

Bail Isn't the Same in Every State

How 51 jurisdictions (50 states and D.C.) differ on pricing rules and agent education.

HOW BAIL PRICING IS REGULATED



- 14** Specific premium rules
A statute or regulator specifies a premium formula, range or limit.
- 5** Limited commercial use
Court deposits or nonfinancial release predominate; commercial availability is limited.

- 28** Filed or variable rates
Check approved rates, the bond contract and applicable local rules.
- 4** Court-based release
Commercial bail bonds are not part of the ordinary release system.

BAIL AGENT CONTINUING EDUCATION

<div>26</div> <div>licensing states set CE hours</div>	<div>8</div> <div>exempt bail-only licenses from CE</div>	<div>3–24</div> <div>hours per cycle where CE is required</div>
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Who licenses bail agents also varies: insurance departments in most states, but dedicated boards, courts, county sheriffs or criminal justice agencies in others.

Counts come from Bail Bonds Magazine's state reference tables, which group complex laws into broad categories. Categories simplify the law, some figures could not be fully verified, and rules change. Use the linked state tables and official sources before relying on any figure.

Sources: State statutes, insurance departments and regulators for all 51 jurisdictions, listed at the page link below.