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# Licensing Information Handbook

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# Introduction

# A Message from the Department

This handbook provides you with information about the process of taking an examination and becoming licensed by the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation (the Department). It also contains information that is useful **after** you become licensed. We suggest you keep this bulletin for future reference. Additional information about each license type and electronic application information is available on the Department's Web site.

The Department has contracted with Prometric Inc., to conduct its examination program. We wish you well in preparing for your examination and remind you that by law Producers and Workers' Compensation Adjusters are required to take continuing education.

# Overview of Licensing Process

This handbook provides information about the examination and licensing process for obtaining a resident insurance license. You should read this Licensing Handbook including the examination content outlines prior to taking an exam. If interested in applying for a nonresident license, you can apply online via NIPR at **www.nipr.com** or an NIPR authorized business partner.



#### **Overview of Licensing Process**

Follow these main steps if you are interested in obtaining an insurance license.

- 1. Read this handbook to learn about examination and licensing requirements.
- Register and schedule your exam. The easiest way to register and schedule is online at www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance. Phone, fax and mail options are also available.
- **3.** Review the examination content outlines, which can be found at the end of this document. The content outlines in this guide are the basis for the exams.
- **4.** Take the scheduled examination, bringing required identification to the test center.
- **5.** Apply for your license through the Department at: www.vermontinsuranceagent.info



## To get answers not provided in this handbook

**Visit our Website: www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance** 

#### Frequently Asked Questions are available:

https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/insurance/Documents/

vermont/VTInsuranceExamFAQs.pdf

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# **Vermont Licensing Requirements**

#### This section describes:

- The types of licenses offered and their requirements.
- Examination waivers.

# Types of Licenses and Requirements

Pursuant to Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 8, Chapter 131, the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation is authorized to issue the license types listed below to qualified candidates to sell or provide insurance services and products in Vermont. Each license granted by the Department is valid only for the line/lines of authority named on the license.

License Tyre	Description
License Type	Description
Insurance Producer	Any individual who intends to sell, solicit or negotiate insurance. An insurance producer must be appointed by an insurer if the producer intends to act as an agent of the insurer.
Limited Lines Producer	Any individual or partnership who is authorized by the Commissioner to solicit or negotiate contracts for a particular line of insurance that does not require the professional competency demanded for an insurance producer's license. Limited Lines include credit, crop, rental, surety and travel.
Adjuster	Any individual who investigates claims and negotiates settlement of claims arising under policies of insurance in behalf of insurers under such policies, or who advertises or solicits business from insurers as an adjuster.
Public Adjuster	Any individual who investigates claims and negotiates settlement of claims arising under policies of insurance on behalf of the insured under such policies, or who advertises or solicits business as such adjuster.
Appraiser	Any individual who, for compensation, appraises the loss or damage under policies of automobile insurance in behalf of the insurers under such policies.
Consultant	Any individual who, for a fee, holds himself or herself out to the public as engaged in the business of offering any advice, counsel, opinion or service with respect to the benefits, advantages or disadvantages promised under any policy of insurance that could be issued in this state. A consultant may not concurrently hold a producer license.
Life Settlement Broker	Vermont Law defines a Life Settlement Broker to mean a natural person who is working exclusively on behalf of a policy owner and, for a fee, commission, or other valuable consideration, offers or attempts to negotiate life settlement contracts between an owner and one or more life settlement providers.
Managing General Agent	Any individual who manages all or part of the insurance business of an insurer and acts as a producer for such insurer, and who, either separately or together with affiliates, produces directly or indirectly and underwrites an amount of gross written premium greater than or equal to five percent of the policyholder surplus of the insurer in any one quarter or year; and adjusts or pays claims in excess of \$10,000; or negotiates reinsurance on behalf of such insurer.
Reinsurance Intermediary Broker	Any individual, other than an officer or employee of the ceding insurer, who solicits, negotiates or places reinsurance cessions or retro-cessions on behalf of a ceding insurer without the authority or power to bind reinsurance on behalf of such insurer.
Reinsurance Intermediary Manager	Any individual who has authority to bind or manage all or part of the assumed reinsurance business of a reinsurer, including the management of a separate division, department or underwriting office, and acts as a producer for such reinsurer whether known as a reinsurance intermediary-manager, manager or other similar term.
Surplus Lines Insurance Broker	Any individual who solicits, negotiates or procures a policy of insurance with an insurance company not licensed to transact business in this state, which cannot be procured from insurers licensed to do business in this state.



**Important** Passing an exam does not guarantee that you will be issued a license. Issuance of a license depends on review and approval of all license application materials. See the "Applying for your license" section for more information.

The basic requirements for each type of license are shown in this chart. You should read the "Applying for your license" section in this handbook for specific details relevant to the type of license you need.

Property and Casualty Adjuster and Appraiser	Workers' Compensation Adjuster	Consultants	Limited Lines Producers	Surplus Lines Brokers
<ul> <li>must have at least two years of experience in, or special training, handling loss claims, or, in the case of appraisers, in insurance loss appraising.</li> <li>must pass the Vermont Workers' Compensation adjuster examination.</li> </ul>	must have at least two years of experience in or special training handling workers' compensation claims.      must pass the Vermont Workers' Compensation adjuster examination.	<ul> <li>may not concurrently hold a producer license and a consultant license.</li> <li>must provide the Commissioner with a \$5,000 bond with an authorized corporate surety approved by the Commissioner prior to licensure.</li> <li>May not employ, be employed by, or be in partnership with nor receive any payment whatsoever from any licensed insurance producer, surplus lines broker, limited lines producer, or insurer arising out of his or her activities as a consultant.</li> <li>must submit for the Commissioner's approval, with their initial application, the written agreement intended for use with clients outlining the nature of</li> </ul>	• may be licensed to sell credit, crop, rental, surety and travel or other limited lines producer types, as determined by the Commissioner.	must be licensed in Vermont as insurance producers qualified for the line or lines to be written      must have one or more years of experience as an insurance producer or comparable employment with an insurance company, agency or brokerage firm during the three years immediately preceding the date of application or such experience as the Commissioner may deem comparable.
		the work to be performed and the fee prior to rendering any service.		



**Note:** The results of the combination Life Accident and Health, and Property and Casualty examinations are reflected in one final score. You must pass the complete examination to qualify for a license. Do not schedule your examinations until you are familiar with all subject areas contained in the outline.

## **Examination Waivers**

- Applicants for a limited lines producer license are not required to take an examination.
- Applicants for Title Agents license who have passed a state bar examination are not required to take the Title Examination.



# Scheduling Your Exam

Registering and Scheduling Information

Prometric provides computerized testing through its multistate testing network. **You may take the exam at any Prometric test center in the United States.** Follow the instructions here to register and schedule an appointment.

**Testing Accommodations.** If you require an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation(s) or English as Second Language (ESL) additional time, see the "**Testing Accommodations**" section below.



#### **Online**

\*Effective May 20, 2019 Vermont Insurance has migrated to a new Registration and Scheduling page within Prometric's Candidate Management System.

## Register and schedule online—it saves time and it's easy!

You can easily register and schedule your exam online at any time using our Internet Registration Service by going to:

- 1 http://www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance.
- 2 Click on Create or Login to Your Account to register.
  - a. You will be able to schedule any Vermont Insurance examination that you are eligible to test on (all eligible exams will be listed).
- 3 Click on **Schedule Your Test** and follow the prompts.
  - a. You will need to create or login to your account and schedule any Vermont Insurance examination that you are eligible to test on.

#### By fax or mail

You may **fax** the completed Exam Registration Form found at the end of this handbook to Prometric to (800) 347-9242. You must also include the completed Credit Card Payment Form (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). The cardholder's signature must be on the Form.

#### OR

You may mail the completed Exam Registration Form and the appropriate exam fee to the address on the form. When registering by mail, you may pay the exam fee by Visa, MasterCard or American Express, company check, cashier's check or money order. Personal checks and cash are not accepted.

If paying by credit card, you must also include the completed Credit Card Payment Form (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). The cardholder's signature must be



on the Form. including a Visa, MasterCard or American Express payment information, company check, cashier's check or money order.

## By phone

If you are unable to schedule online, you may schedule the examination by calling (800) 868-6113 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. (Eastern Time), Monday through Friday, and between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Eastern Time), Saturday and Sunday. Please have your exam information and credit card information for payment available.

**Note** An exam registration remains valid for 90 calendar days after it has been processed. It will expire without further notice at that time. We recommend that you do not register for your exam until you are prepared to take it. If you allow your exam registration to expire or did not pass your exam, you must re-register. Another exam registration fee is required.

#### **Reschedule and Cancellation**

To reschedule your existing exam appointment, you must contact Prometric 24 hours prior to the exam appointment date in order to avoid forfeiting your exam fee. If you need to reschedule or confirm your appointment, please go to <a href="http://www.prometric.com/connecticut/insurance">http://www.prometric.com/connecticut/insurance</a>.

To cancel your existing exam appointment, you must contact Prometric at least three (3) calendar days prior to your scheduled exam appointment in order to avoid forfeiting \$40 of your original exam fee. After you cancel your exam, you must initiate a refund by going to <a href="https://fs6.formsite.com/Prometric/form33/index.html">https://fs6.formsite.com/Prometric/form33/index.html</a> and completing the refund form.

Prometric will review refund requests and email decisions to you within 7-10 business days of receipt unless further research and/or documentation are required. Prometric reserves the right to request documentation to support any illness or emergency claim. **Refund requests made via phone will not be accepted.** 

If you change or cancel your appointment without proper notice, you will forfeit your examination fee(s).

#### If absent or late for your appointment

If you miss your appointment, or arrive late and are not allowed to test, you will forfeit your exam fee(s).

## Test Centers

You may take the exam at any Prometric test center in the United States.

Test center locations are subject to change. Be sure to verify the address of and directions of the test center before you leave for the exam.

#### **Holidays**

Testing generally does not occur on federal holidays. Additional state holidays may be observed in the state where your schedule the exam appointment.

## **Emergency Closings**

Severe weather or an emergency could require canceling scheduled exams. If this occurs, Prometric will attempt to contact you by phone; however, you may check for testing site closures by checking our website at

https://www.prometric.com/en-us/pages/siteclosure.aspx or calling



Prometric at (866) 370-3411. If the site is closed, the exam will be rescheduled without a rescheduling fee.

If a test center is open for testing and you choose not to appear for the appointment, you will forfeit the exam fees and must reschedule and pay another exam fee.



# Testing Accommodations

**ADA Accommodation.** Reasonable testing accommodations are provided to allow candidates with documented disabilities recognized under the ADA an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Prometric makes every effort to provide reasonable testing accommodations that enable all test takers to take examinations.

If you require testing accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please complete and submit a Testing Accommodation Request Form online at <a href="https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/prepare-for-test-day/pages/arrange-testing-accommodations.aspx">https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/prepare-for-test-day/pages/arrange-testing-accommodations.aspx</a>, or contact Prometric at (888) 226-9406 to obtain an Accommodation Request Form.

Professional documentation of the disability must be submitted with the Accommodation Request Form to aid Prometric in determining the appropriate testing accommodations. Thirty days' advance notice is required for all testing arrangements. There is no additional charge for these accommodations.

**ESL Accommodation.** All examinations are given in English. If English is not your primary language, you may qualify for additional time for the test by requesting an ESL Authorization from Prometric. To request an ESL authorization, please submit:

- A personal letter requesting the authorization; and
- A letter from the English instructor or sponsoring company (on company letterhead), certifying that English is not your primary language.

Please fax documents to **800.347.9242** and allow **three (3) days** for processing. If your request is approved, Prometric may extend the time limit on your examination to time-and-one-half or 150% of the normal time limit. Prometric will inform you by mail whether your request for accommodation is approved. You should not schedule your exam until you have received the confirmation email. Exams scheduled before the ESL request has been approved will not include extra time.



# **Preparing for Your Exam**

Being well prepared will help you pass your examination. This section offers:

- An overview of the examination content outlines in this bulletin.
- Information about study materials.
- Information about practice exams.

# Study Materials

Not all questions on the examinations will necessarily be covered in your study materials. The content outlines are updated periodically, and outdated study materials may not be consistent with them. Where such discrepancies exist, the outlines take precedence. Make sure your study materials cover the topics in the outlines.

You are free to use materials of your own choosing to prepare for the license examination. Manuals have been prepared by different publishers to assist candidates specifically in preparing for license examinations. Because of the number and the diversity of approach of these publications, **neither the Department nor Prometric reviews or approves study materials**. However, the following sources may be a starting point in your search for study materials. Be sure that the materials you use cover the topics listed in the content outline for the examination you are taking.

1 Kaplan Financial: 800.824.8742.

2 ABLE Incorporated: 800.586.2253, ext. 5638.

**Vermont statutes and regulations.** All examinations cover Vermont regulations and statutes. You may wish to consult a standard statute reference, which is generally available at any public or law library, or go to the Department's Web site at <a href="http://www.dfr.vermont.gov/view/regbul">http://www.dfr.vermont.gov/view/regbul</a> for links to Regulations and Bulletins.

**Workers' compensation materials.** You may contact the Department of Labor at 802.828.2286 for study material for the Vermont Workers' Compensation adjuster license or by visiting their website at <a href="http://labor.vermont.gov/workers-compensation">http://labor.vermont.gov/workers-compensation</a>.

