

Bulletin No. 2025-06

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RE: DFS CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
FILING DUE APRIL 15, 2025

Reminder! Department of Financial Services cybersecurity regulation compliance certification filings are due no later than April 15, 2025. Licensees will need to file either a Certificate of Compliance **OR** an Acknowledgement of Noncompliance. ELANY’s three step guide below can help.

Step 1: Decide If You Must File

Who Must file?	All New York licensed excess lines brokers, both resident and non-resident, except for those that have filed a 500.19(b), (e) , or (g) exemption (the 500.19 (g) exemption applies to inactive insurance agents)
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Step 2: Decide Which Filing to Prepare and Submit

Option 1: Certificate of Compliance	Certifies material compliance with all applicable cybersecurity regulation requirements for calendar year 2024.
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Option 2: Acknowledgement of Noncompliance	<p>If a licensee cannot certify that it was in material compliance during 2024, it must file an Acknowledgment of Noncompliance. The filing must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge material non-compliance with applicable requirements • Identify all sections of the regulation that the licensee did not materially comply with • Describe the nature and extent of noncompliance • Provide either a remediation timeline or confirmation that remediation has been completed.
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Step 3: File the Certification or Acknowledgment

Where to File	Department of Financial Services (DFS) online portal .	
Links for Filing Instructions	<p>Certificate of Compliance</p> <p>Entities Individuals</p>	<p>Acknowledgement of Noncompliance.</p> <p>Entities Individuals</p>
Signatory Requirements	Must be signed by the licensee’s highest-ranking executive (for example, CEO) and its Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Where a licensee does not have a CISO, the senior officer responsible for the licensee’s cybersecurity program must sign (along with the highest-ranking executive).	
Supporting Documentation	No supporting documentation should be filed	

Record Retention Requirements	Licensees must maintain records, schedules, and data that support their Certification for five (5) years and provide such information to the Department upon request. This information includes, but is not limited to: <ul data-bbox="500 289 1518 415" style="list-style-type: none">• the identification of all areas, systems, and processes that require, or required, material improvement, updating or redesign• remedial efforts undertaken to address such areas, systems, and processes• remediation plans, including timelines for their implementation.
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