

Introduction to General Insurance Exam

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Important Exam Information:

Order Study Notes	There is no study note package for this examination.
Introductory Study Note	The Introductory Study Note has a complete listing of all readings, registration information, and other important information.
Case Study	There is no case study for this examination.
Updates	Candidates should be sure to check the Updates page on the exam home page periodically for additional corrections or notices.

The following shorthand is used for the required textbook published by The Institutes:

ICO – x indicates Assignment x from Introduction to General Insurance, Volume 1: Insurance Company Operations.

PCC – x indicates Assignment x from *Introduction to General Insurance, Volume 2: Personal and Commercial Coverage*.

EXAM	: GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Overview of Insurance Operations
Learnir	ng Objective	
1. Th	e candidate will understand how insurance companies are organized, their	goals, how success is measured, and their functions.
Learnin	ng Outcomes	
The can	didate will be able to:	
a)	Categorize the internal and external constraints that impede insurers from	m achieving their major goals
b)	Differentiate among the various classifications of insurers	
c)	Demonstrate how an insurer can measure its success at meeting establish	hed goals
d)	Differentiate among the core and supporting functions performed by ins	urers
e)	Explain how expanding data sources, the blockchain, and advanced ana	lytics can transform insurance operations
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•	ICO – 1 Overview of Insurance Operations	

EXAM:	GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Insurance Regulation
Learnin	g Objective	
2. The	e candidate will understand the reasons for and the types of regulation.	
Learnin	g Outcomes	
The can	didate will be able to:	
a)	Explain how insurance regulation protects consumers, contributes to mail destructive competition	intaining insurer solvency, and assists in preventing
b)	Summarize the regulatory activities of state insurance departments, inclu	ding state insurance commissioners' duties
c)	Describe the licensing requirements for insurers and insurance personnel	
d)	Describe the methods that regulators use to maintain the solvency of insu	irers
e)	Examine the goals of insurance rate regulation, the major types of state r rate regulation	ating laws, and the reasons supporting and opposing
f)	Explain how the contract language contained in insurance policies is reg	ulated
g)	Summarize the regulation of insurance market conduct and consumer pro-	otection
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•	ICO – 2 Insurance Regulation	

EXAM: GI-INTRO

TOPIC: Insurance Marketing and Distribution

Learning Objective

3.

The candidate will understand the insurance marketplace and marketing and distribution systems.

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Explain how insurers differentiate marketing for different types of customers
- b) Explain how unique economic factors shape the insurance marketplace
- c) Explain how typical insurer marketing activities are performed and why they are performed
- d) Distinguish among the main types of insurance distribution systems and channels
- e) Describe the functions performed by insurance producers
- f) Describe the key factors an insurer should evaluate during the distribution-system and distribution-channel selection process

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• ICO – 3 Insurance Marketing and Distribution

EXAM: GI-INTRO	TOPIC: The Underwriting Function
Learning Objective	

4. The candidate will understand the purpose, role, and function of underwriting.

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Distinguish among the underwriting activities typically performed by line and staff underwriters
- b) Explain why it is important to comply with underwriting authority in individual account selection
- c) Describe the constraining factors considered in the establishment of underwriting policy
- d) Explain why insurers implement underwriting guidelines and conduct underwriting audits
- e) Summarize the steps in the underwriting process and the purpose of each
- f) Explain how an insurer's underwriting results are measured and how financial measures can be distorted

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• ICO – 4 The Underwriting Function

EXA	AM:	GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Underwriting Property and Liability Insurance
Lea	rnin	g Objective	•
5.	The	candidate will understand the different policy considerations in underwri	ting property and liability insurance policies.
Lea	rnin	g Outcomes	
The	cand	lidate will be able to:	
	a)	Describe in detail each of the COPE factors used to evaluate property lo	ss exposures
	b)	Explain how insurable interest, policy provisions for valuing losses, and property insurance	insurance to value affect a loss payment amount under
	c)	Explain how underwriters use policy amount, amount subject, normal lo and maximum foreseeable loss (MFL) to measure potential loss severity	
	d)	Describe the underwriting considerations for business income and extra	
	e)	Describe the underwriting considerations and risk control techniques ass committed by others	sociated with employee dishonesty and crimes
	f)	Describe the loss exposures and the underwriting considerations for com	mercial general liability insurance
	g)	Describe the underwriting considerations for personal and commercial a	uto insurance
	h)	Describe the key underwriting considerations relevant to the evaluation	of submissions for workers compensation insurance
	i)	Describe the underwriting considerations for umbrella and excess liabili	ty insurance
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	•	ICO – 5 Underwriting Property and Liability Insurance	

