



Louisiana Surplus Lines Reporting Moving to New SLIP+ System July 1, 2026

The Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) is changing the way surplus lines taxes and policy information are reported in Louisiana.

All Louisiana surplus lines policies and endorsements with effective dates on or after July 1, 2026 must be reported through a system called **SLIP+ for States**. The system will also handle payment of surplus lines taxes and fees.

What Is SLIP+ for States?

At a high level, SLIP+ is an online reporting and payment platform used to process surplus lines transactions.

The system is designed to:

- Collect surplus lines policy information
- Calculate surplus lines taxes
- Invoice and process payments
- Handle required transaction fees

For Louisiana Surplus Lines brokers, this is a significant procedural change in how they report surplus lines taxes to the Department. The system will also give LDI significantly more insight into the policies written in the surplus lines market, which is largely opaque in the current system because of the lower level of regulatory oversight compared to the admitted market.

What do Independent Agents need to know

If your agency is a licensed surplus lines broker, you should reference [the LDI bulletin on the subject](#), and immediately reach out to Slip+ to get set up on the system for all policies effective July 1, 2026 and later.

For most independent agencies, however, the primary change will be the new 0.175% transaction fee. All Louisiana surplus lines policies effective July 1, 2026 and later will have a transaction fee to cover the expense of the Slip+ system, in addition to the existing surplus lines tax.

This fee will be listed as a separate line-item on surplus lines policies, so agents are likely to get questions from policyholders.

The new transaction fee is 0.175% of gross premium.

For example:

- A policy with a \$10,000 premium would generate:
 - \$485 in surplus lines tax
 - \$17.50 SLIP+ transaction fee

The fee applies to each insurance transaction processed through the platform, including a percentage charge on premium-bearing endorsements.

Note that the SLIP+ transaction fee is applied as a percentage of all premium and fees that are currently taxable under laws such as policy fees and inspection fees.

Preparing to Explain the Fee to Clients

Many insureds will likely notice the new 0.175% fee and ask why it has been added.

Agents should be prepared to explain that:

- The fee is required on ALL Surplus Lines policies as part of Louisiana's new reporting system.
- The charge is tied to state-required surplus lines processing — it is not an additional agency fee or insurer surcharge. It helps fund the operation of the electronic clearinghouse and payment system.
- The Department of Insurance implemented the system to modernize how surplus lines taxes and policy information are reported and processed, as well as to provide sufficient regulatory oversight into the size and makeup of the surplus lines market.
- Similar systems are already used in several other states for surplus lines compliance.

Important Transition Date

All new surplus lines policies and endorsements for policies with effective dates on or after July 1, 2026, must be reported through SLIP+.

Endorsements tied to policies with effective dates before July 1, 2026, will continue to use the Department's current reporting procedures, and therefore should not be subject to the 0.175% fee.

For Additional Information

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