

Your Exam Content Outline

The following outline describes the content of one of the South Dakota 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.

South Dakota Producer's Examination for Property Insurance Series 10-43

100 questions – Two-hour time limit

1.0 Insurance Regulation 10%

1.1 Licensing

- Process (58-30-145, 148)
- Types of licensees
 - Producers (58-30-142, 175)
 - Business entities (58-30-149)
 - Nonresident producers (58-30-100, 159, 160)
 - Temporary (58-30-165, 166)
- Maintenance and duration
 - Renewal (58-30-74, 120, 121)
 - Termination (58-30-112)
 - Change of address (58-30-157, 162)
 - Assumed business name (58-30-164)
 - Reporting of actions (58-30-193)
 - Continuing education (58-30-116, 120;
Reg 20:06:18:01-04, 09-10, 12-13, 18)
- Disciplinary actions
 - Cease and desist order (58-4-7)
 - Suspension, revocation and refusal to issue or
renew (58-30-108, 110, 167)
 - Right to hearing (58-30-168)
 - Penalties and fines (58-4-28.1; 58-30-133,
167, 170)

1.2 State regulation

- Director's general duties and powers (58-2-22)
- Company regulation
 - Certificate of authority (58-6-1)
 - Solvency (58-6-23; Reg 20:06:23:02)
 - Appointment (58-30-175-192)
 - Unfair claims settlement practices (58-33-67)
- Producer regulation
 - Reporting of felonies and crimes of moral
turpitude (58-30-194)
 - Commissions (58-30-171-174)
 - Loans (58-30-140)
 - Influence of witnesses (58-30-196)
- Unfair trade practices
 - Rebating (58-33-14, 24, 25)
 - Misrepresentation (58-33-5, 6, 37)
 - False advertising (58-33-5, 6)
 - Twisting (58-33-8)
 - Illegal inducement (58-33-11, 15, 24)

- Boycott, coercion or intimidation (58-33-32)
- Charges for extra services (58-33-36)
- Defamation of insurer (58-33-7)
- Unfair discrimination
(58-11-55; 58-33-13.1, 26)
- Examination of books and records
(58-3-5; 58-30-91; Reg 20:06:01:05-.01)
- Producer appointment (58-30-6, 175)
- Termination of appointment (58-30-8, 180)
- Insurance fraud regulation (58-4A-1-17)
- Privacy of consumer financial information
(Reg 20:06:45:01-26)

1.3 Federal regulation

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

2.0 General Insurance 15%

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
 - Surplus lines
 - Risk retention groups
- Risk purchasing groups
- 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 Insurance Basics 20%

3.1 Principles and concepts

Insurable interest

Underwriting

Function

Loss ratio

Rates

Types

Loss costs

Components

Hazards

Physical

Moral

Morale

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

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

Policy limits

Restoration/nonreduction of limits

Appraisal

Coinsurance

Vacancy or unoccupancy

Named insured provision

Duties after loss

Assignment

Abandonment

Insurer provisions

Liberalization

Subrogation

Salvage

Claim settlement options

Third-party provisions

Standard mortgage clause

Loss payable clause

No benefit to the bailee

3.4 South Dakota laws, regulations and required provisions

South Dakota Valued Policy Law (58-10-10)

South Dakota Insurance Guaranty Association

(58-29A-54-109)

Cancellation and nonrenewal

(58-1-14, 15; 58-33-61)

Binders (58-11-29-31)

Suit against insurer (RL 15-2-13(1))

Federal Terrorism Insurance Program (15 USC

6701; Public Law 109-144, 110-160)

4.0 Dwelling ('02) Policy 7%

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 Dakota (DP 01 40)
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 — Section I 15%

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 Perils insured against

5.5 Exclusions

5.6 Conditions

5.7 Selected endorsements

Special provisions — South Dakota (HO 01 40)
Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage
(HO 04 26, HO 04 27)
Permitted incidental occupancies — residence
premises (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)

6.0 Commercial Package Policy (CPP) 15%

6.1 Components of a commercial policy

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

6.2 Commercial property ('07)

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
Earthquake

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)

6.3 Commercial inland marine

Nationwide marine definition
Commercial inland marine conditions form
Inland marine coverage forms
Accounts receivable
Bailee's customers
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

6.4 Equipment breakdown ('08)

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

6.5 Farm coverage

Farm property coverage forms ('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
Livestock coverage form
Mobile agricultural machinery and equipment
coverage form
Definitions
Causes of loss (basic, broad and special)
Conditions
Exclusions
Limits
Additional coverages

7.0 Businessowners ('10) Policy — Property 15%

7.1 Characteristics and purpose

7.2 Businessowners Section I — Property

Coverage
Exclusions
Limits of insurance
Deductibles
Loss conditions

General conditions
Optional coverages
Definitions

7.3 Businessowners Section III – Common Policy Conditions

7.4 Selected endorsements

Utility services – direct damage (BP 04 56)
Utility services – time element (BP 04 57)
South Dakota protective safeguards (BP 04 79)

8.0 Other Coverages and Options 3%

8.1 National Flood Insurance Program

"Write your own" versus government
Eligibility
Coverage
Limits
Deductibles

8.2 Other policies

Boatowners
Aircraft hull