

1. Why is the ERISA bond process changing?

As part of the acquisition of the Guarantee Company, we are streamlining our processes. A part of this involves transferring the ERISA bond business from the Guarantee USA over to the Intact Insurance subsidiary Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company (ASIC).

2. How will this impact me as a broker?

The main change for brokers will be that premium must now be remitted in US dollars to our captive U.S. broker, Specialty Advantage Insurance Services (SAIS).

3. Will premiums be increasing now that ERISA bonds now require separate payment?

Previously, the premium for ERISA bonds was wrapped into the total policy premium for GCNA Crime policies. While payment is now remitted separately, the majority of the time the premium on the main Crime policy will be reduced to account for this change.

4. Are there any changes for my customer?

Existing customers will need to sign a notice of consent to ensure that we are adhering to regulations in the various states. With the customer's consent, we will be cancelling the current ERISA bond and reissuing a new policy using the ASIC ERISA crime coverage policy forms.

5. Will I be notified of each policy affected by the change?

As the notice of consent needs to be signed for each policy, we will endeavour to notify you at least 60 days before the anniversary date of the current ERISA bond. We will send details specific to the policy, along with the notice of consent that needs to be signed by the insured.

6. Will there be any difference in coverage?

The ASIC ERISA crime coverage is based on the use of ISO's standardized forms and generally provides coverage comparable to that which is under the expiring GCNA ERISA bond. However, to ensure that there is no unintended reduction in ERISA coverage during the next policy year due to the transition to the ASIC crime coverage forms, a liberalization clause will be added to all affected policies.

7. How will I receive the ERISA bond documents?

The ERISA bond document and the invoice will be received via email, separate from the other policy documents.

8. Who do I speak to if I have more questions about ERISA bonds or Crime coverage?

Contact your Crime underwriter or business development manager.