

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 Property, Casualty, Surety and Marine Insurance Series 19-04

150 questions – 2.5-hour time limit

1.0 Insurance Regulation 10%

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 7%

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 16%

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
- Contribution by equal shares

- Limits of liability

- Per occurrence (accident)

- Per person

- Aggregate — general versus products —
completed operations

- Split

- Combined single

- Policy limits

- Restoration/nonreduction of limits

- Coinurance

- 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)
Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 and
Extensions (15 USC 6701; Public Law 109-144,
110-160; HR 2761)

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 — 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 13%

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 18%

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)

6.3 Commercial auto ('06)

Commercial auto coverage forms
Business auto
Garage
Business auto physical damage
Truckers
Motor carrier
Coverage form sections
Covered autos
Liability coverage
Garagekeepers coverage
Physical damage coverage
Exclusions
Conditions
Definitions
Selected endorsements
Lessor — additional insured and loss payee
(CA 20 01)

- Mobile equipment (CA 20 15)
- Auto medical payments coverage (CA 99 03)
- Hired autos specified as covered autos you own (CA 99 16)
- Individual named insured (CA 99 17)
- Commercial carrier regulations
- The Motor Carrier Act of 1980
- Endorsement for motor carrier policies of insurance for public liability (MCS-90)

7.0 Commercial Package Policy (CPP) 8%

7.1 Components of a commercial policy

- Common policy declarations
- Common policy conditions
- Interline endorsements
- One or more coverage parts

7.2 Commercial general liability ('07)

- Commercial general liability coverage forms
- Bodily injury and property damage liability
- Personal and advertising injury liability
- Medical payments
- Exclusions
- Supplementary payments
- Who is an insured
- Limits of insurance
- Conditions
- Definitions
- Occurrence versus claims-made
- Claims-made features
 - Trigger
 - Retroactive date
 - Extended reporting periods — basic versus supplemental
 - Claim information
- Premises and operations
- Products and completed operations
- Insured contract

7.3 Commercial property ('02)

- Commercial property conditions form
- Coverage forms
 - Building and personal property
 - Condominium association
 - Condominium commercial unit-owners
 - Builders risk
 - Business income
 - Legal liability
 - Extra expense
- Causes of loss forms
 - Basic
 - Broad
 - Special
- Selected endorsements
 - Ordinance or law (CP 04 05)
 - Spoilage (CP 04 40)
 - Peak season limit of insurance (CP 12 30)
 - Value reporting form (CP 13 10)

7.4 Commercial crime ('06)

- General definitions
- Burglary

- Theft
- Robbery
- Crime coverage forms
 - Commercial crime coverage forms (discovery/loss sustained)
 - Government crime coverage forms (discovery/loss sustained)
- Coverages
 - Employee theft
 - Forgery or alteration
 - Inside the premises — theft of money and securities
 - Inside the premises — robbery or safe burglary of other property
 - Outside the premises
 - Computer fraud
 - Funds transfer fraud
 - Money orders and counterfeit money
- Other crime coverage
 - Extortion — commercial entities (CR 04 03)

7.5 Commercial inland marine

- Nationwide marine definition
- Commercial inland marine conditions form
- Inland marine coverage forms
 - Accounts receivable
 - Bailee's customer
 - Commercial articles
 - Contractors equipment floater
 - Electronic data processing
 - Equipment dealers
 - Installation floater
 - Jewelers block
 - Signs
 - Valuable papers and records
- Transportation coverages
 - Common carrier cargo liability
 - Motor truck cargo forms
 - Transit coverage forms

7.6 Equipment breakdown ('07)

- Equipment breakdown protection coverage form (EB 00 20)
- Selected endorsement
 - Actual cash value (EB 99 59)

7.7 Farm coverage

- Farm property coverage form ('03)
 - Coverage A — Dwellings
 - Coverage B — Other private structures
 - Coverage C — Household personal property
 - Coverage D — Loss of use
 - Coverage E — Scheduled farm personal property
 - Coverage F — Unscheduled farm personal property
 - Coverage G — Other farm structures
- Farm liability coverage form ('06)
 - Coverage H — Bodily injury and property damage liability

- Coverage I — Personal and advertising injury liability
- Coverage J — Medical payments
- Livestock coverage form
- Mobile agricultural machinery and equipment coverage form
- Cause of loss (basic, broad and special)
- Exclusions
- Additional coverages
- Limits of insurance
- Conditions
- Definitions