EXAM: GI-INTRO **TOPIC: Risk Control and Premium Auditing** Learning Objective The candidate will understand the purpose and function of risk control and premium auditing. 6. Learning Outcomes The candidate will be able to: a) Describe the goals of insurer risk control activities Describe the risk control services provided by insurers b) Explain how risk control cooperates with other insurer functions c) Explain why premium audits are conducted and why they must be accurate d) Describe the premium auditing process e) Explain how premium auditing contributes to other insurer functions f) **Syllabus Resources** ICO – 6 Risk Control and Premium Auditing ٠

EXAM: GI-INTRO **TOPIC: The Claim Function** Learning Objective 7. The candidate will understand the claim function and related elements. Learning Outcomes The candidate will be able to: Explain how an insurer's claim function achieves its primary goals, provides valuable information to other departments, and a) interacts effectively with its outside contacts b) Describe the claim department structure, types and functions of claim personnel, and claim personnel performance measures Describe the key activities in the claim handling process: Acknowledging and assigning the claim, Identifying the policy and c) setting reserves, Contracting the insured or the insured's representative, Investigating the claim, Documenting the claim, Determining the cause of loss, liability, and the loss amount, and Concluding the claim d) Explain how the law of bad faith relates to an insurer's duty of good faith and fair dealing and how the legal environment affects the law of bad faith Describe the elements of good-faith claim handling e) **Syllabus Resources**

ICO – 7 The Claim Function

EXAM: GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Adjusting Property and Liability Claims
Learning Objective	

8. The candidate will understand the claim handling process for property and liability claims.

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Explain how and why the activities in the framework for handling property claims are accomplished
- b) Describe the challenges of handling various types of property claims: Residential dwelling, Residential personal property, Commercial structure, Business income, Merchandise, Transportation and bailment, and Catastrophe
- c) Explain how and why the activities in the framework for handling a liability claim are accomplished
- d) Describe the challenges of handling various types of liability claims: Auto bodily injury liability, Auto property damage, Premises liability, Operations liability, Products liability, Workers compensation, and Professional liability
- e) Given a claim, determine coverage for a loss using the framework for coverage analysis and the activities in the claim handling process

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• ICO – 8 Adjusting Property and Liability Claims

EXAM: GI-INTRO

TOPIC: Reinsurance Principles and Concepts

Learning Objective

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The candidate will understand the function and types of reinsurance and its application.

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Summarize the principal functions of reinsurance
- b) Describe the three sources of reinsurance
- c) Contrast treaty reinsurance with facultative reinsurance
- d) Given a case, determine the amount of a loss that would be payable under a pro rata reinsurance contract
- e) Given a case, determine the amount of a loss that would be payable under an excess of loss reinsurance contract
- f) Explain how finite risk reinsurance and capital market based methods are used as alternatives to traditional reinsurance

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ICO – 9 Reinsurance Principles and Concepts

EXAM: GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Personal Auto Policy
Learning Objective	

10. The candidate will understand the role of automobile insurance in society and the contents of the Personal Auto Policy.

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- Evaluate various laws and systems regarding approaches to compensating automobile accident victims: Tort liability system, Financial responsibility laws, Compulsory insurance laws, Uninsured motorists coverage, Underinsured motorists coverage, and No-fault insurance
- b) Describe no-fault automobile laws in terms of their types and required benefits
- c) Explain how high-risk drivers may obtain auto insurance
- d) Describe automobile insurance rate regulation in terms of rating factors, matching price to exposure, competition, and other regulatory issues
- e) Summarize the sections of the Personal Auto Policy
- f) Identify the types of information typically contained on the declarations page of the Personal Auto Policy
- g) For each of Part A Liability Coverage, Part B Medical Payments Coverage, Part C Uninsured Motorists Coverage, and Part D – Coverage for Damage to Your Auto: Summarize the provisions; given a case describing a claim, determine if that part of the coverage applies and, if so, the amount the insurer would pay for the claim
- h) Describe underinsured motorist insurance in terms of its purpose and the ways in which it can vary by state
- i) Describe the insured's duties following a covered auto accident or loss as shown in Part E
- j) Summarize each of the general provisions in Part F
- k) Describe the Personal Auto Policy endorsements that are used to handle common auto loss exposures
- 1) Describe the Personal Auto Endorsements that are used to handle exposures related to transportation network companies
- m) Given a case describing an auto claim, determine whether the Personal Auto Policy would cover the claim and, if so, the amount the insurer would pay for the claim

