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## Research findings as reported by OPPAGA: QUALIFICATIONS: for Florida's Public Adjusters

"Florida's regulation of public adjusters is comparable to, and in some areas, more stringent than other states. Eleven (of 12) states we examined, including Florida, require applicants for public adjuster licensure to pass an exam and post a surety bond. In addition, most of these states require applicants to have experience or training in insurance adjusting and receive continuing education as a condition of licensure."

"Florida imposes some licensure requirements not included in other states' laws. Notably, Florida's year-long apprenticeship or traineeship requirement is not required in the other states we examined. 10 In addition, Florida's bond threshold is equal to or higher than that of all other states we reviewed.11 Seven (of 12) states, including Florida, require applicants to provide fingerprints for a criminal history check."

(OPPAGA Report, January 2010)

Source: OPPAGA analysis. Data refers to the median

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