

Your Exam Content Outline

The following outline describes the content of one of the Louisiana insurance examinations. The outlines are the basis of the examinations. The examination will contain questions on the subjects contained in the outline. The percentages indicate the relative weights assigned to each part of the examination. For example, 10 percent means that 6 questions will be drawn from the section on a 60-question exam, 10 will be drawn on a 100-question exam and 15 will be drawn on a 150-question exam.

Louisiana Examination for Surety Series 14-24

50 questions – One-hour time limit

1.0 Insurance Regulation 25%

1.1 Licensing

- Types of licensees (22:1547, 1962(F))
 - Individual producer (22:1542(6), 1546(A))
 - Business entity (22:1542(2), 1546(B))
 - Resident versus nonresident (22:1546, 1548, 1560)
 - Temporary (22:1553)
- Maintenance and duration
 - Expiration (22:1547(B))
 - Renewal (22:1547(C))
 - Change of address (22:1547(G))
 - Assumed names (22:1552)
 - Reporting of actions (22:1563)
 - Continuing education requirements (22:1573; Rule 10.703, .705)
- Disciplinary actions
 - Hearings (22:1968, 2191–2208)
 - Cease and desist order (22:1969)
 - License probation, suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue or renew (22:1554)
 - Penalties with or without suspension of license (22:1969, 1970)

1.2 State regulation

- Commissioner's general duties and powers (22:2, 1967)
- Company regulation
 - Certificate of authority (22:37, 65)
 - Unfair claims settlement practices (22:1964(14))
 - Appointment (22:1558)
 - Termination of appointment (22:1559)
- Producer regulation
 - Controlled business (22:1544(C))
 - Shared commissions (22:1557)
 - Payment to unlicensed entities (22:1562)
- Unfair trade practices (22:1964)
 - Misrepresentation (22:1964(1, 18))
 - False advertising (22:1964(2))
 - Defamation (22:1964(3))
 - Boycott, coercion and intimidation (22:1964(4))
 - False financial statements (22:1964(5))

- Unfair discrimination (22:1964(7))
- Rebating (22:1964(8))
- Examination of books and records (22:1967, 1981, 1990)
- Insurance fraud (22:1964(13), 1921–1929)
- Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (Rule 76.9903–.9953)

1.3 Federal regulation

- Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681–1681d)
- Fraud and false statements (18 USC 1033, 1034)

2.0 General Insurance 35%

2.1 Concepts

- Risk management key terms
 - Risk
 - Exposure
 - Hazard
 - Peril
 - Loss
- Methods of handling risk
 - Avoidance
 - Retention
 - Sharing
 - Reduction
 - Transfer
- Elements of insurable risks
- Adverse selection
- Law of large numbers
- Reinsurance

2.2 Insurers

- Types of insurers
 - Stock companies
 - Mutual companies
 - Fraternal benefit societies
 - Self insurers
 - Surplus lines
- Private versus government insurers
- Authorized versus unauthorized insurers
- Domestic, foreign and alien insurers
- Financial status (independent rating service)
- Marketing (distribution) systems

2.3 Producers and general rules of agency

- Insurer as principal
- Producer/insurer relationship
- Authority and powers of producers
 - Express
 - Implied
 - Apparent

2.4 Contracts

- Elements of a legal contract
 - Offer and acceptance
 - Consideration
 - Competent parties
 - Legal purpose
- Distinct characteristics of an insurance contract
 - Contract of adhesion
 - Aleatory contract
 - Personal contract
 - Unilateral contract
 - Conditional contract
- Legal interpretations affecting contracts
 - Ambiguities in a contract of adhesion
 - Reasonable expectations
 - Indemnity
 - Utmost good faith
 - Representations/misrepresentations
 - Warranties
 - Concealment
 - Fraud
 - Waiver and estoppel

3.0 Surety Bonds 40%

3.1 Nature of surety bonds

- Surety bonds versus insurance
- Parties of a surety bond
 - Principal
 - Obligee
 - Surety

3.2 Types of surety bonds

- Contract bonds
 - Bid
 - Performance
 - Payment
 - Maintenance
 - Miscellaneous contract
- Purpose of license and permit bonds
 - Compliance
 - Financial
 - Credit
 - Indemnity
 - Good faith

- Public official bond
 - Statutory versus common law or voluntary
 - Individual
 - Name schedule
 - Position schedule
- Judicial bonds
 - Attachment
 - Garnishment
 - Sequestration
 - Stay of execution
 - Release attachment
 - Bail
 - Appeal
 - Cost
 - Injunction
 - Dissolve injunction
 - Discharge mechanic's lien
- Fiduciary bonds
 - Probate
 - Equity
 - Federal bankruptcy court
- Federal
 - Internal revenue
 - Customs
 - Immigrant
- Miscellaneous surety bonds
 - Indemnity
 - Financial guarantee
 - Lost instrument
 - Reclamation
 - Self-insurance workers compensation
 - Small Business Administration (SBA) Surety Bond Guarantee Program