# **Pennsylvania Public Insurance Adjuster Examination**

# **Series 16-19**

60 Items - 80 minutes

# 1.0 Insurance Regulation (15%)

# Licensing

Public Adjuster's Statute (Definitions) (63 P.S. § 1601)

Application procedures and requirements (63 P.S. §§ 1602.1, 1602.2, 1602.5)

Fees

Fingerprinting

# Qualifications (63 P.S. § 1602)

# Surety bond (63 P.S. § 1604)

#### Maintenance and duration

Continuing education requirements (63 P.S. § 1602.4)

Renewal procedures (63 P.S. § 1602.4)

Contract requirements (63 P.S. § 1605, 31 P.S. § 115)

# **Disciplinary actions**

Cease and desist orders (40 P.S. §§ 1171.8-.10)

Prohibited acts (63 P.S. § 1606)

Penalties for violations (63 P.S. §§ 1606, 1607)

Change in address (63 P.S. § 1606(18))

# Claim settlement laws and regulations (40 P.S. §§ 1171.1-.11, .13; 31 Pa. Code §§ 146.1-.10)

#### Role of the adjuster

**Duties and responsibilities** 

Independent adjuster versus public adjuster

Resident versus nonresident public adjuster

Relationship to the legal profession

# **Federal Regulation**

Fraud and False Statements (18 USC Sections 1033 and 1034)

Privacy (Gramm-Leach-Bliley)

# 2.0 General Insurance Concepts (14%)

#### **Classifications of Insurers**

Admitted, Non-Admitted

Foreign, Domestic, Alien

### **Elements of a Contract**

Consideration

**Competent Parties** 

Legal Purpose

Offer

Acceptance

# **Legal Interpretations Affecting Contracts**

**Reasonable Expectations** 

Indemnity

**Utmost Good Faith** 

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Warranties, Representations, Misrepresentations, and Concealment

# Pennsylvania laws, regulations and required provisions

Pennsylvania Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association (40 P.S. §§ 991.1801-.1820) Standard fire policy (40 P.S. § 636) Cancellation and nonrenewal (Act 205 40 P.S. 1171.5 & Act 86 40 P.S. 3401) Private residential (40 P.S. § 1171.5(a); 31 Pa. Code Ch. 59) Commercial (40 P.S. §§ 3401-3407; 31 Pa. Code §§ 113.81-.88) Basic property insurance — death of named insured (40 P.S. § 636.1) Binders (40 P.S. § 636) Insurance consultation services exemption (40 P.S. §§ 1841–1844) Federal Terrorism Insurance Program (15 USC 6701; Public Law 107-297, 109-144, 110-160) 3.0 Property and Casualty Insurance Basics (19%) **Types of Hazards Types of Perils** Named Special Types of Loss Direct Indirect Loss Valuation **Actual Cash Value** Replacement Cost **Functional Replacement Cost** Market Value Agreed Value Valued Policy **Basic Types of Construction** Negligence Elements of a Negligent Act Defense Against Negligence **Accident versus Occurrence Policy Structure Declarations Definitions Insuring Agreement** Supplementary Coverage Conditions **Exclusions Endorsements Policy Conditions** Insureds **Policy Period Policy Territory** Cancellation and Non-Renewal (40 P.S. 1171.5 (a)(9); 31 Pa Code Ch. 59; 40 P.S. §991.2001 et seq.; 40 P.S. §3401 et seq.) **Deductibles** Other Insurance (e.g. Primary and Excess, Pro Rata, Nonconcurrency, Contribution by Equal Shares) Coinsurance

