

Your Exam Content Outline

The following outline describes the content of one of the South Carolina insurance examinations. The examination will contain questions on the subjects contained in the outline. The percentages indicate the relative weight assigned to each section 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.

South Carolina Producer's Examination for Personal Lines Insurance Series 19-17

100 questions – Two-hour time limit

1.0 Insurance Regulation 15%

1.1 Licensing

- Process (38-43-100)
- Types of licensees
 - Producer (38-43-10, 30)
 - Nonresident (38-43-70)
 - Temporary (38-43-102)
- Maintenance and duration (38-43-110)
 - Reinstatement (38-43-110(B))
 - Reporting of actions (38-43-247)
 - Change of address (38-43-107)
 - Assumed names (38-43-10(C))
 - Continuing education (38-43-106)
- Disciplinary actions
 - Cease and desist order (38-57-200, 230)
 - Hearings (38-3-170; 38-57-200)
 - Penalties (38-2-10–30, 38-43-130)

1.2 State regulation

- Director's general duties and powers (38-3-60, 110)
- Company regulation
 - Certificate of authority (38-5-80)
 - Solvency (38-5-120)
 - Rates (38-3-110)
 - Policy forms (38-61-20)
 - Unfair claims settlement practices (38-59-20)
 - Examination of books and records (38-13-10–30)
 - Appointment (38-43-40, 50)
 - Termination of appointment (38-43-55)
- Producer regulation
 - Records maintenance (38-43-250)
 - Failure to act as fiduciary (38-43-240)
 - Blank forms (38-43-260)
 - Sharing commissions (38-43-200)
 - Representing an unauthorized insurer (38-43-160–180)
- Unfair and prohibited practices
 - Misrepresentation (38-57-40)
 - False advertising (38-57-50)
 - Defamation (38-57-90)

- Boycott, coercion and intimidation (38-57-100)
- False financial statements (38-57-80)
- Unfair discrimination (38-55-50)
- Rebating (38-57-130)
- Twisting (38-57-60)
- Prohibited inducements (38-57-130, 150)
- Insurance fraud act (38-55-510–590)
- Consumer information privacy regulation (Reg 69-58 Sec 1–16)

1.3 Federal regulation

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

2.0 General Insurance 5%

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
 - Lloyd's associations
 - Risk retention groups
 - Captive companies (Title 38, Ch 90)
- Private versus government insurers
- Authorized versus unauthorized insurers
- Domestic, foreign and alien insurers
- Financial status (independent rating services)
- 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

Responsibilities to the applicant/insured

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 Property and Casualty Insurance Basics 15%

3.1 Principles and concepts

Insurable interest

Underwriting

- Function
- Loss ratio

Rates

- Types
- Loss costs
- Components

Hazards

- Physical
- Moral
- Morale

Negligence

- Elements of a negligent act
- Defenses against negligence

Damages

- Compensatory — special versus general
- Punitive

Absolute liability

Strict liability

Vicarious liability

Causes of loss (perils)

Named perils versus special (open) perils

Direct loss

Consequential or indirect loss

Blanket versus specific insurance

Basic types of construction

Loss valuation

- Actual cash value
- Replacement cost
- Functional replacement cost
- Market value
- Agreed value
- Stated amount

3.2 Policy structure

Declarations

Definitions

Insuring agreement or clause

Additional/supplementary coverage

Conditions

Exclusions

Endorsements

3.3 Common policy provisions

Insureds — named, first named, additional

Policy period

Policy territory

Cancellation and nonrenewal

Deductibles

Other insurance

- Nonconcurrency
- Primary and excess
- Pro rata

Limits of liability

- Per occurrence (accident)
- Per person
- Split
- Combined single

Restoration/nonreduction of limits

Coinsurance

Vacancy or unoccupancy

Named insured provisions

- Duties after loss
- Assignment
- Abandonment

Insurer provisions

- Liberalization
- Subrogation
- Salvage
- Claim settlement options
- Duty to defend

Third-party provisions

- Standard mortgage clause
- Loss payable clause
- No benefit to the bailee

3.4 South Carolina laws, regulations and required provisions

South Carolina Valued Policy Law (38-75-20, 30)

South Carolina Property and Casualty Insurance
Guaranty Association (38-31-10-170)

Cancellation, nonrenewal and renewal
(38-75-710-790)

Arbitration of property damage liability claims
(38-77-710-770)

4.0 Dwelling ('02) Policy 10%

4.1 Characteristics and purpose

4.2 Coverage forms — Perils insured against

Basic
Broad
Special

4.3 Property coverages

Coverage A — Dwelling
Coverage B — Other structures
Coverage C — Personal property
Coverage D — Fair rental value
Coverage E — Additional living expense
Other coverages

4.4 General exclusions

4.5 Conditions

4.6 Selected endorsements

Special provisions — South Carolina (DP 01 39)
Automatic increase in insurance (DP 04 11)
Broad theft coverage (DP 04 72)
Dwelling under construction (DP 11 43)

4.7 Personal liability supplement

5.0 Homeowners ('00) Policy 20%

5.1 Coverage forms

HO-2 through HO-6
HO-8

5.2 Definitions

5.3 Section I — Property coverages

Coverage A — Dwelling
Coverage B — Other structures
Coverage C — Personal property
Coverage D — Loss of use
Additional coverages

5.4 Section II — Liability coverages

Coverage E — Personal liability
Coverage F — Medical payments to others
Additional coverages

5.5 Perils insured against

5.6 Exclusions

5.7 Conditions

5.8 Selected endorsements

Special provisions — South Carolina (HO 01 39)
Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage
(HO 04 26, HO 04 27)
Permitted incidental occupancies (HO 04 42)
Earthquake (HO 04 54)
Scheduled personal property (HO 04 61)
Personal property replacement cost (HO 04 90)
Home day care (HO 04 97)
Business pursuits (HO 24 71)
Watercraft (HO 24 75)
Personal injury (HO 24 82)

6.0 Auto Insurance 25%

6.1 Laws

South Carolina Motor Vehicle Financial
Responsibility Act (RL Title 56, Chapter 9)

Required limits of liability (38-77-140)
Uninsured/underinsured motorist
(38-77-150-170, 180-230, 260)

Definitions
Bodily injury
Property damage
Required limits

Cancellation/nonrenewal (38-77-120-124, 390;
RL 56-10-280)

Reasons
Notice

Constructive total loss
Arbitration

6.2 Personal ('05) auto policy

Definitions

Liability coverage

Bodily injury and property damage
Supplementary payments
Exclusions

Medical payments coverage

Uninsured motorists coverage

Coverage for damage to your auto

Collision
Other than collision
Deductibles
Transportation expenses
Exclusions

Duties after an accident or loss

General provisions

Selected endorsements

Amendment of policy provisions — South
Carolina (PP 01 78)

Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03)

Extended non-owned coverage (PP 03 06)

Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03 23)

Joint ownership coverage (PP 03 34)

7.0 Other Coverages and Options 10%

7.1 Umbrella/excess liability policies

Personal (DL 98 01)

7.2 National Flood Insurance Program

"Write your own" versus government

Eligibility

Coverage

Limits

Deductibles

7.3 South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association (SCWHUA) (38-75-310-460)

Eligibility

Coverage

Limits

Deductibles

7.4 Other policies

Boatowners

7.5 Residual markets

Associated Auto Insurers Plan (38-77-10-395)