

When used in Rules 1 through 20, the following terms shall have the stated meanings:

CAR means Commonwealth Automobile Reinsurers.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE means any insurable motor vehicle not included in the definition of Private Passenger Motor Vehicle contained in Rule 22.

COMMISSIONER means the Commissioner of Insurance of Massachusetts.

ELIGIBLE RISK means any Person who qualifies for a Motor Vehicle Insurance policy pursuant to G.L. c. 175, § 113H and which has its Principal Place of Business within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and which is required by a financial responsibility law as enacted by the legislature of any state or of the United States or by any valid regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, United States Department of Transportation, or the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities to maintain Motor Vehicle Insurance with respect to vehicles owned or leased by it, and registered within or outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ordinances or Bylaws, as enacted by any political subdivision of any state, shall not for the purposes of determining eligibility be considered as financial responsibility laws.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 175, § 113U, a Person seeking to insure Antique Vehicles does not qualify as an Eligible Risk.

EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE PRODUCER (ERP) means a Person licensed as a property and casualty insurance producer pursuant to G.L. c. 175, § 162H through § 162X inclusive, who (a) has a place of business (i) in Massachusetts or (ii) in any state contiguous to Massachusetts, and (b) has been appointed by the Governing Committee or its designee to a Servicing Carrier to immediately certify commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance policies.

INACTIVE MEMBER means any Insurer which is licensed to write Motor Vehicle Insurance policies or bonds in Massachusetts, but (a) did not, in fact, issue any commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance policies or bonds in Massachusetts during the most recent calendar year, (b) is not the issuing company on any outstanding commercial Massachusetts Motor Vehicle Insurance policies or bonds, and (c) has no outstanding obligations pursuant to Rule 11.

INSURER means any corporation, association, partnership or individual licensed to write Motor Vehicle Insurance in Massachusetts.

MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (MAP) means the Manual of Administrative Procedures of CAR and does not include the Assigned Risk Company Procedures Manual or the Assigned Risk Producer Procedures Manual.

MEMBER means any Insurer which is licensed to write Motor Vehicle Insurance liability policies or bonds in Massachusetts and which is not an Inactive Member. Groups of companies under the same ownership and management will be treated as a single Member. Groups of companies under either the same ownership or management, but not both, may elect to be treated either separately or as a single Member.

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE means direct insurance against injury or damage, including the legal liability therefore, arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of motor vehicles, including but not limited to bodily injury liability insurance, personal injury protection insurance, property damage liability insurance, physical damage insurance, medical payments insurance, uninsured/underinsured motorists insurance and towing and labor insurance.

PERSON means a natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, corporation, government or agency thereof.

PLAN OF OPERATION or PLAN means the Plan of Operation of CAR prepared pursuant to G.L. c. 175, §113H.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS, as it applies to the definition of an Eligible Risk, is defined as the chief or usual place of business. It is the corporation's nerve center, its center of direction, control, and coordination, the place where the principal officers generally transact business, and the place to which reports are made and from which orders emanate. It is the place where the majority of executive and administrative functions are performed.

The burden of proof with regard to the location of the Principal Place of Business, consistent with the definition as stated above, lies with the applicant who seeks to qualify as an Eligible Risk.

RULES OF OPERATION or RULES or RULE means the Rules of Operation of CAR or a Rule of CAR.

SERVICING CARRIER means a Member which has been appointed by the Governing Committee, or its designee, as authorized in the Plan and Rules of Operation to issue Motor Vehicle Insurance policies at the request of an Exclusive Representative Producer.