# Content Outlines Overview

The license examination for each type of license consists of questions that test knowledge of topical areas listed in the content outline for that examination. An overview of each examination content outline appears at the end of this handbook. You can view a complete outline specific to your examination online at <a href="https://www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance">www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance</a>

**Note** Do not schedule the exam until you are familiar with all subject areas in the applicable content outline.



## **Practice Exams**

To take a practice exam, select or copy the link below to your browser: https://tcnet1.prometric.com/Login.aspx?ibt=853298600&ClientNameSingleSite=practice-insurance.

While practice exams contain general, non-state specific insurance questions, they are created in the same format and use the same question types as the actual licensure exams. Practice exams are designed to help you become familiar with the computer-based testing process.

During the practice exam, you will get immediate feedback to correct and incorrect responses as well as overall feedback at the end of the session just as you would during the actual exam. Practice exams are available for:

- (LIPA) Life Insurance Producer/Agent Practice Exam in English and Spanish
- (HIPA) Health Insurance Producer/Agent Practice Exam in English <u>and</u> Spanish
- (PIPA) Property & Casualty Insurance Producer Practice Exam in English only

There is **no cost** to take Prometric Practice Exams!



# Taking Your Exam

Knowing what to expect when taking your examination may help you prepare for it. This section contains:

- An overview of the testing process.
- Regulations that will be enforced at the test center.
- Information about the types of questions.
- A guide to understanding your examination results.
- Information about appeals.

# Testing Process

The exam will be administered by computer but you do not need any computer experience or typing skill to take the exam.

**Arrival.** You should arrive at least **30 minutes before** the scheduled exam appointment. This allows time for you to sign in and for staff to verify your identification and complete all security checks.

**Identification required.** You must present a valid form of identification before you can test. That identification document **must**:

- Be government-issued (e.g., driver's license, state-issued identification card or military identification card).
- Contain both a current photo and your signature.
- Have a name that exactly matches the name used to register for the examination (including designations such as "Jr." and "III").



**Important** Failure to provide appropriate identification at the time of the exam is considered a missed appointment. As a result, you will be required to pay another **full examination fee** before making another appointment. If you cannot provide the identification listed above, contact Prometric **before** scheduling the appointment to arrange an alternative way to meet this requirement.

# Test center regulations

**Copyrighted questions.** All test questions are the property of Prometric and are protected by copyright. Federal law provides severe civil and criminal penalties for the unauthorized reproduction, distribution, or exhibition of copyrighted materials.

To ensure that all candidates are tested under similar conditions, the following regulations and procedures will be enforced at each test center. Failure to follow any of these security procedures may result in your being disqualified from taking an examination. For more information on Prometric test center regulations, please visit: <a href="https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/pages/Test-Center-Security.aspx">https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/pages/Test-Center-Security.aspx</a>.

- While in the test center, you will be continuously monitored by video. During your examination, you will also be monitored by physical walk-throughs and through an observation window. All testing sessions are video and audio recorded.
- 2 You must present valid (unexpired) and acceptable ID(s) in order to take your test. (See "Identification required" in the previous section).



- **3** You will be scanned with a metal detector wand prior to every entry into the test room. If you refuse, you cannot test.
- 4 You will be required to raise your pants legs above your ankles, empty and turn all pockets inside-out and raise shirt sleeves above your wrists prior to every entry into the test room.
- **5** If you are wearing eyeglasses, you will be required to remove them for visual inspection to ensure they don't contain a recording device. Large jewelry items must be stored in your locker due to concerns over concealed recording devices.
- **6** You must sign the test center roster each time you leave the test room. You must also sign back in and show your ID to the Test Center Administrator (TCA) in order to re-enter the test room.
- **7** You are **prohibited** from communicating, publishing, reproducing, or transmitting any part of your test, in any form or by any means, verbal or written, for any purpose.
- **8** You **must not** talk to other candidates or refer to their screens, testing materials, or written notes in the test room.
- 9 You must not use written notes, published materials, or other testing aids.
- **10** You are **allowed** to bring soft ear plugs or center-supplied tissues into the test room.
- **11** Any clothing or jewelry items allowed to be worn in the test room must remain on your person at all times. Removed clothing or jewelry items must be stored in your locker.
- 12 You must not bring any personal/unauthorized items into the testing room. Such items include but are not limited to outerwear, hats, food, drinks, purses, briefcases, notebooks, pagers, watches, cellular telephones, recording devices, and photographic equipment. Weapons are not allowed at any Prometric test center. You will be asked to empty and turn your pockets inside out prior to every entry into the test room to confirm that you have no prohibited items.
- **13** You **must** return all materials issued to you by the test center administrator ("TCA") at the end of your test.
- **14** You are not allowed to use any electronic device or phone during breaks.
- 15 If you have a medical condition that may require you to access food or medicine during your exam session, you must store those items separately from other items you place in the test center locker. You must inform the TCA before you retrieve the food or medicine, and the TCA will observe you obtaining the item from the locker. You are not allowed to access any item other than food or medicine needed for a medical reason.
- **16** You must conduct yourself in a civil manner at all times when on the premises of the test center. Exhibiting abusive behavior towards the TCA or any other staff member of the test center may result in examination disqualification and criminal prosecution.

Failure to follow any of these security procedures may result in the disqualification of the examination. Prometric reserves the right to audio and videotape any examination session.

For more information on Prometric test center regulations, please visit: www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/prepare-for-test-day/documents/TestCenterRegulations.pdf

**Please note:** Test center administrators are not allowed to answer any questions pertaining to the exam content. If you do not understand a question on the examination, you should answer the question to the best of your ability.



**Question Types** The examination contains four-option multiple-choice questions. These questions are designed to be as clear and concise as possible while testing knowledge and comprehension of insurance concepts as well as the application of the insurance concepts. The design of the exam ensures that those who possess the required knowledge of the specific insurance line of authority being tested should perform well on the examination for which they prepared.

#### **Question Formats.**

Three different multiple-choice formats are used. Each format is shown in the following examples. An asterisk (\*) indicates the correct answer in each sample question.

## Format 1—Direct question

Which one of the following is a type of health insurance policy designed to replace the wages of an insured that is unable to work due to an accident or sickness?

- 1. Disability Income Insurance Policy
  - 2. Employer-Sponsored Group Major Medical Policy
  - 3. Hospital Expense Insurance Policy
  - 4. Special Risk Policy

#### Format 2-Incomplete sentence

Benefits under workers' compensation insurance are payable:

- 1. For bodily injury that is accidental or intentional
- 2. Regardless of the liability of the employer
  - 3. Unless safety rules are violated
  - 4. Up to a maximum of 30 percent of weekly wages

#### Format 3—All of the following except

A life insurance policy may include provisions that do all of the following EXCEPT:

- 1. Restrict coverage if death is caused by suicide
- 2. Require evidence of insurability to reinstate coverage
- 3. Extend the contestable period beyond two years
  - 4. Adjust proceeds if the insured's age is misstated on the application

# Experimental **Questions**

The examination may include some experimental questions that will not be scored. If present, they are distributed throughout the examination and will not be identified as such. These are used to gather statistical information on the questions before they are added to the examination as scored items. These experimental questions will not be counted for or against you in the final examination score.

You will be helping us help future test takers by completing 5 experimental test questions in your exam. We plan to use the experimental questions on future exams based on your performance.

The questions will:

- be randomly distributed within your test
- will not be counted in your final score
- time spent on the question will not be deducted from your test time



## Exam Results

At the end of the exam, the score will be shown on the screen and you will receive a printed score report. The report indicates the overall score and grade, including the numerical percentage of questions answered correctly and whether you passed or failed.

The report also displays the correct percentage in each major section of the exam, as defined by the exam content outline. These section scores are shown to guide you, or your employer and/or trainer, about areas requiring additional preparation for retesting if you do not pass the exam. Even after you pass, you may want to focus on these areas as you begin to provide insurance products and services to the public.

#### **Sample Score Report**

Score Report for Sample, Sarah A.				
Vermont Producer's Life Examination				
	Number of	Number	Percent	
	Questions	Correct	Correct	
Life Total Test Score	100	80	80%	
Insurance Regulation	14	10	71%	
General Insurance	11	9	82%	
Life Insurance Basics	17	14	82%	
Life Insurance Policies	16	13	81%	
Life Insurance Provisions,				
Options and Riders	13	11	85%	
Annuities	11	10	91%	
Tax Considerations	10	7	70%	
Qualified Plans	8	6	75%	
Score: 80%				
Grade: Pass				
(A total score of 70 percent is required to pass)				

Note that the section percentages will not average out to your total percentage score. That is because individual examination outline sections are allocated different numbers of questions on the examination. Your total percentage score is computed by dividing the number of questions you answered correctly by the total number of questions in the examination. The total score is **not** computed by adding the section percentages and dividing by the total number of sections.

**Duplicate score report.** You may call or write to Prometric to request a duplicate of your score report for a period of two years after an examination at no cost to the candidate. Please direct any questions or comments about your examination to Prometric.

# Appeals Process

Prometric's goal is to provide a quality examination and a pleasant testing experience for every candidate. If you would like to submit an appeal concerning examination content, registration, scheduling or test administration (testing site procedures, equipment, personnel, etc.), please submit an appeal by visiting www.prometric.com/contactus and clicking on "Request an Appeal".

Once submitted you will receive an email response within 20 days indicating whether your appeal has been approved.





# Applying for Your License

#### This section offers information about:

- Applying for your license.
- License Requirements by residence.
- Licensing fees.
- Other licensing information.

Note: Applicants for Life Settlement Broker, Managing General Agent and Reinsurance Intermediary should visit the Departments website for license instructions and procedures at www.vermontinsuranceagent.info.

Applicants should visit the Department's website for more information about licensing, including FAQs.

# Licensing Requirements by Residence

# **Resident License Requirements**

Vermont residents desiring any type of insurance license must be:

- 18 years of age;
- A resident of, or actually residing in, Vermont or maintaining a principal place of business in this state; and;
- Deemed by the Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation to be competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, and of good personal and business reputation.



**Important** If a producer acts as an agent of an insurer, he or she must be appointed by the insurer as its agent. Individuals licensed as producers must be appointed by each insurer for whom they act as an agent.

#### **New Vermont Residents**

An individual who applies for an insurance producer license in this state who was previously licensed for the same lines of authority in another state shall not be required to complete any pre-licensing education or examination. This exemption is only available if the person is currently licensed in that state or if the application is received within 90 days of the cancellation of the applicant's previous license and if the prior state issues a certification that, at the time of cancellation, the applicant was in good standing in that state or the state's producer database records, maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates or subsidiaries, indicate that the producer is or was licensed in good standing for the line of authority requested.

# **Licensing Fees**

The initial license application must be accompanied by a **\$30 application fee** and the appropriate licensing fee. Visit the Department's Web site at **www.vermontinsuranceagent.info** for the fee charts under each license type.

# **Applying for a License Electronically**

**Residents** can apply electronically using the NIPR website (www.nipr.com) 48 hours after passing the exam. Applying electronically significantly reduces the time for processing your application.



# **Paper Submissions**

After passing your license examination, you must submit:

- A completed NAIC Uniform Application, found at the end of this handbook.
- The original score report showing passage of the appropriate examination.
- The \$30 application fee.
- The appropriate license fee.
- Adjuster, public adjuster and appraiser applicants must also submit Attachment #2
  Required Certifications (available online at www.vermontinsuranceagent.info
  or at the end of this handbook).

Please allow a minimum of 10 days for processing time prior to checking on your license status if submitted through the mail.

#### **Nonresidents**

In order to obtain a Vermont insurance license, a nonresident must hold a similar license in another state or province of Canada and must be deemed by the Commissioner to be competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, and of good personal and business reputation.

Nonresidents **MUST** apply for licensure **ELECTRONICALLY** effective September 1, 2012 using one of the electronic service providers listed below. An applicant may request a hardship exception to the submission of an electronic application. To request a hardship exception, you must submit the reason for the hardship by faxing a signed statement to 802-828-1633.

Nonresidents can process license applications electronically using NIPR (www.nipr.com).

**Retaliatory fees.** Producer's, surplus lines broker's, consultant's, adjuster's, appraiser's, public adjuster's, limited lines producer's, managing general agent's, reinsurance intermediary, and life settlement broker's licenses and fees are retaliatory to the applicant's state of residence. This means that a nonresident must pay the Vermont license fee, or the fee of the resident state if higher.



**Note** If you are seeking a nonresident Workers' Compensation adjuster license, you must take and pass the Vermont Workers' Compensation adjuster examination. You must also complete the educational or training program required by the Commissioner after your first license renewal or eligibility for renewal.



