

Your Exam Content Outline

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

Connecticut Casualty Adjuster's Examination for All Lines Insurance Except Workers Compensation Series 18-10

100 questions – Two-hour time limit

1.0 Insurance Regulation 6%

1.1 Licensing requirements

(38a-792; Reg 38a-792-1)

- Qualifications (38a-769, 792)
- Process (38a-769, 792)
- Impersonation (38a-773)
- Maintenance and duration
 - Term of license (38a-792(a))
 - Renewal (38a-792(a))
 - Change in name or address (38a-771(a))
 - Reporting of actions (38a-771(b))
- Disciplinary actions
 - Cease and desist order (38a-817)
 - Hearings (38a-16, 817, 818)
 - Suspensions, revocations, refusal to issue or renew, fines (38a-2, 774, 792(c), 817(b, e))

1.2 State and federal regulation

- Commissioner's general duties and powers (38a-8, 10)
- Unfair and prohibited practices
 - Misrepresentation (38a-816(1), (8))
 - Defamation of insurer (38a-816(3))
 - Complaint handling (38a-816(7))
- Unfair claims settlement practices (38a-816(6))
- Binders (38a-322)
- Cancellations (38a-307)
- Renewal/nonrenewal (38a-323)
- Statute of limitations (RL 52-577, 577a, 584)
- Connecticut Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act (38a-975-999a)
- Connecticut Insurance Guaranty Association Act (38a-836-853)
- Legal action against insurer (38a-290, 307)
- Appraisal (38a-307)

2.0 Insurance Basics 15%

2.1 Insurers

- Admitted
- Nonadmitted
- Stock
- Mutual

Reciprocals

2.2 Contract basics

- 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

2.3 Insurance principles and concepts

- Insurable interest
- 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

2.4 Policy structure

- Declarations
- Definitions
- Insuring agreement or clause
- Additional/supplementary coverage
- Conditions
- Exclusions
- Endorsements

2.5 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
- Assignment
- Insurer provisions
 - Liberalization
 - Duty to defend

3.0 Adjusting Losses 27%

3.1 Role of the adjuster

- Duties and responsibilities
- Staff and independent adjuster versus public adjuster
- Relationship to the legal profession

3.2 Claim reporting

- Claim investigation
- Claim file documentation of events
- Types of records
 - Initial or first field
 - Interim or status
 - Full formal

3.3 Liability losses

- Investigation procedures
 - Verify coverage
 - Determine liability
- Gathering evidence
 - Physical evidence
 - Witness statements
- Determining value of intangible damages

3.4 Coverage problems

- Dealing with coverage disputes
 - Reservation of rights letter
 - Nonwaiver agreement

3.5 Claims adjustment procedures

- Settlement procedures
 - Advance payments
 - Draft authority
 - Execution of releases
- Subrogation procedures
- Alternative dispute resolution
 - Appraisal
 - Arbitration
 - Competitive estimates
 - Mediation
 - Negotiation

4.0 Homeowners ('00) Policy 13%

4.1 Coverage forms

- HO-2 through HO-6

4.2 Definitions

4.3 Section II — Liability coverages

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

4.4 Exclusions

4.5 Conditions

4.6 Selected endorsements

- Special provisions — Connecticut (HO 01 06)
- Permitted incidental occupancies — residence premises (HO 04 42)
- Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage — Connecticut (HO 04 74, HO 04 75, HO 04 76)
- Home day care (HO 04 97)
- Business pursuits (HO 24 71)
- Watercraft (HO 24 75)
- Personal injury — Connecticut (HO 24 79)

5.0 Auto Insurance 20%

5.1 Laws

- Connecticut Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law
 - Required limits of liability (RL 14-112(a))
 - Required proof of insurance (RL 14-112(b))
- Connecticut Automobile Insurance Assigned Risk Plan (38a-329)
- Uninsured/underinsured motorist (38a-336)
 - Definitions
 - Bodily injury
 - UM/UIM reduction
 - Required limits (Reg 38a-334-6(d))
 - Conversion coverage (38a-336a)
- Aftermarket parts regulation (38a-355)
- Constructive total loss (38a-353)
- Arbitration (Reg 38a-10-1-4)
- Disclosure of automobile liability insurance policy limits (38a-335a)

5.2 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 — Connecticut (PP 01 54)
- Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03)
- Extended non-owned coverage — vehicles furnished or available for regular use (PP 03 06)
- Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03 23)
- Joint ownership coverage — Connecticut (PP 13 45)

5.3 Commercial auto ('06)

- Commercial auto coverage forms
 - Business auto
 - Garage
 - Business auto physical damage
- Coverage form sections
 - Covered autos
 - Liability coverage
 - Garagekeepers coverage
 - Physical damage coverage
 - Exclusions
 - Conditions
 - Definitions

6.0 Commercial Package Policy (CPP) 12%

6.1 Components of a commercial policy

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

6.2 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 (Connecticut minimum standards) (Reg 38a-327-1-6)
 - Trigger
 - Retroactive date
 - Extended reporting periods
 - Claim information
- Premises and operations
- Products and completed operations
- Insured contract
- Owners and contractors protective liability coverage form (CG 00 09)

6.3 Commercial crime ('06)

- General definitions
 - Burglary
 - Theft
 - Robbery
- Crime coverage forms
 - Commercial 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 coverages
 - Extortion — commercial entities (CR 04 03)
 - Lessees of safe deposit boxes (CR 04 09)
 - Securities deposited with others (CR 04 10)
 - Guests' property (CR 04 11)
 - Safe depository (CR 04 12)

7.0 Businessowners ('10) Policy 5%

7.1 Characteristics and purpose

7.2 Businessowners Section II — Liability

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

7.3 Businessowners Section III — Common Policy Conditions

7.4 Selected endorsements

- Hired auto and non-owned auto liability (BP 04 04)

8.0 Other Coverages 2%

8.1 Umbrella/excess liability policies

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

8.2 Specialty liability insurance

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