Purpose

Definition Calculation **Penalties Total versus Partial Loss** Specific, Scheduled, and Blanket Insurance Vacant versus Unoccupied **Named Insured Provisions** First Named Insured versus Other Insureds **Duties After Loss** Assignment Waiver of Rights **Insurer Provisions** Liberalization **Claim Settlement Options Duty to Defend Third-Party Provisions** Standard Mortgage Clause Loss Payable Clause No Benefit to the Bailee 4.0 Dwelling Policy Concepts (6%) **Dwelling Policy ('14)** Characteristics Eligibility **Purpose Policy Definitions Coverage Forms Specifying Perils Insured Against** DP-1 Basic DP-2 Broad DP-3 Special **Property Coverages** Coverage A - Dwelling Coverage B - Other Structures Coverage C - Personal Property Coverage D - Fair Rental Value Coverage E - Additional Living Expense **Dwelling Policy Exclusions Dwelling Policy Conditions Dwelling Policy Endorsements** Special provisions — Pennsylvania (DP 01 37) Automatic Increase in Insurance Coverage (Inflation Protection) (DP 04 11) Dwelling Under Construction (DP 11 43) Broad Theft Coverage (DP 04 72) 5.0 Homeowners Policy Concepts (10%) Homeowners Policy ('11 PA Version) — Section I Characteristics Eligibility Purpose

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Policy Definitions
Perils Insured Against
Basic
Broad
Special
Homeowners Policy Coverage Forms
Broad (HO-2)
Special (HO-3)
Contents Broad (HO-4)
Unit-Owners (HO-6)
Modified Coverages (HO-8)
Property Coverages
Coverage A - Dwelling
Coverage B - Other Structures
Coverage C - Personal Property
Coverage D - Loss of Use
Additional Coverages
Homeowners Policy Exclusions
Homeowners Policy Conditions
Homeowners Policy Endorsements
Business Pursuits
Home Day Care (HO 04 97)
Personal Property Replacement Cost — Pennsylvania (HO 23 63)
Watercraft
Special Provisions - Pennsylvania (HO 01 37)
Limited Fungi, Wet or Dry Rot, or Bacteria (HO 04 26, HO 04 27)
Permitted Incidental Occupancies (HO 04 42)
Earthquake Coverage (HO 04 54)
Scheduled Personal Property/Personal Articles Floater (HO 04 61)
6.0 Commercial Property Policies ('12) (8%)
Commercial Package Policy
Purpose
Definition
Coverage Parts
Commercial Policy Components
Declarations
Conditions
Insuring Agreements
Exclusions
Interline Endorsements
Commercial Property Forms
Coverage Forms for Building and Business Personal Property
Builders Risk
Business Income
Extra Expense
Legal Liability
Cause of Loss Forms

# **Commercial Property Endorsements** Ordinance or Law (CP 04 05) Peak Season Limit of Insurance (CP 12 30) Spoilage (CP 04 40) Value Reporting Form (CP 13 10) **Equipment Breakdown Coverages ('13)** Equipment breakdown protection coverage form (EB 00 20) Selected endorsement Actual cash value (EB 99 59) **Farm Property Definitions Conditions and Exclusions** Coverages Farm property coverage form ('03) Livestock coverage form Mobile agricultural machinery and equipment coverage form 7.0 Commercial Inland Marine (3%) **Definitions Conditions and Exclusions** Coverages (e.g. Transportation, Contractor's Floater, Equipment) 8.0 Businessowners ('13) Policy — Property (6%) **Characteristics and purpose Businessowners Section I — Property** Coverage **Exclusions** Limits of insurance **Deductibles** Loss conditions General conditions Optional coverages Definitions **Businessowners Section III — Common Policy Conditions Selected endorsements** Protective safeguards (BP 04 30) Utility services — direct damage (BP 04 56) Utility services — time element (BP 04 57) 9.0 Other Types of Insurance Policies (4%) Farmowners/Ranchowners Policy **Mobile Home Policy Flood Insurance** Private vs. NFIP Eligibility Coverage Limits **Deductibles** Federal Crop (RMA) **Ocean Marine**

Major coverages
Hull insurance
Cargo insurance
Freight insurance
Implied warranties
Perils
General and particular average
Other policies
Aircraft hull
Boatowners
Difference in conditions
10.0 Adjustment Process (15%)
Claim Notification Process
Date of Loss
Location
Parties Involved
Investigation and Evaluation of Loss/Claim Information
Determination of Applicable Coverage
Inquiry into Relevant Information
Purpose of Loss Reserves
Remedies for Disputes
Appraisal
Mediation
Arbitration
Litigation
Finalization of Claim
Denial
Settlement
Closing Claim