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## **NEW BUSINESSOWNERS MANUAL AND LOSS COSTS APPROVED IN NEW JERSEY**

### **BACKGROUND**

MSO<sup>®</sup>, Inc. has developed a new Businessowners classification, rating manual, and loss costs program for New Jersey. This is a separate, optional manual. It does not replace the current filed and approved rate manual.

Highlights of the new program include:

- Broadened Classification Plan supporting a greater variety of Businessowners exposures
- Loss costs defined by county
- Separate multiplicative rating algorithms for buildings, business personal property, and liability coverages
- Revised construction definitions
- Revised protection definitions
- Limit of insurance relativities for buildings and business personal property, resulting in more competitive outcomes at higher limits of coverage
- Standard \$500 Part I deductible
- Additional Part I deductible options
- Optional percentage windstorm / hail deductibles
- Expanded central station alarm credits
- Liability exposure base determined by limit of insurance, payroll, or sales
- Additional options for liability and medical payments aggregate and products / completed operations aggregate
- Optional liability property damage deductible
- Options for higher limits of Medical Payments to Others coverage
- Expanded IRPM, applicable to Part I and to Part II separately
- Specialty programs and Special Contractors incorporated into the manual

### **MSO ACTION**

MSO, Inc. has filed and received approval for the BOP Loss Cost Manual 2021 program in New Jersey.

In addition to previously filed and approved Businessowners forms, the following forms are for use with the new program. They are primarily to accommodate writing Special Contractors risks:

- BU 0139 Deductible Insurance - Property Damage Liability - Part II
- BU 0177 Computer Software Professional Activities Exclusion
- BU 0233 Loss Payee - Contract of Sale
- BU 0249 Actual Cash Value Loss Settlement - Roof Coverings - Part I
- BU 0252 Windstorm or Hail Percentage Deductible - Part I
- BU 0455 Employee Benefits Liability Coverage

- BU 0456 Employee Benefits Liability - Supplemental Declarations - Part II
- BU 0703 Supplemental Declarations (policy limits for Accounts Receivable, Outdoor Signs, Debris Removal, and Valuable Papers and Records supplemental coverages are increased to align with other BOP classifications)
- BU 0704 Declarations Extension
- BU 0705 Janitorial Operations Enhancement
- BU 0706 Supplemental Declarations - Janitorial Operations (policy limits for Outdoor Signs and Debris Removal supplemental coverages are increased to align with other BOP classifications)
- BU 0707 Outdoor (Exterior) Building Glass Coverage
- BU 0708 Loss Payable Special Condition
- BU 0709 Theft Loss Limitation
- BU 0710 Collapse / Explosion / Underground Hazard Specified Exclusions
- BU 0711 Collapse / Explosion / Underground General Exclusions
- BU 0712 Designated Ongoing Operations Exclusion
- BU 0713 Medical Payments Exclusion
- BU 0714 Damage to Your Work Performed by Subcontractors Exclusion
- BU 0715 Additional Insured - Contractors / Lessees / Owners - Form A
- BU 0716 Additional Insured - Contractors / Lessees / Owners - Form B
- BU 0717 Hired Automobile Liability
- BU 0718 Nonowned Automobile Liability
- BU 0719 Hired / Nonowned Liability
- BU 0720 Uninsured / Underinsured Motorists - Mobile Equipment - New Jersey
- BU 0721 Supplemental Declarations - Uninsured / Underinsured Motorist - Mobile Equipment
- BU 0722 Theft Exclusion

## COMPANY ACTION

The new Businessowners manual was not filed on behalf of the member companies, but rather as an alternative to the current rate based manual in New Jersey. Any company wishing to adopt this manual must prepare their loss cost multiplier(s) and make appropriate filings with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Companies with an existing Businessowners book of business must demonstrate the potential impact of the filing on these policies. We encourage implementation of a transitional rule to manage annual impact on individual policyholders.

Please note that this program contains a virus exclusion in the coverage forms. The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance will require that company filings to adopt the program include a related policyholder disclosure notice.

MSO staff is available to assist companies transitioning to the new program.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2021

**DISTRIBUTION**

The Businessowners 2021 manual and new / revised endorsements have been added to our website: <https://pm.msonet.com> for affiliated company access.

**QUESTIONS**

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