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State of Washington
Office of the Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Insurance – Proof of Financial Responsibility

In the State of Washington, both citizens and non-citizens of the State can meet motor vehicle insurance requirements in any of three ways:

- Auto insurance through an automobile insurance company.
- A bond through a bonding company.
- Pledging \$60,000 to the State.

The Office of the State Treasurer provides support for the pledging of money or securities as directed by RCW 46.29.550.

RCW 46.29.550 – Money or securities as proof

Proof of financial responsibility may be evidenced by the certificate of the state treasurer that the person named therein has deposited with him sixty thousand dollars in cash, or securities such as may legally be purchased by savings banks or for trust funds of a market value of sixty thousand dollars. The state treasurer shall not accept any such deposit and issue a certificate therefor and the department shall not accept such certificate unless accompanied by evidence that there are no unsatisfied judgments of any character against the depositor in the county where the depositor resides.

Under RCW 46.29.550, there are three options available to satisfy the certificate requirements:

1. An individual can remit \$60,000 to the Office of the State Treasurer. The money will be deposited in a non-interest bearing account on your behalf.
2. An individual can open a separate bank account, as an interest bearing account, in his/her name with a financial institution of his/her choice and pledge the account to the program; minimum \$60,000. Usually people will open a CD account. Earnings are credited to the individual and can be used as he/she desires. The principal amount cannot be withdrawn without the State's approval.
3. An individual can open an investment account with a securities firm and pledge the account to the program. To accommodate market shifts, you must start with assets valued at a minimum of \$66,000. While the account is pledged to this program, if the value falls below \$60,000, you must add investments to the account to bring the value to at least \$60,000.

Once you apply to the program, it will take between 3 to 6 weeks before the State can issue a certificate to you. By law, the Office of the State Treasurer must ensure that there are no unsatisfied judgments of any character against an applicant in the county where the applicant resides. The Office of the State Treasurer will send letters to the courts requesting verification that there are no unsatisfied judgments.



Once a certificate is issued:

1. It covers only one person: the certificate holder.
2. Family members or other individuals cannot use the same certificate.
3. In the event of an accident, funds will be held for a minimum of three years from the time of the accident. The three years represents the period in which individuals may bring civil actions which might arise from an accident. In the event such an action is pursued, the three-year holding period may be significantly extended.
4. The certificate does not limit liability. If judgments exceed \$60,000, other assets may be at risk.

To withdraw from the program, an individual must request approval to withdraw from the Department of Licensing. The Department of Licensing contact number is (360) 902-3900. The Department of Licensing will notify the Office of the State Treasurer when approval to withdraw from the program and the release of the funds has been granted. When that occurs, the Office of the State Treasurer will send a letter to you relinquishing all rights vested to the State for the account pledged to the program and will rescind the State certificate issued to you. The Office of the State Treasurer will send copies of the letter to the financial institution or securities firm and to the Department of Licensing.

If you choose to be bonded through a bonding company, you will need to work with the bonding company and the Department of Licensing.

The Department of Licensing contact number is (360) 902-3900. Also, information is located on the Department of Licensing web-site:

www.dol.wa.gov

www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/insurance.html

www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/restricted.html

Frequently asked questions:

1. Can real estate be pledged to the program? Answer: No.
2. Does the State cover losses greater than \$60,000? Answer: No.
3. How about insurance for a fleet of vehicles? Answer: Contact the Department of Licensing
Attn: Driver Records
P.O. Box 9030
Olympia, WA 98507-9030
(360) 902-3836

If you have additional questions, please contact Dan Mason at (360) 902-9090 or dan.mason@tre.wa.gov.

If you desire a certificate, please complete the forms and return them to:

Office of the State Treasurer
Attn: Daniel P. Mason
P.O. Box 40200
Olympia, WA 98504-0200



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**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
APPLICATION FORM
RCW 46.29.550**

Name of Depositor: _____
(Please Print: First Name Middle Name Last Name)

Street Address

City County State Zip

Driver's License Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Preferred Alternative of Compliance (check one):

- A Certified Check for \$60,000.
- A Bank Account for \$60,000.
- A Securities Trading Account for 110% of \$60,000 (\$66,000).

Signature _____ Date _____





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**AFFIDAVIT
OF
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
RCW 46.29.550**

Driver's License Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I RESIDE IN _____ COUNTY. I
FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THERE ARE NO UNSATISFIED JUDGMENTS OF ANY
CHARACTER AGAINST ME IN THE COUNTY CERTIFIED AS MY RESIDENCE.

Printed Name _____
(First Name Middle Name Last Name)

Street Address _____

City State Zip _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SUBSCRIBED AND
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESIDING AT





JAMES L. McINTIRE
State Treasurer

State of Washington
Office of the Treasurer

**ASSIGNMENT OF MONIES OR SECURITIES
RCW 46.29.550**

_____ Date of Birth: _____
Name of Depositor (First, Middle, Last)

_____ Driver's License Number: _____
Street Address

_____ City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip

This assignment is for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Financial Responsibility Law, Chapter 46.29 RCW. The Depositor of the within described monies or securities does hereby assign, transfer, and set over to the state of Washington for the purposes described in that Chapter all right, title, and interest in the monies or securities identified below including the exclusive right to liquidate securities, save and except the interest earned on such monies or securities:

DESCRIPTION OF MONIES OR SECURITIES: _____

TOTAL CURRENT MONETARY
VALUE OF MONIES OR SECURITIES: \$ _____

FOR BANK AND SECURITIES FIRM ACCOUNTS ONLY

_____ Name of Bank or Securities Firm

_____ Account Name

_____ Account Number

_____ Street Address

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip



ASIGNMENT OF MONIES OR SECURITIES

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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, this assignment has been made to meet the statutory requirements for financial responsibility deposit on behalf of _____. Assignment is hereby delivered to the State of Washington, State Treasurer. Interest accrued on the assigned monies or securities may be paid to the Depositor of said monies or securities. State of Washington, State Treasurer is assigned by Depositor full power and authority to demand on 30 days notice, collect, receive, deposit and to give receipt and acquittance therefore, for the uses and purposes prescribed by said Chapter. State of Washington, State Treasurer is assigned the exclusive rights to liquidate securities if necessary to satisfy an execution on judgment under this act. It is understood and agreed that any issuer of securities agrees to hold said securities until a release of assignment is received from the State of Washington, Department of Licensing and that following such release, the issuer shall remit the securities exclusively at the order of the Depositor, subject to the rules and regulations of the issuer incident to such securities.

RELEASE OF MONIES OR SECURITIES

Monies or securities assigned to the State of Washington, State Treasurer may be released to the Depositor only upon order of the State of Washington, Department of Licensing. The State of Washington, Department of Licensing shall order the release of such monies or securities upon request of the Depositor, except that if the records maintained by the department indicate that the Depositor, during the period such monies or securities were assigned, was involved in an accident for which there is a possibility of a judgment being rendered against the Depositor, the department shall not release such monies or securities until three (3) years from the date of such accident or until liability is determined by a civil court. At the end of three (3) years, if there is no lawsuit and/or lawsuit pending, the department will release such monies or securities upon request of the Depositor.

NOTE: Release of monies or securities, or failure to maintain market value of any assigned securities in the amount required by RCW 46.29.550, may result in noncompliance with financial responsibility requirements. The Bank or Securities Firm assumes responsibility to independently provide the Office of the State Treasurer with a monthly statement of account activity.

Signed and dated at _____, Washington, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Depositor or Investor

FOR BANK OR SECURITY FIRM ACCOUNTS

Name of Bank or Securities Firm

Telephone Number

Authorized Signature & Title

Printed Name