# Other Licensing Information

Change of Address	Any change of business, home or mailing address must be reported to the Department within 30 days. If you have moved, but still reside in the same state or have moved from one state to another, you must submit the address change electronically
	using NIPR's Address Change Request (ACR) service at
	www.nipr.com; OR Sircon's Producer Edge at
	http://www.sircon.com.
Name Change	If you need to change your name with the Department, please submit it in writing along with a copy of the documentation that supports the name change via email (dfr.producerlicensing@vermont.gov) or fax (802.828.1633).
Licensing of	Vermont statute requires individuals to be licensed and allows
individuals,	business entities to be licensed as insurance producers.
partnerships and	Producers may assign their commissions to an insurance agency
corporations	or to persons who do not sell, solicit or negotiate insurance.
Continuing	Vermont law requires insurance producers to complete 24
Education	credit hours of continuing education (CE) every two years. For
	further information, contact Prometric, the Department's CE
	vendor, online at www.prometric.com/CE/vtceprod.htm, or at
Duration of License	800.532.2199
Duration of License	All licenses in Vermont expire on a common expiration date regardless of when they were issued. Vermont does not prorate
	fees. Producer licenses are biennial, effective from April 1 (or
	date of issuance) to March 31 of each odd-numbered year. All
	licenses must be renewed by the individual, and it is the
	licensee's responsibility to see that the renewal license is in
	effect, even if a notice is not received. Licenses other than
	producer licenses are biennial, and are effective from April 1 (or
	date of issuance) to March 31 of even-numbered years.
<b>Business Entity</b>	A business entity must designate a licensed producer to be
Producer License	responsible for the business entity's compliance with Vermont
Townsys License	laws and regulations.
Temporary License	The Commissioner may issue a temporary insurance producer license for a period not to exceed 180 days without requiring an
	examination. A temporary license may be issued to the surviving
	spouse or court-appointed personal representative or
	employee, or to the administrator, executor or employee of a
	deceased or disabled licensed producer, to the designee of a
	producer who has entered active service in the armed forces of
	the United States of America, or in any other circumstances
	where the Commissioner deems that the public interest will be
	best served by issuing such a license.



# **Exam Content Outlines**

The following outlines give an overview of the content of each of the Vermont insurance examinations. Each examination will include 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 10 questions will be drawn on a 100-question examination and 15 will be drawn on a 150-question examination.

An outline that includes more descriptive subsections for your examination is available online at www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance.

All citations are Vermont Insurance Statutes Title 8, unless otherwise noted. When preceded by "Reg" refer to Vermont Department Regulations, when preceded by "Bul" refer to Vermont Department Bulletins.

# **Vermont Producer's Examination Life Insurance**

**Series 14-25** 

100 questions (plus 5 unscored items) 2-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

#### 1.0 Insurance Regulation 14% (14 Items)

## 1.1 Licensing

Process (4800; 4813f) Types of licensees (4791) Resident (4800(3)(A)) Nonresident (4800(3)(B); 4813h) Maintenance and duration Renewal and expiration (4798) Address change (4800(3)(F)) Assumed business name (4813j) Reporting of actions (4813o) Continuing education requirements (4800a; Reg 2000-2 Sec 4) Disciplinary actions Denial of license (4800(3)(E)) Cease and desist order (3661) Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806) Penalties (3661(a)(2); 4804(d))

#### 1.2 State regulation

Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726; 4804) Company regulation Certificate of authority (3368) Unfair claim settlement practices (4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-7) Policy forms (3541) Examination of records (3565) Producer appointment (4798(d); Termination of appointment (4798(d); 4813m) Producer regulation

Acting without a license (4793; 4813c) Shared commissions (4796) Trust accounts — anti-commingling (Reg 95-1; 4724(12)) Controlled business (4795) Duties (4813c) Unfair trade practices (4724) Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13)) Non-guaranteed elements False advertising (4724(2)) Defamation (4724(3)) Boycott, coercion and intimidation (4724(4))

False financial statements and entries (4724(5))Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7)) Rebating (4724(8)) Failure to maintain complaint record (4724(10))

Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12); Reg 95-1)

Unsuitability (4724(16)) Nondisclosure of fees or charges (4724(95-1))Consumer privacy regulation (IH-

#### 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% (11 Items)

#### 2.1 Concepts

2001-01)

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

Captive Insurers

Stock companies

Mutual companies

Fraternal benefit societies

Lloyd's associations

Risk retention groups

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 Authority and powers of producers Express . Implied

Apparent

### 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

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 Life Insurance Basics 17% (17 Items)

# 3.1 Insurable interest (3710)

Power to contract

#### 3.2 Personal uses of life insurance

Survivor protection Estate creation Cash accumulation Liquidity



Estate conservation

#### 3.3 Determining amount of personal life insurance Human life value approach

Needs approach Types of information gathered Determining lump-sum needs Planning for income needs

#### 3.4 Business uses of life insurance

Buy-sell funding

Key person Executive bonuses Deferred compensation funding 3.5 Classes of life insurance

# policies

Group versus individual Ordinary (home service) Permanent versus term Participating versus nonparticipating Fixed versus variable life insurance and annuities Regulation of variable products (SEC, FINRA and Vermont) (3855; Reg 88-

#### 3 Art VI, XI, 2001-03; Bul 121, 129) 3.6 Premiums

Factors in premium determination Mortality Interest Expense Premium concepts Net single premium Gross annual premium Premium payment mode

## 3.7 Producer responsibilities

Solicitation and sales presentations (Reg 77-2)

Advertisina

Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (4151-4185)

Illustrations (Reg 98-1)

Policy summary (Reg 77-2 Sec 5(A, B), Appendix B)

General Rules (Reg 77-2 Sec 6 (B, C, K, L, N, O, P))

Buyer's guide (Reg 77-2 Sec 5(A, B), Appendix A)

Life insurance policy cost comparison methods

Replacement (Reg 2001-3 Sec 1-10) Indexed Annuity Buyer's Guide (Bul

Indexed Life Insurance Products (Bul 121)

Suitability

Use and disclosure of insurance

information

Field underwriting Notice of information practices

Application procedures

Delivery

Policy review

Effective date of coverage

Premium collection

Statement of good health

#### 3.8 Individual underwriting by the insurer

Information sources and regulation Application

Producer report

Attending physician statement Investigative consumer (inspection)

Medical Information Bureau (MIB) Inquiry into sexual orientation 8 V.S.A Section 4724(7)(c)

Medical examinations and lab tests including HIV (4724(20); Bul 138) Selection criteria and unfair

discrimination (3701) Classification of risks

Preferred Standard

Substandard

#### 4.0 Life Insurance Policies 16% (16 Items)

#### 4.1 Term life insurance

Level term

Annual renewable term Level premium term Decreasing term

#### 4.2 Whole life insurance

Continuous premium (straight life) Limited payment Single premium

#### 4.3 Flexible premium policies

Universal life

Indexed universal life

## 4.4 SEC regulated policies

Variable life insurance Variable universal life

4.5 Specialized policies Joint life (first-to-die)

Survivorship life (second-to-die)

Juvenile life

Indexed Life Products

## 4.6 Group life insurance

Characteristics of group plans Types of plan sponsors (3803-3810a)

Insurability (3816)

Assignability (3713(a, b)) Conversion to individual policy (3820-3823)

Portability (3810a(c))

4.7 Credit life insurance

# (individual versus group)

#### 5.0 Life Insurance Policy **Provisions, Options and Riders** 13% (13 Items)

## **5.1 Required provisions** (3731)

Required interest (Bul 159) Entire contract (3731(3))

Payment of premiums (3731(1))

Grace period (3731(2)) Reinstatement (3731(9))

Incontestability (3731(4))
Misstatement of age (3731(5))

Payment of claims (3731(10))

#### 5.2 Other provisions

Power to contract (3710)

Assignment (3713(a, b))

Modifications

Right to examine (free look)

Exclusions

Representations in applications (3736)

#### 5.3 Beneficiaries

Designation options

Individuals

Classes Estates

Minors

Trusts

Succession

Revocable versus irrevocable

Common disaster clause

Spendthrift clause

## 5.4 Settlement options

Cash payment

Interest only

Interest on death benefits 8 V.S.A

Section 3665(c)(2).

Fixed-period installments

Fixed-amount installments

Life income

Single life

Joint and survivor

Retained asset accounts

#### 5.5 Nonforfeiture options

Cash surrender value

Extended term

Reduced paid-up insurance

#### 5.6 Policy loan and withdrawal options

Cash loans

Automatic premium loans

Withdrawals or partial surrenders

## 5.7 Dividend options

Premium offset

Cash payment

Reduction of premium payments

Accumulation at interest

One-year term option Paid-up additions

Paid-up insurance

# 5.8 Disability riders

Waiver of premium

Waiver of cost of insurance

Disability income benefit

Payor benefit life/disability (juvenile insurance)

#### 5.9 Accelerated (living) benefit provision/rider

Conditions for payment

Effect on death benefit

#### 5.10 Life settlements (3835-

3849; Reg 95-4 Sec 1-15) Life settlement providers

Life settlement brokers

Life insurance providers

Life settlement contract provisions

Disclosure provisions

Rules of conduct

#### 5.11 Riders covering additional insureds

Spouse/other-insured term rider Children's term rider

#### Family term rider 5.12 Riders affecting the death

benefit amount

Paid-up addition rider

Accidental death



Guaranteed insurability Cost of living Return of premium

#### 6.0 Annuities 20% (20 Items)

#### 6.1 Annuity principles and concepts

Accumulation period versus annuity period

Owner, annuitant and beneficiary Insurance aspects of annuities

#### 6.2 Immediate versus deferred annuities

Single premium immediate annuities (SPIAs)

Deferred annuities

Premium payment options

Nonforfeiture

Surrender charges

Death benefits

#### 6.3 Annuity (benefit) payment options

Life contingency options Pure life versus life with guaranteed

minimum

Single life versus multiple life Annuities certain (types)

#### 6.4 Annuity products

Fixed annuities

General account assets

Interest rate guarantees (minimum versus current)

Level benefit payment amount

Equity indexed annuities

Definition

Suitability

Market value adjusted annuities

Variable annuity contracts 6.5 Uses of annuities

Lump-sum settlements Oualified retirement plans

Group versus individual annuities

Personal uses

Individual retirement annuities (IRAs)

Tax-deferred growth Retirement income

Education funds

#### 7.0 Federal Tax Considerations for Life Insurance and Annuities 6% (6 Items)

#### 7.1 Taxation of personal life insurance

Amounts available to policyowner

Cash value increases

Dividends

Policy loans

Surrenders

Amounts received by beneficiary

General rule and exceptions

Settlement options

Values included in insured's estate

#### 7.2 Modified endowment contracts (MECs)

Modified endowment versus life insurance Seven-pay test

Distributions

#### 7.3 Taxation of non-qualified annuities

Individually-owned

Accumulation phase (tax issues

related to withdrawals)

Annuity phase and the exclusion ratio Distributions at death

Corporate-owned

#### 7.4 Taxation of individual retirement annuities (IRAs)

Traditional IRAs

Contributions and deductible amounts Premature distributions (including

taxation issues)

Annuity phase benefit payments

Values included in the annuitant's

Amounts received by beneficiary

Roth IRAs

Contributions and limits

Distributions

#### 7.5 Rollovers and transfers (IRAs and qualified plans)

#### 7.6 Section 1035 exchanges

#### 8.0 Qualified Plans 3% (3 Items)

#### 8.1 General requirements

#### 8.2 Federal tax considerations

Tax advantages for employers and employees

Taxation of distributions (agerelated)

#### 8.3 Plan types, characteristics and purchasers

Simplified employee pensions (SEPs) Self-employed plans (HR 10 or Keogh plans)

Profit-sharing and 401(k) plans SIMPLE plans

403(b) tax-sheltered annuities (TSAs)

#### **Vermont Producer's Examination** for Accident, Health and HMO **Series 14-27**

#### 100 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

2-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

# 1.0 Insurance Regulation 5% (5

### 1.1 Licensing

Process (4800; 4813f) Types of licensees (4791)

Resident (4800(3)(A))

Nonresident (4800(3)(B); 4813h)

Maintenance and duration

Renewal and expiration (4798)

Address change (4800(3)(F))

Assumed business name (4813j)

Reporting of actions (4813o) Continuing education requirements (4800a; Reg 2000-2 Sec 4) Disciplinary actions Denial of license (4800(3)(E)) Cease and desist order (3661) Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806) Penalties (3661(a)(2); 4804(d))

#### 1.2 State regulation

Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726; 4804)

Company regulation

Certificate of authority (3368)

Unfair claim settlement practices

(4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-7) Policy forms (3541)

Examination of records (3565)

Producer appointment (4798(d); 4813I)

Termination of appointment

(4798(d); 4813m)

Producer regulation

Acting without a license (4793; 4813c)

Shared commissions (4796)

Trust accounts — anti-commingling

(Reg 95-1; 4724(12))

Controlled business (4795)

Duties (4813c)

Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13)) False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation

(4724(4))

False financial statements and entries (4724(5))

Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record

(4724(10))Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12);

Rea 95-1) Unsuitability (4724(16))

Nondisclosure of fees or charges

(4724(14))

Consumer privacy regulation (IH-2001-01)

Vermont Fair Credit Reporting Act 9

#### V.S.A. 2480 a-n 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% (5 Items)

## 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

Captive insurers

Stock companies

Mutual companies

Fraternal benefit societies

Lloyd's associations

Risk retention groups

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

Authority and powers of producers

**Express** 

Implied

Apparent

#### 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 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 Health Insurance Basics 11% (3 Items)

# 3.1 Definitions of perils

Accidental injury Reg. 80-1, Sec.

Sickness Reg. 80-1, Sec. 5(E)

#### 3.2 Principal types of losses and benefits

Loss of income from disability Reg. 80-1, Sec. 5(I), (J), (K) Medical expense Reg. 80-1, Sec. 5; Reg. H-2009-03, Sec. 1.4

Dental expense

Long-term care expense Reg. H-2009-1

#### 3.3 Classes of health insurance policies

Individual versus group Private versus government Limited versus comprehensive Reg.

80-1, Sec. 7(E); Reg. H-2009-03 Self-Funded Plans (ERISA)

#### 3.4 Limited policies

Limited perils and amounts Required notice to insured Reg. 80-1, Sec. 8; 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4063; 8

V.S.A. Sec. 4902

Types of limited policies

Accident-only Reg. 80-1, Sec. 7(G) Specified (dread) disease Reg. 80-1,

Sec. 7(H)

Hospital indemnity Reg. 80-1, Sec.

Blanket insurance (student accident, passengers, others) 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4081

Prescription drugs 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4089(j) & 4089(i)

Vision care/hearing care

Suitability 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4724(16); 8

V.S.A. Sec. 4062

#### 3.5 Common exclusions from coverage (Pre-existing cond. Reg.

80-1, Sec. 6(C)) 3.6 Producer responsibilities in

# individual health insurance

Marketing requirements

Advertising (Reg 71-1)

Sales presentations

Outline of coverage Reg 80-1 Sec 8(B))

Field underwriting

Nature and purpose

Privacy, Protected Health Information (ERISA)

Application procedures Reg. 80-1, Sec. 9

Requirements at delivery of policy

Common situations for errors/omissions

Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Title 8, Ch. 112

#### 3.7 Individual underwriting by the insurer

Underwriting criteria

Sources of underwriting information Application

Producer report

Attending physician statement Investigative consumer (inspection) report Title 9 Sec. 2480a (5)

Medical Information Bureau (MIB) Medical examinations and lab tests

including HIV (4724(20)) Unfair discrimination 8 V.S.A. Sec.

Genetic testing Title 18 Sec. 9331-9335; 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4724(22)

3.8 Considerations in replacing health insurance Reg. 80-1, Sec. 9, replacement

Pre-existing conditions Pre-existing condition exclusion regulation Reg 80-1 Sec 5(F), 6(E)), Benefits, limitation and exclusions

#### 4.0 Health Insurance Policy **General Provisions (Non-group** and Group) 11% (11 Items)

### 4.1 Uniform required provisions

Entire contract; changes (4065(1),

Certificate of insurance (4080(2)) Time limit on certain defenses (4065(2))

Grace period (4065(3))

Reg. 80-1, Sec. 6

Underwriting requirements

New employees (4080(3))

Part-time employees (4080(5))

Reinstatement (4065(4))

Claim procedures (4065(5-9); Reg 93-4)

Physical examinations and autopsy (4065(10))

Legal actions (4065(11))

Change of beneficiary (4065(12))

4.2 Optional provisions (4066)

Change of occupation (4066(1)) Misstatement of age (4066(2)) Other insurance in this insurer

(4066(3))

Insurance with other insurers

Expense-incurred basis (4066(4))

Other benefits (4066(5))

Unpaid premium (4066(7)) Cancellation Reg 91-4B Sec 3(10))

Conformity with state statutes

(4066(9))Illegal occupation (4066(10))

# 4.3 Other general provisions

Right to examine (free look) (4063(8))

Mental health parity 8 V.S.A. 4089b

Insuring clause

Consideration clause

Renewability clause Reg. 80-1, Sec.

7(A)(1), (2) and (15)(f)

Noncancelable

Guaranteed renewable

Reduction in coverage

Presumptive disability

Conditionally renewable

Renewable at option of insurer Nonrenewable (cancelable, term)

#### 5.0 Disability Income and Related Insurance (Reg. 80-1, Sec. 7(F)) 10% (10 Items)

#### 5.1 Qualifying for disability benefits

Inability to perform duties Reg. 80-1, Sec. 5(I), (J), and (K) Own occupation Any occupation Pure loss of income (income replacement contracts)



Requirement to be under physician care

# 5.2 Individual disability income insurance

Basic total disability plan
Income benefits (monthly indemnity)
Elimination and benefit periods
Waiver of premium feature
Coordination with social insurance
and workers compensation benefits
Additional monthly benefit (AMB)
Social insurance supplement (SIS)
Occupational versus nonoccupational
coverage

coverage
At-work benefits
Partial disability benefit
Residual disability benefit
Other provisions affecting income
benefits

Cost of living adjustment (COLA) rider

Future increase option (FIO) rider Relation of earnings to insurance (4066(6))

Other cash benefits
Accidental death and dismemberment
Reg. 80-1, Sec. 7(G)
Rehabilitation benefit
Medical reimbursement benefit
(nondisabling injury) (Subject to
applicable health & sickness rule)
Exclusions (Bul HCA 127)

# 5.3 Unique aspects of individual disability underwriting

Occupational considerations Benefit limits

Policy issuance alternatives

# 5.4 Group disability income insurance

Group versus individual plans

#### 5.5 Social Security disability

Qualification for disability benefits Definition of disability Waiting period Disability income benefits

**5.6 Workers compensation** 

Eligibility Benefits

med market

# 6.0 Medical Plans 18% (18 Items)

# 6.1 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, or

Vermont Health Connect (VHC) (V.S.A. Title 33, Ch. 18) Eligibility Income levels

Private insurance products through VHC

Person ineligible
Premium subsidies
Pre-existing condition exclusions
Ten Essential Health Benefits (EHB)
Lifetime and annual limits
Preventive benefits
Individual and small group major

Large group market
Off-exchange
Dental Insurance
Availability of coverage
Individual and employer-sponsored
group plans
Provider network
Stand-alone dental plans (SADPs)
Pediatric dental coverage under the
ACA

Waiting periods

#### 6.2 Medical plan concepts

Fee-for-service basis versus prepaid basis Specified coverages versus comprehensive care Benefit schedule versus usual/reasonable/customary charges

Managed care versus non-managed care (Reg. H-2009-03)

Expense based versus indemnity based

## 6.3 Types of providers and plans

Major medical insurance Characteristics

Characteristics Common limitations

Exclusions from coverage

Provisions from coverage Provisions affecting cost to insured Major-med coverage in VT (Reg. H-2009-03)

Health maintenance organizations (HMOs)

Preferred provider organizations (PPOs)

General characteristics

Open or closed network

Types of parties to the provider contract

Exclusive provider organizations (EPOs)

General characteristics

Open or closed network

Point-of-service (POS) plans

Nature and purpose

Non-network provider access (openended HMO)

PCP referral (gatekeeper PPO) Indemnity plan features

# **6.4 Utilization management** (H-2009-03)

Prior approval H-2009-03, Sec. 3.1 Appeal/Grievance procedures H-2009-03, Sec. 3.3

# 6.5 Vermont eligibility requirements (non-group and/or group)

Child age limit, whether or not dependent

Adopted child coverage (4100c) Disabled child coverage 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4089d) Newborn child coverage (4092)

Civil unions (Title 15 Sec 1201, 4063a, Reg IH-2001, Bul. 128) Same-sex marriage 15 V.S.A. Sec. 8; 18 V.S.A. Sec. 5131(a)(2)

#### 6.6 HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) requirements

Eligibility
Guaranteed issue
Pre-existing conditions
Creditable coverage
Renewability
Protected Health Information (PHI)
6.7 Medical Savings Accounts
(MSAs), Health Savings Accounts
(HSAs) and High Deductible
Health Plans (HDHPs)

#### 7.0 Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) 8% (8 Items)

## 7.1 General characteristics

Combined health care delivery and financing
In network versus out of network Limited service area Limited choice of providers Gatekeeper concept Copayments
Prepaid basis

#### 7.2 HMO Services

Definition

Eliaibility

Contribution limits

Preventive care services Well-child care **Immunizations** Routine physical examinations Wellness programs Physician services Primary care physician (PCP) Referral (specialty) physician Emergency care Urgent care center Hospital emergency room Hospital services Skilled nursing facility services Home health care (4096) Family planning services Mental health/substance abuse benefits Prescription drugs Additional plans and services Dental services (PPACA requires pediatric dental coverage only) Vision care/hearing care (PPACA requires pediatric vision coverage only)

# 8.0 Group Health Insurance 10% (10 Items)

# 8.1 Characteristics of group insurance

Group contract 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4080 Certificate of coverage 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4080

Experience rating versus community rating

# **8.2** Types of eligible groups 8 V.S.A. Sec. 4079

Employment-related groups

Individual employer groups
Multiple-Employer Trusts (METs)



Exempt associations (alumni, professional, other)
Trusts (unions, employers)

#### 8.3 Marketing considerations

Advertising (Reg. 71-1) Regulatory jurisdiction/place of delivery

# 8.4 Employer group health insurance

Vermont underwriting requirements (4079)

Insurer underwriting criteria
Characteristics of group
Plan design factors
Persistency factors
Administrative capability
Eligibility for coverage
Open enrollment
Employee eligibility (4080(5))
Dependent eligibility
Coordination of benefits provision
Change of insurance companies or loss of coverage
Events that terminate coverage
Extension of benefits (4091e)

# 8.5 Small employer group medical plans

Definition of small employer 1811(a)(3)(B) Availability of coverage 1811(a)(3)(B)

# 9.0 Insurance for Senior Citizens and Special Needs Individuals13% (13 Items)

#### 9.1 Medicare

Nature, financing and administration Part A — Hospital Insurance Individual eligibility requirements Enrollment

Coverages and cost-sharing amounts Part B — Medical Insurance Individual eligibility requirements Enrollment

Coverages and cost-sharing amounts Exclusions

Claims terminology and other key terms

Part C — Medicare Advantage

Part D — Prescription Drug Insurance

# **9.2 Medicare supplements** (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 1-25)

Purpose (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 1) Open enrollment (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 11)

Standardized Medicare supplement plans (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 8, 9) Core benefits (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 8(B))

Additional benefits (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 8(C))

Vermont regulations and required provisions

Standards for marketing (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 20)

Advertising (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 19) Appropriateness of recommended purchase (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 21) Buyer's guide (Reg H-2009-04 Sec 17(A)(6))

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Renewal and expiration (4798)

Address change (4800(3)(F))

Assumed business name (4813j) Reporting of actions (4813o)

Continuing education requirements

(4800a; Reg 2000-2 Sec 4)

Disciplinary actions

Denial of license (4800(3)(E))

Cease and desist order (3661)

Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806)

Penalties (3661(a)(2); 4804(d))

#### 1.2 State regulation

Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726; 4804)

Company regulation

Certificate of authority (3368)

Unfair claim settlement practices

(4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-7)

Policy forms (3541)

Examination of records (3565)

Producer appointment (4798(d);

4813I)

Termination of appointment

(4798(d); 4813m)

Producer regulation

Acting without a license (4793;

4813c)

Shared commissions (4796)

Trust accounts — anti-commingling

(Reg 95-1; 4724(12))

Controlled business (4795)

Duties (4813c)

Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13))

False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation (4724(4))

False financial statements and entries

(4724(5))

Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record

(4724(10))Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12);

Reg 95-1)

Unsuitability (4724(16)) Nondisclosure of fees or charges

(4724(14))

Consumer privacy regulation (IH-

2001-01)

#### 1.3 Federal regulation

Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681-1681d)

Fraud and false statements (18 USC 1033, 1034)

#### 2.0 General Insurance 9% (13 Items)

#### 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

Captive insurers

Stock companies

Mutual companies

Fraternal benefit societies

Lloyd's associations

Risk retention groups

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

Authority and powers of producers

Express

Implied

Apparent

# 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 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 10% (15 Items)

#### 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

Valued policy

# 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

Restoration/nonreduction of limits



Coinsurance

Vacancy or unoccupancy Named insured provisions

Duties after loss

Assianment

Abandonment

Insurer provisions

Liberalization

Subrogation

Salvage

Claim settlement options

Duty to defend

Third-party provisions

Standard mortgage clause

Loss payable clause

No benefit to Bailee

#### 3.4 Vermont laws, regulations and required provisions

Vermont Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association (3611-3626)

Renewal notice (3882; 4715)

Cancellation and nonrenewal (3879-3881; 3883; 4711-4714)

Consent to rate (4688(f); Reg I-

2010-03) Loss payment (3868; Reg 79-2 Sec

6, 8)

Discrimination (3861)

Coinsurance (3961-3968)

Pollution coverage (Bul 111)

Required provisions (4203)

Federal Terrorism Insurance Program (Bul 142, 150; 15 USC 6701; Public

Law 107-297, 109-144, 110-160)

## 4.0 Dwelling Policy 5% (8 Items)

#### 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 — Vermont (DP 01 44)

Automatic increase in insurance (DP 04 11)

Broad theft coverage (DP 04 72) Dwelling under construction (DP 11

#### 4.7 Personal liability supplement

#### 5.0 Homeowners Policy 17% (26 Items)

#### 5.1 Coverage forms

HO-2 through HO-6

#### 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 - Vermont (HO 01 44)

Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage — Vermont (HO

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 — Vermont (HO 23

Business pursuits (HO 24 71) Watercraft (HO 24 75)

Personal injury (HO 24 82)

#### 6.0 Auto Insurance 21% (31 Items)

#### 6.1 Laws

Vermont Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility and Insurance Laws (Title 23 Sec 800-943)

Required limits of liability (Title 23 Sec 801)

Required proof of insurance (Bul 77) Vermont Automobile Insurance Plan (4241 - 4246)

Èligibility

Liability limitations

Physical damage coverage limitations Uninsured/underinsured motorist

(Title 23 Sec 941)

. Definitions

Required limits of liability

Bodily injury

Property damage

Cancellation/nonrenewal

Grounds (4223)

Notice (4224-4226)

Notice of eligibility in assigned risk plan (4227)

Binders (Title 23 Sec 942)

Surcharges (4671-4675)

#### 6.2 Personal auto policy

Definitions

Liability coverage

Bodily injury and property damage

Supplementary payments

Exclusions

Medical payments

Uninsured motorist/underinsured

motorist coverage

Coverage for damage to your auto

Collision

Other than collision

Deductibles

Transportation expense

Exclusions

Duties after an accident or loss

General provisions

Selected endorsements

Amendment of policy provisions -

Vermont (PP 01 72)

Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03) Extended non-owned coverage (PP

03 06)

Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03

Joint ownership coverage — Vermont (PP 03 80)

#### 6.3 Commercial auto

Commercial auto coverage forms Business auto

Auto Dealers

Business auto physical damage

Truckers

Motor carrier

Coverage form sections

Covered autos

Liability coverage

Garagekeepers coverage

Trailer interchange 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)

Drive other car coverage (CA 99 10)

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% (12 Items)

#### 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 Commercial general liability coverage

forms Bodily injury and property damage

liability Personal and advertising injury liability



Medical payments Supplementary payments Who is an insured Limits of liability Conditions Definitions **Exclusions** Premises and operations

Products and completed operations Insured contract

#### 7.3 Commercial property

Commercial property conditions form Coverage forms Building and personal property Condominium association Condominium commercial unitowners

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

Value reporting form (CP 13 10)

### 7.4 Commercial crime

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 premises

Computer fraud Funds transfer fraud

Money orders and counterfeit money Other crime coverage

Extortion — commercial entities

#### 7.5 Commercial inland marine

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

#### 7.6 Equipment breakdown

Equipment breakdown protection coverage form (EB 00 20) Selected endorsement

Actual cash value (EB 99 59)

#### 7.7 Farm coverage

Farm property coverage forms 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

Coverage H - Bodily injury and property damage liability

Coverage I — Personal advertising

injury liability Coverage J — Medical payments

Mobile agricultural machinery and equipment coverage form

Livestock coverage form

Definitions

Cause of loss (basic, broad and special)

Conditions

**Exclusions** 

Limits

Additional coverages

#### 8.0 Businessowners Policy 6% (9 Items)

#### 8.1 Characteristics and purpose 8.2 Businessowners Section I — **Property**

Coverage Exclusions

Limits

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

Protective safeguards (BP 04 30) Utility services — direct damage (BP

Utility services — time element (BP 04 57)

#### 9.0 Workers Compensation Insurance 7% (10 Items)

#### 9.1 Workers compensation laws

Type of law

Compulsory versus elective

Vermont Workers' Compensation Law

Exclusive remedy

Employment covered (required, voluntary)

Covered injuries

Occupational disease

Benefits provided

Federal workers compensation laws Federal Employer Liability Act (FELA)

(45 USC 51-60)

Ù.S. Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 USC 904)

The Jones Act (46 USC 688)

#### 9.2 Workers compensation and employers liability insurance policy

General section

Part One — Workers compensation

insurance

Part Two — Employers liability

Part Three — Other states insurance

Part Four — Your duties if injury occurs

Part Five - Premium

Part Six — Conditions

Voluntary compensation endorsement

### 9.3 Premium computation

Job classification — payroll and rates Experience modification factor Premium discounts

#### 9.4 Other sources of coverages

Vermont workers' compensation administration fund

Self-insured employers and employer groups

#### 10.0 Other Coverages and Options 7% (11 Items)

#### 10.1 Umbrella/excess liability policies

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

#### 10.2 Specialty liability insurance

Cyber liability coverage Professional liability

Errors and omissions

Directors and officers liability

Fiduciary liability

Liquor liability

Employment practices liability

## 10.3 Surplus lines

Definitions and markets Licensing requirements

#### 10.4 Surety bonds

Principal, obligee, surety Contract bonds License and permit bonds

#### Judicial bonds 10.5 Ocean marine insurance

Hull insurance

Cargo insurance Freight insurance



Protection and indemnity

#### 10.6 National Flood Insurance Program

"Write your own" versus government Eligibility Coverage Limits Deductibles

**Vermont Adjuster's Examination** for Property and Casualty **Insurance Series 14-33** 150 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

2.5-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

#### 1.0 Insurance Regulation 5% (7 Items)

#### 1.1 Licensing requirements

Qualifications (4803(a)) Process (4800, 4800a) Licensing exceptions (4803(d)(2)) Nonresident adjuster (4803(d))

#### 1.2 Maintenance and duration

Renewal (4798, 4800a) Expiration (4798) Records (4803(c))

## 1.3 Disciplinary actions

Denial of license (4800(3)(E)) Cease and desist order (3661) Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806) Fines (4804(d))

1.4 Claims settlement laws and **regulations** (4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec

1-9; Bulletin 162)

#### 1.5 Federal regulation

Fraud and false statements (18 USC 1033, 1034)

#### 2.0 Insurance Basics 15% (23 Items)

#### 2.1 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

Legal interpretations affecting

contracts

Ambiguities in a contract of adhesion

Reasonable expectations

Indemnity

Utmost good faith

Representations/misrepresentations

Warranties

Concealment

Fraud

Waiver and estoppel

#### 2.2 Principles and concepts

Insurable interest

Hazards

Physical

Moral

Morale Nealigence

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

Valued policy

#### 2.3 Policy structure

Declarations

Definitions

Insuring agreement or clause

Additional/supplementary coverage

Conditions

Exclusions

Endorsements

#### 2.4 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

Combined single

Restoration/nonreduction of limits

Coinsurance

Vacancy or unoccupancy

Assignment

Insurer provisions

Liberalization

Duty to defend Third-party provisions Standard mortgage clause Loss payable clause

No benefit to Bailee

#### 2.5 Vermont laws, regulations and required provisions

Vermont Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association (3611-3626) Renewal notice (3882; 4715) Cancellation and nonrenewal (3879-

3881; 3883; 4711-4714) Coinsurance (3961-3968) Pollution coverage (Bul 111) Required provisions (4203)

#### 3.0 Adjusting Losses 20% (30 Items)

#### 3.1 Role of the adjuster

Duties and responsibilities Staff and independent adjuster versus public adjuster (4791) Relationship to the legal profession

#### 3.2 Claim reporting

Claim investigation

Claim file documentation of events

Types of reports Initial or first field

Interim or status Full formal

#### 3.3 Property losses

Duties of insured after a loss

Notice to insurer

Minimizing the loss

Proof of loss

Special requirements

Production of books and records

Abandonment

Determining value and loss

Burden of proof of value and loss

**Estimates** 

Depreciation

Salvage

Claim settlement options

Payment and discharge

#### 3.4 Liability losses

Investigation procedures

Verify coverage

Determine liability

Gathering evidence

Physical evidence

Witness statements

damages

Police reports Determining value of intangible

#### 3.5 Coverage problems

Dealing with coverage disputes Reservation of rights letter Nonwaiver agreement Declaratory judgment action

### 3.6 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 Dwelling Policy 6% (9 Items)

#### 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 — Vermont (DP 01

Automatic increase in insurance (DP 04 11)

Broad theft coverage (DP 04 72) Dwelling under construction (DP 11

#### 4.7 Personal liability supplement

#### 5.0 Homeowners Policy 15% (22 Items)

## 5.1 Coverage forms

HO-2 through HO-6

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 — Vermont (HO 01 44)

Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage — Vermont (HO 04 02)

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 — Vermont (HO 23

Business pursuits (HO 24 71) Watercraft (HO 24 75)

Personal injury (HO 24 82)

# 6.0 Auto Insurance 12% (18

#### 6.1 Laws

Vermont Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility and Insurance Laws (Title 23 Chapter 11 Sec 800-943) Required limits of liability (Title 23) Chapter 11 Sec 801)

Required proof of insurance (Bul 77) Vermont Automobile Insurance Plan (4241-4246)

Eligibility

Liability limitations

Physical damage coverage limitations Uninsured/underinsured motorist (Title 23 Chapter 11 Sec 941)

Definitions

Required limits of liability

Bodily injury

Property damage

Cancellation/nonrenewal

Grounds (4223) Notice (4224–4226)

#### 6.2 Personal auto policy

Definitions

Liability coverage

Bodily injury and property damage

Supplementary payments

Exclusions

Duty to defend

Medical payments

Uninsured motorist/underinsured

motorist coverage

Coverage for damage to your auto

Collision

Other than collision

Deductibles

Transportation expense

Exclusions Duties after an accident or loss

General provisions

Selected endorsements

Amendment of policy provisions —

Vermont (PP 01 72)

Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03) Extended non-owned coverage (PP

Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03

Joint ownership coverage — Vermont (PP 03 80)

#### 6.3 Commercial auto

Commercial auto coverage forms Business auto

Business auto physical damage

Truckers

Motor carrier

Coverage form sections

Covered autos

Liability coverage

Trailer interchange 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

Garagekeepers coverage

(CA 99 03) Drive other car coverage (CA 99 10) 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) 12% (18 Items)

#### 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

Commercial general liability coverage forms

Bodily injury and property damage liability

Personal and advertising injury liability

Medical payments

Supplementary payments

Who is an insured Limits of liability

Conditions

Definitions

Exclusions

Premises and operations

Products and completed operations

Insured contract

#### 7.3 Commercial property

Commercial property conditions form Coverage forms

Building and personal property Condominium association

Condominium commercial unitowners

Builders risk

Business income

Extra expense

Legal liability

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

Value reporting form (CP 13 10)

### 7.4 Commercial crime

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 premises

Funds transfer fraud

Computer fraud

Money orders and counterfeit money Other crime coverage

Extortion — commercial entities

#### 7.5 Commercial inland marine

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

# 7.6 Equipment breakdown

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

#### 7.7 Farm coverage

Farm property coverage forms 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

Coverage H — Bodily injury and property damage liability

Coverage I — Personal advertising

injury liability Coverage J  $\stackrel{\cdot}{-}$  Medical payments

Mobile agricultural machinery and equipment coverage form Livestock coverage form

Definitions

Cause of loss (basic, broad and special)

Conditions Exclusions Limits

Additional coverages

#### 8.0 Businessowners Policy 15% (23 Items)

#### 8.1 Characteristics and purpose 8.2 Businessowners Section I -**Property**

Coverage Exclusions Limits

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

Protective safeguards (BP 04 30) Utility services — direct damage (BP

Utility services — time element (BP

### **Vermont Adjuster's Examination** for Workers Compensation Insurance **Series 14-34**

## 50 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

1-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

# 1.0 Insurance Regulation 9% (4

## 1.1 Licensing requirements

Qualifications (4803(a)) Process (4800, 4800a)

## 1.2 Maintenance and duration

Renewal (4798) Expiration (4798) Records (4803(c))

#### 1.3 Disciplinary actions

Denial of license (4800(3)(E)) Cease and desist order (3661) Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806) Fines (4804(d))

Administrative penalties (RR 95-20 Rule 45 Sec 5000)

#### 2.0 Workers Compensation Insurance 55% (28 Items)

#### 2.1 Workers compensation laws and rules

Vermont Workers' Compensation Law and Department of Labor Rules (Related Regulation 94-1 Rule 1.0000)

Definitions (RR 94-1 Rule 2.0000) Exclusive remedy

Employment covered (required, voluntary)

Independent contractor versus employee

Statutory employer

Covered injuries

First-aid-only injuries (Title 21 sec. 640(e))

Pre-authorization requests and denials T. 21 s 640b Rule 6.000 Benefits provided

Out-of-state injuries

Jurisdiction

Subrogation (Rule 21.13; Title 21

sec. 624(e)(2)) Bars to recovery

Willful intention

Intoxication

Failure to use safety appliance Statute of limitations

Average weekly wage (RR 94-1 Rule 8.0000)

Choice of physician (RR 94-1 Rule 4.0000)

Medical examination (RR 94-1 Rule 6.0000)

Notice of injury and claim (RR 94-1 Rule 3.0000)

Compensation agreements and disputed claims (RR 94-1 Rule 9.0000)

Termination of compensation (RR 94-1 Rule 12.0000)

Lump-sum payments (RR 94-1 Rule 13.0000)

#### 2.2 Workers compensation and employer 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

## 3.0 Workers Compensation Claim Principles 36% (18 Items)

## 3.1 Role of the adjuster

Duties and responsibilities

# 3.2 Controlling medical costs

Designated provider Medical fee schedule (RR 95-22 Rule 40.01-.11) Hospital bill auditing

Reimbursement requirements (RR 95-22 Rule 40.02)



Fees for depositions, mileage and supplemental reports (RR 95-22 Rule 40.11) 21VSA sec. 678 Payment without prejudice 3.2300 Concurrent employment

# 3.3 Investigation and evaluation

Compensability

Death benefits for fatality claim Employment relationship Compensable injury Causal relationship

Timely notice

Workers compensation fraud

Burdens of proof Documentation

First report of injury

Types of evidence

Time limits

Surveillance

Adjuster's log notes

Medical determination

Medical authorization

Causal relationship

Aggravation/recurrence

Disability status

Temporary/Permanency

Independent Medical Examinations (IME) (Rule 6.000)

3.4 Claim reserves

# Components

Indemnity

Medical

Expense

Factors affecting reserves

## 3.5 Claims management

Analysis

Identifying treating physician

Identifying treatment plan

Identifying return-to-work capacity

Contested claims adjustment

procedures

Form 27 (RR 94-1 Rule 12.0000)

Notice and application for hearing; filing of papers (RR 94-1 Rule

14.0000)

Representation (RR 94-1 Rule

15.0000)

Informal resolution (RR 94-1 Rule

16.0000)

Formal hearing (RR 94-1 Rule 17,0000)

Appeals (RR 94-1 Rule 17.0000) Attorney's fees (RR 94-1 Rule

20.0000)

Dispositions

Resolving medical disputes (RR 94-1

Rule 5.0000)

