUITY SUITABILITY AND BEST INTEREST STANDARD STATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The following states have adopted some version of the NAIC Suitability in Annuity Transactions Model Regulation, 4-Hour Annuity Training and/or the revised regulation, Best Interest Standard (BIS). For states that have implemented the Best Interest Standard, all licensed producers are required to take either a 1-hour supplementary training or a new 4-hour training that includes the Best Interest Standard.

Training must be taken through a state-approved vendor prior to soliciting business. Please provide a copy of your training certificate to ECA Marketing ([licensing@ecamarketing.com](mailto:licensing@ecamarketing.com)). For further information, refer to the tables on the following page or contact your licensing representative.



<span style="color: green;">■</span> Mandatory NAIC	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Mandatory BIS
<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> Mandatory Annuity Training – Requirement Varies	
<span style="color: grey;">■</span> No Requirements	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Pending BIS

## Mandatory Annuity Training - Requirement Varies:

Interpretation of the state ruling can vary by insurer

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Resident and non-resident agents soliciting annuities in CA must complete an initial 8-hour CA state specific course along with 4-hour refresher course every two years prior to license renewal. CA does not allow reciprocity for the annuity training between states.
<b>FLORIDA</b>	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.
<b>IOWA</b>	In addition to the 4-Hour NAIC Annuity and BIS courses, agents selling indexed annuities in IA must take a one-time 4-hour course specific to indexed annuity products.
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	The state of MN is requiring an additional course topic that is not covered in NAIC Model Reg #275. Resident and non-resident producers must take a 1 or 4-hour course that specifically includes "the recognition of indicators that a prospective insured may lack the short-term memory or judgment to knowingly purchase an insurance product". The MN course is titled "Best Interest Standards of Conduct for Annuity Sales". Reciprocity amongst other states will be allowed, provided the course includes additional course topic.
<b>NEVADA</b>	BIS requirement pending legislation. No specific hourly requirements have been implemented for NAIC.
<b>NEW YORK</b>	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. Training taken for the state of NY is specific to the state of NY, reciprocity is not allowed.
<b>N. CAROLINA</b>	BIS requirement pending legislation. No specific hourly requirements have been implemented for NAIC.
<b>TEXAS</b>	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 or Best Interest Standard. Exemptions apply to the ongoing 8 hours of CE required each license period. TX will accept most annuity courses taken in other states.
<b>UTAH</b>	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.

## Mandatory - Best Interest Standard:

EXISTING PRODUCERS have the option to complete either a new 4-hour training that includes BIS or a 1-hour supplementary training specific to BIS. Most states allow EXISTING PRODUCERS a 6-month grace period for completion - *grace period allowance can vary by insurer*. The 1-hour course will no longer be available after the EXISTING PRODUCER release date. NEW PRODUCERS must complete a full 4-hour training that includes BIS.

STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS	STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS
ALABAMA	1/1/2022	6/30/2022	MISSISSIPPI	1/1/2022	6/30/2022
ARIZONA	1/1/2021	6/30/2021	MONTANA	10/1/2021	4/1/2022
ARKANSAS	1/1/2022	1/1/2022	NEBRASKA	7/1/2021	12/31/2021
COLORADO	11/1/2022	5/1/2023	NEW MEXICO	10/1/2022	4/1/2023
CONNECTICUT	3/1/2022	9/1/2022	NORTH DAKOTA	1/1/2022	6/30/2022
DELAWARE	8/1/2021	2/1/2022	OHIO	2/14/2021	8/14/2021
IDAHO	7/1/2021	2/1/2022	PENNSYLVANIA	6/22/2022	12/22/2022
IOWA	1/1/2021	7/1/2021	RHODE ISLAND	4/1/2021	10/1/2021
KENTUCKY	1/1/2022	6/30/2022	SOUTH CAROLINA	11/27/2022	5/27/23
MARYLAND	10/8/2022	4/8/2023	TEXAS	1/1/2022	1/1/2022
MAINE	1/1/2022	7/1/2022	VIRGINIA	9/1/2021	3/1/2022
MICHIGAN	6/29/2021	12/29/2021	WISCONSIN	10/1/2022	4/1/2023

## Pending – Best Interest Standard:

STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS
ALASKA	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
GEORGIA	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
HAWAII	1/1/2023	7/1/2023
ILLINOIS	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
MASSACHUSETTS	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
MINNESOTA	1/1/2023	6/30/2023
NEVADA	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
NORTH CAROLINA	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
SOUTH DAKOTA	1/1/2023	7/1/2023
TENNESSEE	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
WEST VIRGINIA	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation