

Your Exam Content Outline

The following outline describes the content of one of the Pennsylvania 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.

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Pennsylvania Personal Lines Examination Series

100 questions – Two-hour time limit

1.0 Insurance Regulation 13%

1.1 Licenses

- Process (40 P.S. §§ 310.3–310.14)
- Types of licensees (40 P.S. § 310.1)
 - Producer (40 P.S. §§ 310.3-310.5)
 - Nonresident (40 P.S. § 310.10)
 - Temporary (40 P.S. § 310.9)
 - Managers and exclusive general agents (40 P.S. § 310.31)
- Maintenance and duration
 - Renewal (40 P.S. § 310.8)
 - Reporting of actions (40 P.S. § 310.78)
 - Assumed names (40 P.S. § 310.7)
 - Address change (40 P.S. § 310.11(19))
 - Continuing education (40 P.S. § 310.8(b))
- Disciplinary actions
 - Cease and desist order (40 P.S. §§ 310.91, 1171.9)
 - Revocation, suspension, nonrenewal or denial of license (40 P.S. § 310.91)
 - Fines (40 P.S. §§ 310.12, 310.91, 1171.11)

1.2 State regulation

- Commissioner's general duties and powers (40 P.S. §§ 310.2, 1171.7)
- Company regulation
 - Solvency (40 P.S. §§ 72, 112)
 - Rates (40 P.S. §§ 1181–1199, 1221–1238)
 - Policy forms (40 P.S. §§ 477b, 510, 776.1–776.7)
 - Unfair claims settlement practices (40 P.S. § 1171.5(a)(10); 31 Pa. Code Ch. 146)
- Producer regulation
 - Fiduciary responsibility (40 P.S. § 310.96)
 - Examination of books and records (40 P.S. § 323.3)
 - Commissions and fees (40 P.S. §§ 310.72–310.74)
 - Prohibited acts (40 P.S. § 310.11)
- Appointment of producers (40 P.S. § 310.71)
 - Producer as representative of insurer
 - Producer as representative of consumer — disclosure requirements

Unfair insurance practices

- (40 P.S. §§ 1171.4-1171.5)
 - Rebating (40 P.S. §§ 310.45, 1171.5(a)(8))
 - Misrepresentation (40 P.S. §§ 310.47–.48, 1171.5(a)(1),(2))
 - Twisting (40 P.S. §§ 310.47, 473)
 - False advertising (40 P.S. § 1171.5; 31 Pa. Code Ch. 51)
 - Defamation (40 P.S. § 1171.5(a)(3); 31 Pa. Code Ch. 51)
 - Boycott, coercion or intimidation (40 P.S. § 1171.5(a)(4))
 - Misappropriation of funds (40 P.S. §§ 310.11(4), 310.42)
 - Unfair discrimination (40 P.S. § 1171.5; 31 Pa. Code § 145.4)
 - Illegal inducement (40 P.S. §§ 310.46, 1171.5(a)(8))
- Privacy of consumer financial information (40 P.S. § 310.77(a); 31 Pa. Code §§ 146a.1–.44)
- Insurance fraud regulation (40 P.S. §§ 325.1–325.62; 18 Pa. C.S. § 4117)

1.3 Federal regulation

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

2.0 General Insurance 11%

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
 - Reciprocal
 - Lloyd's associations
- Private versus government insurers
- Admitted versus nonadmitted 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
- Powers and authority 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/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
 - Contribution by equal shares
- Limits of liability
 - Per occurrence (accident)
 - Per person
 - Split
 - Combined single
- Policy limits
- 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 Pennsylvania laws, regulations and required provisions

- Pennsylvania Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association (40 P.S. §§ 991.1801–.1820)
- Standard fire policy (40 P.S. § 636)
- Cancellation and nonrenewal
 - Private residential (40 P.S. § 1171.5(a)(9); 31 Pa. Code Ch. 59.6)
 - Basic property insurance — death of named insured (40 P.S. § 636.1(a))
- Binders (40 P.S. § 636)
- Insurance consultation services exemption (40 P.S. §§ 1841–1844)

4.0 Dwelling ('02) Policy 5%

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 — Pennsylvania (DP 01 37)
- 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 ('01 PA Version) Policy 22%

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 — Pennsylvania (HO 01 37)
- Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria (HO 04 26, HO 04 27)
- Permitted incidental occupancies (HO 04 42)
- Scheduled personal property (HO 04 61)
- Home day care (HO 04 97)
- Personal property replacement cost — Pennsylvania (HO 23 63)
- Business pursuits (HO 24 71)
- Watercraft (HO 24 75)
- Personal injury (HO 24 82)

6.0 Auto Insurance 23%

6.1 Laws

- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law (75 Pa. C.S. 1701–99)
 - Required limits of liability (75 Pa. C.S. 1702, 1705, 1711)
- Pennsylvania Automobile Insurance Plan (75 Pa. C.S. 1741–1744)
- First-party benefits (75 Pa. C.S. 1711–1725)
- Uninsured/underinsured motorist (40 P.S. § 2000; 75 Pa. C.S. 1731, 1733–1734, 1736, 1738)
 - Definitions
 - Bodily injury
 - Stacked and non-stacked
 - UM/UIM rejection
 - Required limits
- Cancellation/nonrenewal (31 Pa. Code Ch. 61)
- Grounds (40 P.S. §§ 991.2001–.2004)
- Notice (40 P.S. § 991.2006)
 - Notice of eligibility in assigned risk plan (40 P.S. § 991.2006)
- Tort option selections (75 Pa. C.S. 1705)
- Notice of rental car coverage (75 Pa. C.S. 1725)

6.2 Personal ('05) auto policy

- Definitions
- Liability coverage
 - Bodily injury and property damage
 - Supplementary payments
 - Exclusions
- Medical payments coverage
- Uninsured motorist 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 —
 - Pennsylvania (PP 01 51)
- Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03)
- Extended non-owned coverage for named individual (PP 03 06)
- Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03 23)
- Joint ownership coverage (PP 03 34)

7.0 Other Coverages and Options 11%

7.1 Personal umbrella policies (DL 98 01)

7.2 National Flood Insurance Program

"Write your own" versus government

Eligibility

Coverages

Limits

Deductibles

7.3 Other policies

Boatowners

**7.4 Residual markets including FAIR Plans
(40 P.S. §§ 1600.101–.103)**

7.5 Federal Crop Insurance (RMA)