Resolving permanency disputes

Settlement negotiation

Form 16

# 3.6 Vocational rehabilitation programs (Title 21. sec. 641)

Referral

Individual written rehabilitation plan

## Vermont Producer's Examination for Bail Bond Series 14-35

# 50 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

1-hour time limit
Effective November 3, 2019

# 1.0 Insurance Regulation 20% (10 Items)

# 1.1 Licensing

Persons to be licensed (4793; Title 13 Sec 7554a)

Resident vs. non-resident 4800(a)

Process (4800; 4813f)
Producer appointment (4798(c);

4798(d); 4813l)

Termination of appointment

(4798(d); 4813m)

Examination of records (3565) 8 VSA

Sec. 13

Maintenance and duration

Renewal and expiration (4798)

Address change (4800(3)(F))

Disciplinary actions

Denial of license (4800(3)(E))

Cease and desist order (3661)

Suspension, revocation or

nonrenewal (4804; 4806)

# 1.2 Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13)) False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation (4724(4))

False financial statements and entries (4724(5))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record (4724(10))

Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12)) Nondisclosure of fees or charges (4724(14))

Failure to comply with filed rates, rules, regulations or forms (4724(19))

#### 1.3 Trust accounts (Reg 95-1)

Fiduciary duties and responsibilities Accounting requirements

#### 1.4 Federal regulation

Fraud and false statements (18 USC 1033, 1034)

# 2.0 The Legal Framework 10% (5 Items)

# 2.1 Powers and authority of producers

Express Implied

Apparent

2.2 Contracts

Elements of a legal contract Offer and acceptance Consideration Competent parties Legal purpose Concealment Fraud

#### 2.3 Court jurisdiction

Original jurisdiction

Territorial

Personal

Appellate jurisdiction

#### 2.4 Terminology

Arrest

Concurrent bail

Consecutive bail

Conviction

Custody

Defendant

Discharge Disposition

Extradition

Felony

Final judgment

Hearing

Incarceration

Indictment

Misdemeanor Mittimus

Posting of bail

Recognizance Warrant

# 3.0 Bail Bond Principles and Practices 70% (35 Items)

#### 3.1 Parties to a surety bond

Principal

Indemnitor for principal

Indemnity agreement

Obligee

Suretv

Surety's agent (producer)

Obligation to court (13 V.S.A. 7554a)

3.2 Duties of a bail bond

**producer** Approval

Premium receipt

Obligation to court

Power of attorney Collateral and trust obligations

# 3.3 Types of bonds

Bail

Peace bond (13 V.S.A. 7573)

Property bond

Secured appearance bond

Unsecured appearance bond **3.4 Procedure** 

Application for bond

(surety/defendant contract)
Collateral security

Surety contract

# Posting the bond **3.5 Court procedures**

Court appearances

Arraignment

Trial

Appeal



Conditions of release Prior to trial Pending appeal Failure to appear Revocation of hail (13 V 9

Revocation of bail (13 V.S.A. 7575)

# 3.6 Release of surety

# 3.7 Surrender of principal (defendant)

Discharge of bond Return of premium Return of collateral

#### 3.8 Bond forfeiture

Notice to defendant and sureties Judgment Dispersal of funds Arrest after forfeiture

Vermont Examination for Motor Vehicle Damage Appraiser Series 14-37

60 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

1-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

# 1.0 Vermont Insurance Practices 10% (6 Items)

# **1.1 Authority of the Insurance Commissioner** (4726)

#### 1.2 Licensing requirements

(4791, 4800, 4800a) Qualifications (4803) Records (4803)

Disciplinary actions (4804, 4806)

Renewal (4798)

1.3 Claim settlement laws and regulations (4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-9; Bulletin 162)

# 2.0 Insurance Basics 10% (6 Items)

# 2.1 Property insurance principles

Insurable interest Causes of loss (perils) Direct versus indirect loss Valuation Actual cash value Replacement cost

# 3.0 Appraising Auto Physical Damage Claims 80% (48 Items)

#### 3.1 The role of the appraiser

Duties and responsibilities Relationship to adjusters

# 3.2 Duties of insured after a loss

Notice to insurer
Minimizing the loss
Proof of loss
Inspection and appraisal of vehicle
Special requirements

#### 3.3 Determining value and loss

Adjustment procedures

Salvage

Appraisal

Depreciation

Repair or replacement

Repair options and procedures

"Like kind and quality"

Aftermarket parts

Partial loss versus total loss

Constructive total loss

Motor Vehicle Total Loss Using A Price

Guide Bul 182 Diminished value

#### 3.4 Vehicle inspection

Proper vehicle identification and options ID Evaluate with regard to circumstances of accident

# Estimate of repairs form **3.5 Vehicle parts and**

#### construction

Quarter panels

Body Front end Rear body

Doors

Roof

Bumpers/urethane repairs

Lamps

Cowl

Floor pan

Rocker panels

Pillars

Substructure

Frame

Unibody

Mechanical

Engine

Cooling system

Electrical system/computers

Exhaust system

Fuel system

Heating and air conditioning systems

Brakes/ABS

Steering

Suspension

Transmission

Air bags/SRS (seat belts)

Glass

Interior

Paint

## Vermont Agent's Examination for Title Insurance Series 14-38

# 60 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

1-hour time limit
Effective November 3, 2019

# 1.0 Insurance Regulation 6% (4 Items)

#### 1.1 Licensing

Process (4800; 4813e; 4813f)
Persons to be licensed (4813b)
Maintenance and duration
Renewal and expiration (4798)
Address change (4800(3)(F))
Assumed business name (4813j)
Reporting of actions (4813o)
Continuing education requirements (4800a; Reg I-2000-02 Sec 4, 7)
Disciplinary actions
Denial of license (4800(3)(E))
Cease and desist order (3661)
Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806)

#### 1.2 State regulation

Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726)

Company regulation

Forms filing exceptions (Reg I-2010-03 Sec 4)

Unfair claim settlement practices

(4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-9) Examination of records (3565)

Agent regulation

Acting without a license (4793)

Shared commissions (4796)

Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13))

False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation (4724(4))

False financial statements and entries (4724(5))

Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record (4724(10))

Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12)) Nondisclosure of fees or charges (4724(14))

#### 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% (4 Items)

## 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

Adverse selection Insurable interest

Reinsurance



# 2.2 Agents and general rules of agency

Insurer as principal Agent/insurer relationship Authority and powers of agents Express Implied Apparent Responsibilities to the applicant/insured

#### 2.3 Contracts

Warranties

Fraud

Concealment

Waiver and estoppel

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 Legal interpretations affecting contracts Ambiguities in a contract of adhesion Reasonable expectations Indemnity Utmost good faith

3.0 Real Property 34% (20 Items)

Representations/misrepresentations

# 3.1 Concepts, principles and practices

Definition of real property Types of real property Title to real property Marketable title

# 3.2 Acquisition and transfer of real property Conveyances

Encumbrances Adverse possession Condemnation Accession Escheats Involuntary alienation Abandonment Judicial sales Decedents' estates Intestate Testate Trusts Types of joint ownership Tenants in common Joint tenancy Tenants by the entirety Acknowledgments

Legal capacity of parties

General partnerships

Limited partnerships

Fictitious names

Individuals

Corporations

Trust agreements Limited Liability Company (LLC)

# 3.3 Legal descriptions

Types of legal descriptions Types of measurements used Language of real descriptions Structure and format Interpretation

Survey requirements

#### 3.4 Recording

Types of records
Types of recording systems
Requirements to record
Recording steps
Acknowledgments
Presumptions

# 4.0 Title Insurance 24% (14 Items)

#### 4.1 Title insurance principles

Risks covered by title insurance Risk of error in public records Hidden off-record title risks Risk of omission and commission by agent Entities that can be insured; need for insurance Individual

Interests that can be insured

Fee simple estate Estate in common Leasehold estate Life estate

Life estate Fasements

Title insurance forms

Commitments

Insured closing protection letters

Owner's policy

Loan policy/short form residential loan policy

Leasehold policy

Title insurance policy structure and provisions

Insuring provisions

Schedule A

Schedule B — Exceptions from

coverage

Exclusions from coverage

Conditions and stipulations

Endorsements

5.0 Title Exceptions and Procedures for Clearing Title 29% ( 18 Items)

# 5.1 Principles and concepts

General exceptions
Voluntary and involuntary liens
Federal liens
Mortgage deeds
Judgments
Taxes and assessments
Surveys
Condominiums and common interest communities
Water rights
Mineral rights

Equitable interests Attachments

Executions

Covenants

Conditions

Restrictions

Glebe land

Building and zoning laws

# 5.2 Special problem areas and concerns

Acknowledgments Mechanic's lien Bankruptcy Probate Good faith

Foreclosure Claims against the title

Ancient roads

# 5.3 Principles of clearing title

Releases Assignments Subordinations Affidavits Reconveyances

Vermont Producer's Examination for Personal Lines Insurance Series 14-39

100 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

2-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

# 1.0 Insurance Regulation 8% (8 Items)

## 1.1 Licensing

Process (4800; 4813f)
Types of licensees (4791)
Resident (4800(3)(A))
Nonresident (4800(3)(B); 4813h)
Maintenance and duration
Renewal and expiration (4798)
Address change (4800(3)(F))
Assumed business name (4813j)
Reporting of actions (4813o)
Continuing education requirements (4800a; Reg 2000-2 Sec 4)
Disciplinary actions
Denial of license (4800(3)(E))
Cease and desist order (3661)
Suspension, revocation or
nonrenewal (4804; 4806)

Penalties (3661(a)(2); 4804(d)) **1.2 State regulation** 

1.2 State regulation
Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726; 4804)
Company regulation
Certificate of authority (3368)
Unfair claim settlement practices (4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-7)
Policy forms (3541)

Examination of records (3565)



Producer appointment (4798(d):

4813I)

Termination of appointment

(4798(d); 4813m)

Producer regulation

Acting without a license (4793;

4813c)

Shared commissions (4796)

Trust accounts — anti-commingling (Reg 95-1; 4724(12))

Controlled business (4795)

Duties (4813c)

Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13))

False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation (4724(4))

False financial statements and entries

(4724(5))

Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record

(4724(10))

Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12);

Reg 95-1)

Unsuitability (4724(16))

Nondisclosure of fees or charges

(4724(14))

Consumer privacy regulation (IH-2001-01)

#### 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% (7 Items)

# 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

Captive insurers

Stock companies

Mutual companies

Fraternal benefit societies

Lloyd's associations

Risk retention groups

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

Authority and powers of producers

Express Implied

Apparent

#### 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

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% (15 Items)

# 3.1 Principles and concepts

Insurable interest

Underwriting

Function

Loss ratio

Rates

Types Loss costs

Components

Hazards **Physical** 

Moral Morale

Nealigence

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)

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

Valued policy

# 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

Assianment

Abandonment Insurer provisions

Liberalization

Subrogation

Salvage

Claim settlement options

Duty to defend Third-party provisions

Standard mortgage clause Loss payable clause

#### No benefit to Bailee 3.4 Vermont laws, regulations

and required provisions Vermont Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association

(3611 - 3626)

Renewal notice (3882) Cancellation and nonrenewal (3879-

3881: 3883) Consent to rate (4688(f); Reg I-2010-03))

Loss payment (3868; Reg 79-2 Sec

Discrimination (3861)

Coinsurance (3961-3968) Required provisions (4203)

4.0 Dwelling Policy 5% (5 Items)



#### 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 — Vermont (DP 01 44)

Automatic increase in insurance (DP 0411)

Broad theft coverage (DP 04 72) Dwelling under construction (DP 11 43)

#### 4.7 Personal liability supplement

#### 5.0 Homeowners Policy 25% (25 Items)

#### 5.1 Coverage forms

HO-2 through HO-6

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

Additional coverages

#### 5.5 Perils insured against

5.6 Exclusions

5.7 Conditions

#### 5.8 Selected endorsements

Special provisions — Vermont (HO 01 44)

Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage - Vermont (HO 0402)

Permitted incidental occupancies (HO 04 42)

Earthquake (HO 04 54)

Scheduled personal property (HO 04

Personal property replacement cost (HO 04 90)

Home day care — Vermont (HO 23

Business pursuits (HO 24 71) Watercraft (HO 24 75)

Personal injury (HO 24 82)

#### 6.0 Auto Insurance 28% (28 Items)

#### 6.1 Laws

Vermont Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility and Insurance Laws (Title 23 Sec 800-943)

Required limits of liability (Title 23 Sec 801)

Required proof of insurance (Bul 77) Vermont Automobile Insurance Plan (4241-4246)

Eligibility

Liability limitations

Physical damage coverage limitations Uninsured/underinsured motorist

(Title 23 Sec 941)

Definitions

Required limits of liability

Bodily injury

Property damage

Cancellation/nonrenewal

Grounds (4223) Notice (4224–4226)

Notice of eligibility in assigned risk plan (4227)

Binders (Title 23 Sec 942)

Surcharges (4671-4675)

#### 6.2 Personal auto policy

Definitions

Liability coverage

Bodily injury and property damage

Supplementary payments

Exclusions

Medical payments

Uninsured motorist/underinsured

motorist coverage

Coverage for damage to your auto

Collision

Other than collision

Deductibles

Transportation expense

Exclusions

Duties after an accident or loss

General provisions

Selected endorsements

Amendment of policy provisions —

Vermont (PP 01 72)

Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03)

Extended non-owned coverage (PP

Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03

Joint ownership coverage — Vermont (PP 03 80)

