

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
BUREAU OF INSURANCE

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***In re: LEA CHRISTINE VALDEZ***

**National Producer No. 21174722  
Maine License No. PRR484414  
Docket No. INS-26-238**

**LICENSE REVOCATION  
NOTICE, ORDER,  
and  
OPPORTUNITY FOR  
HEARING**

***NOTICE TO LEA CHRISTINE VALDEZ:***

Effective as of **May 13, 2026**, your Maine resident insurance producer license will be **REVOKED** without further formal proceedings unless you request a hearing as specified below.

The reasons for your license revocation are as follows:

1. On or around May 16, 2024, you applied for a resident producer license.
2. In that application you indicated that you resided at 1 Ari Drive, Westbrook, ME 04092. You additionally provided this same address as your business address and mailing address in that application.
3. In that application you also confirmed that you had taken Maine's producer licensing examination remotely on May 11, 2024.
4. This examination is a pre-licensing requirement under 24-A M.R.S. § 1410.
5. To be licensed in Maine as a resident producer, with Maine as a home state, your principal place of residence or principal place of business at the time of the license application must be in the State of Maine. 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-A(2).
6. In your application you certified that the information in the application was true and correct under penalty of perjury and that "submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information...is grounds for license revocation or denial."
7. It appears from information received by the Bureau that you were not present in the State of Maine when you took the Maine producer licensing examination.
8. On March 16, 2026, Bureau staff sent an information request to you at your mailing address on file with the Bureau and sent an information request to you at the email address you have on file with the Bureau. As part of these communications, the Bureau requested that you provide certain information, including information that would establish that you were a Maine resident when you applied for a Maine resident producer license.

9. The Bureau was seeking this information pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. § 220(1). Your response was required within 10 business days pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. § 220(2).
10. You have failed to respond to this request for information.
11. Your failure to respond to this inquiry constitutes grounds for the revocation of your insurance producer license pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. §§ 1420-K(1)(A)(B) and 220(2).

Therefore, based upon the above grounds, your Maine insurance producer license is **REVOKED** as of **May 13, 2026**, pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. §§ 1417 and 1420-K, subject to your right to request a hearing.

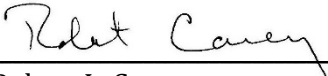
**Under the Maine Insurance Code, specifically 24-A M.R.S. §§ 1417 and 1420-K, you have the right to a hearing before the Superintendent or his designee. If you request a hearing, you will have the right to present evidence and arguments in your defense, and the staff of the Bureau of Insurance will bear the burden of proving each violation by a preponderance of the evidence.**

**If you request a hearing, you will receive further communication regarding scheduling. The matters to be determined through the hearing process are whether you committed one or more of the violations listed above, and if so, the appropriate sanctions for those violations. The sanctions imposed after a hearing can include any available remedy under applicable laws, including the payment of civil penalties.**

**To request a hearing, you must notify the Bureau of Insurance in writing no later than May 13, 2026. If you do not file a written request for a hearing within 30 days from the time you knew or reasonably should have known of this act through this Notice and Order, you will lose your right to request a hearing on this license revocation Notice and Order.**

Any request for a hearing, as well as all other communications regarding this Notice, Order, and Opportunity for Hearing must be addressed to Licensing Attorney Courtney Awale, Bureau of Insurance, #34 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0034 (for US Postal Service deliveries) or 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345 (for private carrier deliveries, such as FedEx or UPS). You may also reach Courtney Awale by e-mail at [Courtney.Awale@maine.gov](mailto:Courtney.Awale@maine.gov) or by telephone at (207) 624-8451.

**April 9, 2026**

  
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Robert L. Carey  
Superintendent of Insurance