

The Next Step for the ALD....Public

Based on feedback received from state boards, the ALD is regarded as a valuable tool when determining if an individual and/or firm is licensed and in good standing. In fact, with continued use, state boards are discovering that the ALD is a positive asset when performing daily tasks.

For example, California is planning for their staff to use the ALD to process applications for licensure, to verify if individuals are licensed in other jurisdictions and to verify employers who sign experience forms. Missouri is another state that uses the ALD to verify all licensure applications. There are many other states that use the ALD for the same purpose.

Now, it is time to let everyone else have the same opportunity. With the widespread adoption of Mobility, the need for consumers and the general public to determine if an individual and/or firm is licensed and in good standing is more prevalent than ever. The public version of the ALD will allow the public, in a single search, to query where an individual and/or firm has been licensed, limited to the jurisdictions that are providing records to the ALD.

Many activities are currently in progress to pave the way for the launch of the public version of the ALD. A focus group has been surveyed to aid in the name selection process and to affirm that the information provided will serve as a beneficial tool to the public. If all goes well, NASBA plans to launch the ALD Public Web site during the first quarter of 2011.

Does your board have questions about providing information to the public via this national database? If so, NASBA is available to provide information and/or make a presentation to your board. Contact Kenny Denny (kdenny@nasba.org or 615-312-3801) for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Be Sure Not to Miss.....

The ALD Task Force is planning to have a big presence at this year's 103rd NASBA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Kenny Denny will be manning the ALD booth, located in the Regency Ballroom Foyer, to answer any questions meeting attendees may have regarding the ALD.

In addition to the information booth, please make plans to attend Tuesday's Annual Meeting Plenary Session where Dan Sweetwood (NE Executive Director and ALD Task Force chair) will present a status report on the ALD and also discuss new and exciting information regarding expanded use of the ALD in the year ahead. This will be something that you will not want to miss.

Finally, the ALD Task Force meets at least four times each year. One of these meetings is generally held in conjunction with the NASBA Annual Meeting. This year, the ALD Task Force will meet in San Antonio on Sunday, October 24, to discuss policies governing ALD, new features for the current ALD Board Web site as well as plans for the new ALD Public Tool.

The ALD is Proud to Welcome.....

The momentum of the ALD has grown rapidly in recent months. In 2010, six new states have been added to the ALD, four of which have been added since June 2010. A warm welcome is extended to ALD newcomers: Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio and Illinois. Several more states are working to deliver their records. Stay tuned for more updates.

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