## 7.0 Farm Coverage 2% (2 Items)

#### 7.1 Farm property coverage forms

Coverage A — Dwellings

Coverage B — Other private

structures

Coverage C — Household personal

Coverage D — Loss of use Coverage E — Scheduled farm personal property

Coverage F — Unscheduled farm personal property

Coverage G — Other farm structures Mobile agricultural machinery and equipment coverage form

Livestock coverage form 7.2 Farm liability coverage forms

Coverage H — Bodily injury and property damage liability Coverage I — Personal and

advertising injury liability

Coverage J — Medical payments 7.3 Cause of loss (basic, broad

#### and special) 7.4 Exclusions

#### 7.5 Other provisions

Additional coverages Conditions Definitions

#### 8.0 Other Coverages and Options 10% (10 Items)

#### 8.1 Personal umbrella policy (DL 98 01)

#### 8.2 National Flood Insurance Program

"Write your own" versus government Eligibility

Coverage Limits

Limits

Deductibles

#### 8.3 Other policies

Boatowners

## **Vermont Producer's Examination** for Property Insurance **Series 14-41**

# 100 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

2-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

#### 1.0 Insurance Regulation 10% (10 Items)

# 1.1 Licensing

Process (4800; 4813f) Types of licensees (4791) Resident (4800(3)(A))

Nonresident (4800(3)(B); 4813h) Temporary (4800(3)(D)(ii); 4813k)

Maintenance and duration Renewal and expiration (4798)

Address change (4800(3)(F))

Assumed business name (4813j) Reporting of actions (4813o)

Continuing education requirements (4800a; Reg 2000-2 Sec 4)

Disciplinary actions Denial of license (4800(3)(E)) Cease and desist order (3661)



Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806) Penalties (3661(a)(2); 4804(d))

#### 1.2 State regulation

Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726; 4804) Company regulation Certificate of authority (3368) Unfair claim settlement practices (4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-7) Policy forms (3541) Examination of records (3565)

Producer appointment (4798(c); 4813I)

Termination of appointment (4798(d); 4813m)

Producer regulation

Acting without a license (4793;

4813c)

Shared commissions (4796)

Trust accounts — anti-commingling (Reg 95-1; 4724(12))

Controlled business (4795)

Duties (4813c)

Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13))

False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation (4724(4))

False financial statements and entries (4724(5))

Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record (4724(10))

Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12);

Reg 95-1)

Unsuitability (4724(16))

Nondisclosure of fees or charges (4724(14))

Consumer privacy regulation (IH-2001-01)

#### 1.3 Federal regulation

Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681-1681d)

Fraud and false statements (18 USC 1033, 1034)

#### 2.0 General Insurance 9% (9 Items)

# 2.1 Concepts

Risk management key terms

Rick

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

Captive insurers

Stock companies

Mutual companies

Fraternal benefit societies

Lloyd's associations

Risk retention groups

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

Authority and powers of producers

Express Implied

Apparent

#### 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

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 13% (13 Items)

## 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

Functional replacement cost

Market value

Agreed value

Stated amount

Valued policy

#### 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

Coinsurance

Vacancy or unoccupancy

Named insured provisions

Duties after loss

Assianment

Abandonment

Insurer provisions

Liberalization Subrogation

Salvage

Claim settlement options

Third-party provisions Standard mortgage clause

Loss pavable clause

No benefit to Bailee

## 3.4 Vermont laws, regulations and required provisions

Vermont Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association

(3611-3626)

Renewal notice (3882; 4715) Cancellation and nonrenewal (3879-3881; 3883; 4711-4714)

Consent to rate (4688(f); Reg I-

2010-03) Loss payment (3868; Reg 79-2 Sec

6, 8) Discrimination (3861)

Coinsurance (3961-3968) Federal Terrorism Insurance Program (Bul 142, 150; 15 USC 6701; Public Law 107-297, 109-144, 110-160)

## 4.0 Dwelling Policy 7% (7 Items)

#### 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

 ${\it Special provisions-Vermont\ (DP\ 01)}$ 

Automatic increase in insurance (DP 04 11)

Broad theft coverage (DP 04 72) Dwelling under construction (DP 11

# 4.7 Personal liability supplement

#### 5.0 Homeowners Policy 22% (22 Items)

#### 5.1 Coverage forms

HO-2 through HO-6

#### 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 — Vermont (HO

Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage - Vermont (HO

Permitted incidental occupancies (HO 04 42)

Earthquake (HO 04 54)

Scheduled personal property (HO 04

Personal property replacement cost (HO 04 90)

Home day care — Vermont (HO 23 45)

#### 6.0 Auto Insurance 7% (7 Items)

# 6.1 Laws

Cancellation/nonrenewal Grounds (4223) Notice (4224-4226)

#### 6.2 Personal auto policy

Definitions

Coverage for damage to your auto

Other than collision

Deductibles

Transportation expense

Exclusions

Duties after an accident or loss

General provisions

Selected endorsements

Amendment of policy provisions —

Vermont (PP 01 72)

Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03)

Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03

Joint ownership coverage — Vermont (PP 03 80)

#### 6.3 Commercial auto

Commercial auto coverage forms

Business auto

Business auto physical damage

Motor carrier

Coverage form sections

Covered autos

Physical damage coverage

Exclusions

Conditions

Definitions

Selected endorsements

Lessor — additional insured and loss payee (CA 20 01)

Mobile equipment (CA 20 15)

Individual named insured (CA 99 17)

#### 7.0 Commercial Package Policy (CPP) 14% (14 Items)

#### 7.1 Components of a commercial policy

Common policy declarations Common policy conditions

Interline endorsements

One or more coverage parts

## 7.2 Commercial property

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

Value reporting form (CP 13 10)

#### 7.3 Commercial inland marine

Commercial inland marine conditions

Inland marine coverage forms

Accounts receivable

Bailee's customers

Commercial articles

Contractors equipment floater

Electronic data processing Equipment dealers Installation floater Jewelers block Sians

Valuable papers and records Transportation coverages Common carrier cargo liability Motor truck cargo forms

Transit coverage forms

#### 7.4 Equipment breakdown

Equipment breakdown protection coverage form (EB 00 20) Selected endorsement

Actual cash value (EB 99 59)

# 7.5 Farm coverage

Farm property coverage forms

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 Mobile agricultural machinery and

Cause of loss (basic, broad and

equipment coverage form Livestock coverage form

Definitions

special)

Conditions

Exclusions

Limits Additional coverages

#### 8.0 Businessowners Policy 13% (13 Items)

#### 8.1 Characteristics and purpose

#### 8.2 Businessowners Section I -**Property**

Coverage

Exclusions

Limits Deductibles

Loss conditions

General conditions

Optional coverages

#### Definitions 8.3 Businessowners Section III

#### Common Policy Conditions 8.4 Selected endorsements

Protective safeguards (BP 04 30) Utility services — direct damage (BP

Utility services — time element (BP 04 57)

# 9.0 Other Coverages and Options 5% (5 Items)

## 9.1 Ocean marine insurance

Hull insurance Cargo insurance

Freight insurance



#### 9.2 National Flood Insurance **Program**

"Write your own" versus government Eligibility Coverage Limits Deductibles

**Vermont Producer's Examination** for Casualty Insurance **Series 14-42** 

100 questions (plus 5 unscored items)

2-hour time limit Effective November 3, 2019

#### 1.0 Insurance Regulation 10% (10 Items)

1.1 Licensing

Process (4800; 4813f) Types of licensees (4791) Resident (4800(3)(A)) Nonresident (4800(3)(B); 4813h) Temporary (4800(3)(D)(ii); 4813k) Maintenance and duration Renewal and expiration (4798) Address change (4800(3)(F)) Assumed business name (4813j) Reporting of actions (4813o) Continuing education requirements (4800a: Reg 2000-2 Sec 4) Disciplinary actions Denial of license (4800(3)(E)) Cease and desist order (3661) Suspension, revocation or nonrenewal (4804; 4806) Penalties (3661(a)(2); 4804(d))

1.2 State regulation

Commissioner's general duties and powers (4726; 4804) Company regulation Certificate of authority (3368) Unfair claim settlement practices (4724(9); Reg 79-2 Sec 1-7) Policy forms (3541) Examination of records (3565) Producer appointment (4798(c); 4813I) Termination of appointment (4798(d); 4813m) Producer regulation

Acting without a license (4793; 4813c)

Shared commissions (4796)

Trust accounts — anti-commingling (Reg 95-1; 4724(12))

Controlled business (4795)

Duties (4813c)

Unfair trade practices (4724)

Misrepresentation (4724(1, 11, 13))

False advertising (4724(2))

Defamation (4724(3))

Boycott, coercion and intimidation

False financial statements and entries (4724(5))

Illegal inducement (4724(6))

Unfair discrimination (4724(7))

Rebating (4724(8))

Failure to maintain complaint record (4724(10))

Failure to act as fiduciary (4724(12); Reg 95-1)

Unsuitability (4724(16))

Nondisclosure of fees or charges (4724(14))

Consumer privacy regulation (IH-2001-01)

1.3 Federal regulation

Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681-1681d)

Fraud and false statements (18 USC 1033, 1034)

#### 2.0 General Insurance 9% (9 Items)

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

Captive insurers

Stock companies

Mutual companies

Fraternal benefit societies

Lloyd's associations

Risk retention groups

Private versus government insurers

Admitted versus nonadmitted

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

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 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 Casualty Insurance Basics 12% (12 Items)

# 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

## 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 Named insured provisions Duties after loss Assianment Insurer provisions Liberalization Subrogation Duty to defend

#### 3.4 Vermont laws, regulations and required provisions Vermont Property and Casualty

Insurance Guaranty Association (3611 - 3626)Renewal notice (3882; 4715) Cancellation and nonrenewal (3879-3881; 3883; 4711-4714) Consent to rate (4688(f); Reg I-2010-03) Loss payment (Reg 79-2 Sec 6, 8)

Discrimination (3861) Pollution coverage (Bul 111) Required provisions (4203) Federal Terrorism Insurance Program (Bul 142, 150; 15 USC 6701; Public Law 107-297, 109-144, 110-160)

#### 4.0 Homeowners Policy 17% (17 Items)

#### 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 — Vermont (HO 01 44)

Limited fungi, wet or dry rot, or bacteria coverage — Vermont (HO 04 02)

Permitted incidental occupancies (HO 04 42)

Home day care — Vermont (HO 23

Business pursuits (HO 24 71) Watercraft (HO 24 75) Personal injury (HO 24 82)

#### 5.0 Auto Insurance 21% (21 Items)

# 5.1 Laws

Vermont Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility and Insurance Laws (Title 23 Sec 800-943) Required limits of liability (Title 23 Sec 801) Required proof of insurance (Bul 77) Vermont Automobile Insurance Plan (4241 - 4246)

Eligibility

Liability limitations

Physical damage coverage limitations Uninsured/underinsured motorist

(Title 23 Sec 941)

. Definitions

Required limits of liability

Bodily injury

Property damage Cancellation/nonrenewal

Grounds (4223)

Notice (4224-4226)

Notice of eligibility in assigned risk plan (4227)

. Binders (Title 23 Sec 942)

Surcharges (4671–4675)

# 5.2 Personal auto policy

Definitions

Liability coverage

Bodily injury and property damage

Supplementary payments

Exclusions

Medical payments

Uninsured motorist/underinsured

motorist coverage

Coverage for damage to your auto

Collision

Other than collision

Deductibles

Transportation expense

Exclusions

Duties after an accident or loss

General provisions

Selected endorsements

Amendment of policy provisions -

Vermont (PP 01 72)

Towing and labor costs (PP 03 03)

Extended non-owned coverage (PP 03.06)

Miscellaneous type vehicle (PP 03

23)

Joint ownership coverage — Vermont (PP 03 80)

#### 5.3 Commercial auto

Commercial auto coverage forms

Business auto Auto Dealers

Business auto physical damage

Truckers

Motor carrier

Coverage form sections

Covered autos

Liability coverage

Garagekeepers coverage

Trailer interchange 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)

Drive other car coverage (CA 99 10) 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)

#### 6.0 Commercial Package Policy (CPP) 9% (9 Items)

#### 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

Commercial general liability coverage forms

Bodily injury and property damage liability

Personal and advertising injury liability

Medical payments

Supplementary payments

Who is an insured

Limits of liability Conditions

Definitions

Exclusions

Premises and operations

Products and completed operations

Insured contract

#### 6.3 Commercial crime

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 premises

Computer fraud

Funds transfer fraud

Money orders and counterfeit money

Other crime coverage

Extortion — commercial entities **6.4 Farm coverage** 

Farm liability coverage form Coverage H — Bodily injury and

property damage liability Coverage I — Personal advertising

injury liability

Coverage J — Medical payments

Definitions

Conditions Exclusions

Limits

Additional coverages

7.0 Businessowners Policy 8% (8 Items)



#### 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

#### 8.0 Workers Compensation Insurance 7% (7 Items)

#### 8.1 Workers compensation laws

Type of law Compulsory versus elective Vermont Workers' Compensation Law Exclusive remedy Employment covered (required, voluntary) Covered injuries Occupational disease Benefits provided Federal workers compensation laws Federal Employer Liability Act (FELA) (45 USC 51-60)

U.S. Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 USC 904) The Jones Act (46 USC 688)

#### 8.2 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
Voluntary compensation endorsement

#### 8.3 Premium computation

Job classification — payroll and rates Experience modification factor Premium discounts

#### 8.4 Other sources of coverages

Vermont workers' compensation administration fund Self-insured employers and employer groups

#### 9.0 Other Coverages and Options 7% (7 Items)

#### 9.1 Umbrella/excess liability policies

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

## 9.2 Specialty liability insurance

Cyber liability coverage Professional liability Errors and omissions Directors and officers liability Fiduciary liability Liquor liability Employment practices liability

9.3 Surplus lines Definitions and markets

Licensing requirements

9.4 Surety bonds

Principal, obligee, surety Contract bonds License and permit bonds Judicial bonds

9.5 Ocean marine insurance

Protection and indemnity



# **License Application and Forms**

This section provides printable copies of various forms and information that may be needed or helpful for completing them. It contains the following:

- NAIC Application form for individual insurance producer license.
- Social Security Disclosure statement.
- Attachment #2, Required Certifications.
- Vermont Address Change Form.
- Examination registration form.