8.0 Businessowners ('06) Policy 4%

8.1 Characteristics and purpose

8.2 Businessowners Section I — Property

- Coverage
- Exclusions
- Limits of insurance
- Deductibles
- Loss conditions
- General conditions
- Optional coverages
- Definitions

8.3 Businessowners Section II — Liability

- Coverages
- Exclusions
- Who is an insured
- Limits of insurance
- General conditions
- Definitions

8.4 Businessowners Section III — Common Policy Conditions

8.5 Selected endorsements

- Hired auto and non-owned auto liability (BP 04 04)
- Protective safeguards (BP 04 30)
- Utility services — direct damage (BP 04 56)
- Utility services — time element (BP 04 57)

9.0 Workers Compensation Insurance 4%

9.1 Workers compensation laws

- Types of laws
 - Monopolistic versus competitive
 - Compulsory versus elective
- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law (RL Title 42)
 - Exclusive remedy (RL 42-1-540)
 - Employment covered (required, voluntary) (RL 42-1-130–150, 310, 360)
 - Covered injuries (RL 42-1-160; RL 42-9-60; RL 42-15-20, 40)
 - Occupational disease (RL 42-11-10)
 - Benefits provided (RL 42-9-10–30, 200, 260, 290; RL 42-13-90; RL 42-15-10, 60–70)
 - Second injury fund (RL 42-7-310; RL 42-9-400)

9.2 Workers compensation and employers liability insurance policy

- General section
 - Part One — Workers compensation insurance
 - Part Two — Employers liability insurance
 - Part Three — Other states insurance
 - Part Four — Your duties if injury occurs
 - Part Five — Premium
 - Part Six — Conditions
- Selected endorsement
 - Voluntary compensation

9.3 Premium computation

- Job classification — payroll and rates
- Experience modification factor
- Premium discounts
- Participation (dividend) plans
- Audit

9.4 Sources of coverage

- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Uninsured Employers' Fund (RL 42-7-200)
- Self-insured employers (RL 42-5-20, 50)
- South Carolina residual workers compensation
- Voluntary market

10.0 Marine Insurance 3%

10.1 Hull coverage

- Characteristics and purpose
 - Assured
 - Agreed value
 - Deductible (or deductible average clause)
 - Premium, return of premium and nonpayment of premium
- Adventure
- Causes of loss
- Claims (general provisions)
- General average and salvage
- Sue and labor
- Collision liability
- Limitations of liability
- Pilotage and towage
- Change of ownership
- Additional insurances
- War, strikes, and related exclusions

10.2 Cargo coverage

- Characteristics and purpose
- Types of cargo losses
 - Total loss — actual total loss versus constructive total loss
 - Partial loss — particular average versus general average
- Sue and labor expenses
- Salvage charges and awards

10.3 Protection and indemnity insurance

- Insuring agreements
- Indemnity principle
- Liability of vessel owner
- Common covered losses

- Exclusions
- Conditions regarding claims
- Other provisions

11.0 Surety and Fidelity 3%

11.1 Surety bonds

- Nature of surety bonds
 - Surety bonds versus insurance
 - Parties of a surety bond — Principal, obligee, surety
 - Contract bonds
 - Purpose of license and permit bonds
 - Public official bond
 - Judicial bonds
 - Fiduciary bonds

11.2 Fidelity coverages

- Nature of fidelity bonds
- Employee theft coverage
- Financial institution bonds
- Public employee bonds

12.0 Other Coverages and Options 9%

12.1 Umbrella/excess liability policies

- Personal (DL 98 01)
- Commercial (CU 00 01)

12.2 Specialty liability insurance

- Errors and omissions
- Professional liability
- Directors and officers liability
- Fiduciary liability
- Liquor liability
- Employment practices liability

12.3 Surplus lines

- Definitions and markets
- Licensing requirements

12.4 Aviation insurance

- Aircraft hull
- Aircraft liability

12.5 National Flood Insurance Program

- "Write your own" versus government
- Eligibility
- Coverage
- Limits
- Deductibles

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

- Eligibility
- Coverage
- Limits
- Deductibles

12.7 Other policies

- Boatowners
- Difference in conditions

12.8 Residual markets

- Joint Underwriting Associations
 - Professional Liability Insurance (38-83-10-190)
- Associated Auto Insurers Plan (38-77-10-395)