(Please Print or Type)

# Check appropriate box for license requested.

- ☐ Resident License
- Non-Resident License

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Insurance Commission	Individual Insurance Producer License/Registration															
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Background Information							
The Applicant must read the following very carefully and answer every question. All written statements submitted by the Applicant must include an original signature.							
1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a crime?	Yes No						
Note: "Crime" includes a misdemeanor, a felony or a military offense.							
You may exclude misdemeanor traffic citations and misdemeanor convictions or pending misdemeanor charges involving driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI), driving without a license, reckless driving, or driving with a suspended or revoked license and juvenile offenses.							
"Convicted" includes, but is not limited to, having been found guilty by verdict of a judge or jury, having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or no contest, or having been given probation, a suspended sentence, or a fine.							
If you answer yes, you must attach to this application:							
<ul><li>a) a written statement explaining the circumstances of each incident,</li><li>b) a copy of the charging document,</li><li>c) a copy of the official document, which demonstrates the resolution of the charges or any final judgment.</li></ul>							
If you have a felony conviction involving dishonesty or breach of trust, have you applied for written consent to engage in the business of insurance in your home state as required by 18 USC 1033? N/A Yes No							
If so, was consent granted? (Attach copy of 1033 consent approved by home state.)  N/A Yes No							
2. Have you ever been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license or registration?	Yes No						
"Involved" means having a license censured, suspended, revoked, canceled, terminated; or, being assessed a fine, a cease and desist order, a prohibition order, a compliance order, placed on probation or surrendering a license to resolve an administrative action. "Involved" also means being named as a party to an administrative or arbitration proceeding, which is related to a professional or occupational license. "Involved" also means having a license application denied or the act of withdrawing an application to avoid a denial. INCLUDE Any business so named because of your actions, in your capacity as an owner, partner, officer, director, or member or manager of a Limited Liability Company. You may EXCLUDE terminations due solely to noncompliance with continuing education requirements or failure to pay a renewal fee.							
If you answer yes, you must attach to this application:  a)a written statement identifying the type of license and explaining the circumstances of each incident,  b) a copy of the Notice of Hearing or other document that states the charges and allegations, and  c)a copy of the official document, which demonstrates the resolution of the charges or any final judgment.							
3.Has any demand been made or judgment rendered against you or any business in which you are or were an owner, partner, officer or director, or member or manager of a limited liability company, for overdue monies by an insurer, insured or producer, or have you ever been subject to a bankruptcy proceeding? Do not include personal bankruptcies, unless they involve funds held on behalf of others.							
If you answer yes, submit a statement summarizing the details of the indebtedness and arrangements for repayment, and/or type and location of bankruptcy.							
4. Have you been notified by any jurisdiction to which you are applying of any delinquent tax obligation that is not the subject of a repayment agreement?	Yes No						
If you answer yes, identify the jurisdiction(s):							
5. Are you currently a party to, or have you ever been found liable in, any lawsuit, arbitration or mediation proceeding involving allegations of fraud, misappropriation or conversion of funds, misrepresentation or breach of fiduciary duty?	Yes No						
If you answer yes, you must attach to this application:  a) a written statement summarizing the details of each incident,  b) a copy of the Petition, Complaint or other document that commenced the lawsuit or arbitration, or mediation proceedings, and  c) a copy of the official document, which demonstrates the resolution of the charges or any final judgment.							



6. Have you or any business in which you are or were an owner, partner, officer or director, or member or manager of a limited liability company, ever had an insurance agency contract or any other business relationship with an insurance company terminated for any alleged misconduct?	Yes 1	No
If you answer yes, you must attach to this application:		
<ul> <li>a) a written statement summarizing the details of each incident and explaining why you feel this incident should not prevent you from receiving an insurance license, and</li> <li>b) copies of all relevant documents.</li> </ul>		
7. Do you have a child support obligation in arrearage?	Yes 1	No
If you answer yes,		_Months
a) by how many months are you in arrearage?	Yes 1	
b) are you currently subject to and in compliance with any repayment agreement? c) are you the subject of a child support related subpoena/warrant?	Yes 1	No
(If you answered yes, provide documentation showing proof of current payments or an approved repayment plan from the		
appropriate state child support agency.)	N/A	
8). In response to a "yes" answer to one or more of the Background Questions for this application, are you submitting document(s) to the NAIC/NIPR Attachments Warehouse?	Yes N	1o
If you answer yes,	Yes 1	No
Will you be associating (linking) previously filed documents from the NAIC/NIPR Attachments Warehouse to this application?		
<b>Note:</b> If you have previously submitted documents to the Attachments Warehouse that are intended to be filed with this application, you <b>must</b> go to the Attachments Warehouse and associate (link) the supporting document(s) to this application based upon the particular background question number you have answered yes to on this application. You will receive information in a follow-up page at the end of the application process, providing a link to the Attachment Warehouse instructions.		

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## **Applicant's Certification and Attestation**

(8) The Applicant must read the following very carefully:

- 1. I hereby certify that, under penalty of perjury, all of the information submitted in this application and attachments is true and complete. I am aware that submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application is grounds for license revocation or denial of the license and may subject me to civil or criminal penalties.
- 2. Unless provided otherwise by law or regulation of the jurisdiction, I hereby designate the Commissioner, Director or Superintendent of Insurance, or other appropriate party in each jurisdiction for which this application is made to be my agent for service of process regarding all insurance matters in the respective jurisdiction and agree that service upon the Commissioner, Director or Superintendent of Insurance, or other appropriate party of that jurisdiction is of the same legal force and validity as personal service upon myself.
- 3 I further certify that I grant permission to the Commissioner, Director or Superintendent of Insurance, or other appropriate party in each jurisdiction for which this application is made to verify information with any federal, state or local government agency, current or former employer, or insurance company.
- 4. I further certify that, under penalty of perjury, a) I have no child-support obligation, b) I have a child-support obligation and I am currently in compliance with that obligation, or c) I have identified my child support obligation arrearage on this application.
- 5. I authorize the jurisdictions to give any information concerning me, as permitted by law, to any federal, state or municipal agency, or any other organization and I release the jurisdictions and any person acting on their behalf from any and all liability of whatever nature by reason of furnishing such information.
- 6. I acknowledge that I understand and will comply with the insurance laws and regulations of the jurisdictions to which I am applying for licensure.
- 7. For Non-Resident License Applications, I certify that I am licensed and in good standing in my home state/resident state for the lines of authority requested from the non-resident state.
- 8. I hereby certify that upon request, I will furnish the jurisdiction(s) to which I am applying, certified copies of any documents attached to this application or requested by the jurisdiction(s).

Month/Day/Year	
Original Producer Signature	
Full Legal Name (Printed or Typed)	

#### **Attachments**

he following attachments must accompany the application otherwise the application may be returned unprocessed or considered deficient.

- 1. For Non-Resident License Applications and unless otherwise noted in the State Matrix of Business Rules, a state will rely on an electronic verification of an Applicant's resident license through the NAIC's State Producer Licensing Database in lieu of requiring an original Letter of Certification from the resident state.
- 2. Any jurisdiction specific attachments listed in the State Matrix of Business Rules (www.nipr.com).

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#### **ATTACHMENT 1**

## SOCIAL SECURITY DISCLOSURE

- 1. The Department requires you to provide your Social Security number in connection with your application for an occupational and professional license pursuant to federal law as set out in 42 U.S.C. §§ 405(c)(2)(C)(i), 654 and 666. Your Social Security number may then be used for the purposes set forth in those statutes, including the enforcement of spousal and child support orders and paternity determinations, and the administration of any tax and may be shared with the agencies that have responsibility for those matters. Your Social Security number will not appear on the face of your license, but will be kept on file by the Department with your license information.
- 2. In addition, you may on a voluntary basis permit the Department to use your Social Security number for internal identification purposes and to share your Social Security number with the National Association of Insurance for inclusion in the National Producer Database (PDB). The PDB is intended to assist in a uniform nationwide system of licensing through the National Insurance Producer Registry and to assist the states, territories and the District of Columbia in their producer licensing programs, including issuing, renewing, monitoring, suspending and revoking licenses. If you do not wish your Social Security number included in the National Producer Database, you will not be able to take advantage of electronic processing of your license and nationwide licensing using the PDB.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE USE OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2, YOU MUST SO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IN WRITING AND ATTACH SUCH NOTICE TO YOUR APPLICATION

# Vermont Department of Financial Regulation

# INSURANCE DIVISION - PRODUCER AND INDIVIDUAL LICENSING SECTION ATTACHMENT #2 REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

In order to apply for a license you must certify to statement 1 and 2 below:

# Certification of Examination and knowledge of Vermont Unfair Trade Practices Act and Regulation 79-2

# 1) I certify to the following (initial all that apply):

I have passed a written examination for the license type for which I am applying, and I have read and understand the Vermont Insurance Trade Practices Act Title 8 V.S.A Chapter 129, Sections 4724-4726 and Insurance Regulation 79-2 (available at <a href="http://www.vermontinsuranceagent.info/">http://www.vermontinsuranceagent.info/</a>) regarding claim settlement practices, prohibitive acts and the duties of a licensee.

Initial

## 2) Certification of Experience or Supervision

In order to obtain a license an applicant must certify that he/she has either two years of appropriate experience or that the applicant is subject to supervision by a qualified person. Check the appropriate certification below, but not both. Applications that are submitted without a certification will be returned. IF YOU CANNOT CERTIFY BASED UPON EXPERIENCE, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE SUPERVISION CERTIFICATION BELOW AND PROVIDE THE NAME OF YOUR SUPERVISOR.

## **Certification of Experience**

I certify that I possess two years' experience handling loss claims if I am applying for an adjuster license or two years' experience loss appraising if I am applying for an appraiser license.

Initial

## OR

#### **Certification of Supervision**

I certify that I am subject to the immediate personal supervision of a licensed adjuster or appraiser (for appraiser applicants) who is licensed in Vermont and who has been licensed (in Vermont or elsewhere) for not less than three years immediately preceding the date of my application. I understand that I must be supervised until I have two years experience and that I cannot act under the license unless I am so supervised. I will notify the Department within thirty days of any change of my supervisor.

	Initial
Name of Supervisor	
Supervisor's Vermont License Number	-
I certify that the above is true and correct.	
Applicant Signature	Date//
Applicant Printed Name	

# Mail to: Vermont Department of Financial Regulation Attn: Producer Licensing Section 89 Main Street, Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

# **VERMONT ADDRESS CHANGE FORM**

Date (MO/DAY/YEAR)	
Vermont License Number	
Last Name	Suffix
First Name	Middle Initial
NEW Mailing Address	
NEW Residential Address	
OLD Mailing Address	
OLD Residential Address	
Business Telephone	EXT
Fax	EXT
Home	EXT
Email Address	
Licensee Signature	

# **Exam Registration Form Vermont Insurance Examinations**



# To conveniently register online, please go to www.prometric.com/vermont/insurance

Print or type clearly and neatly. Incomplete or illegible forms will not be processed.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
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Series	Examination Title	Examination Fee	Total
14-25	Producer's Life	\$50	\$
14-27	Producer's Accident and Health or Sickness	\$50	\$
14-29	Producer's Life, Accident and Health or Sickness	\$65	\$
14-31	Producer's Property and Casualty	\$65	\$
14-33	Adjuster's Property and Casualty	\$65	\$
14-34	Adjuster's Workers' Compensation	\$50	\$
14-35	Bail Bond	\$50	\$
14-37	Motor Vehicle Damage Appraiser	\$50	\$
14-38	Agent's Title	\$50	\$
14-39	Personal Lines	\$50	\$
14-41	Producer's Property	\$50	\$
14-42	Producer's Casualty	\$50	\$
		Total Fee	\$

By filing this registration, you assume full responsibility for exam selection. If you are unsure about which exam you need for the license you are seeking, resolve this question *before* you register. Fees for these exams are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Exam fees are valid for 90 days from receipt at Prometric.

Please allow 7-10 business days for receipt and processing of your application. **An authorized Prometric Client Service Representative will contact you by phone to obtain your social security number to complete the registration process.** Once you have registered for your exam, you can schedule your exam appointment online or by phone.

**Registration fees are not refundable.** Fees may be paid by cashier's check, company check, money order, MasterCard , Visa or American Express. Make company checks, cashier's checks and money orders payable to Prometric. Please put your phone number on the check. **Personal checks and cash are not accepted.** To pay by **credit card** (when registering by mail or fax), please complete the Credit Card Payment Form on the next page and fax to 800.347.9242, or send this completed form along with the appropriate fee to:

**Prometric** 

ATTN: VT Insurance Examination Registration 7941 Corporate Drive, Nottingham, MD 21236

# **Credit Card Payment Form**



Print or type clearly and neatly. Incomplete or illegible forms will not be processed.

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Signature of Cardholder		