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- PCC 1 Automobile Insurance and Society
- PCC 2 Personal Auto Policy: Liability, Med Pay, and UM Coverage
- PCC 3 PAP Physical Damage, Duties After an Accident, Endorsements

EXAM:	GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Homeowners Coverage
Learnin	g Objective	
11. The	candidate will understand the contents of the ISO Homeowners Program	and describe some specialty plans.
Learnin	g Outcomes	
The canc	lidate will be able to:	
a)	Describe how individuals and families can use the ISO 2011 Homeown management needs	ers insurance program to address their personal risk
b)	Describe the Homeowners 3 – Special From (HO-3) in terms of its struct endorsements in modifying it, and the factors considered in rating it	cture and the coverages it provides, the role of
c)	Describe what is insured by each of these coverages contained in the 20 Other Structures, Coverage C – Personal Property, Coverage D – Loss of	
d)	Describe what is covered and what is excluded by these provisions in th Coverages A, B, and C, and Section I - Exclusions	e 2011 HO-3 policy: Perils Insured Against for
e)	Given a scenario describing a homeowners property claim, determine w Coverages would cover the claim and, if so, the amount the insurer wou	
f)	Determine whether the 2011 HO-3 policy provisions in Section II – Lia loss exposure: Coverage E – Personal Liability, Coverage F – Medical I	
g)	Determine whether one or more exclusions preclude the coverage provi in Section II – Exclusions	ded by Section II of the 2011 HO-3 policy provisions
h)	Summarize the 2011 HO-3 policy provisions concerning: Conditions ap Sections I and II	plicable to Section II and Conditions applicable to
i)	Given a case describing a homeowners liability claim, determine wheth Coverage would cover the claim, and if so, the amount the insurer woul	
j)	Compare the coverage provided by each of the following 2011 Homeov HO-3 policy: HO-2 Broad Form, HO-4 Contents Broad Form, HO-5 Co HO-8 Modified Coverage Form	
k)	Summarize the coverages provided by the various 2011 ISO Homeowne	
1)	Given a case describing a homeowners claim, determine whether a 201 endorsements would cover the claim, and, if so, the amount the insurer	
m)	Describe the operation of the National Flood Insurance Program and the	e coverage it provides
n)	Describe the operation of FAIR plans and beachfront and windstorm pla	ans and the coverage they provide
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- PCC 5 Homeowners Liability, Conditions, Coverage Forms, and Endorsements PCC 6 Other Residential Insurance ٠
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LAM:	GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Commercial Property Insurance
Learnin	g Objective	
2. The	candidate will understand the nature of Commercial Property Insurance.	
Learnin	g Outcomes	
The cand	lidate will be able to:	
a)	Describe commercial property insurance in terms of the major categories components of a commercial property coverage part	s of loss exposures that can be covered and the
b)	Determine whether a described item of property qualifies as Covered Pro Building and Personal Property Coverage Form: Building, Your Busines	s Personal Property, and Personal Property of Others
c)	Determine which of the additional coverages and coverage extensions of (BPP) apply to a described loss	the Building and Personal Property Coverage Form
d)	Determine whether the cause of a described loss is a covered cause of lost Causes of Loss – Broad Form	ss under the Causes of Loss – Basic Form or the
e)	Determine whether the cause of a described loss is a covered cause of los	ss under the Causes of Loss – Special Form
f)	Apply the Limits of Insurance and Deductible provisions of the Building loss	and Personal Property Coverage Form to a described
g)	Explain how each of the Loss Conditions and Additional Conditions affective Coverage Form	ects coverage under the Building and Personal Propert
h)	Explain how each of the following optional coverages described in the B Value, Inflation Guard, Replacement Cost, and Extension of Replacement	
i)	Summarize each of the Commercial Property Conditions	
j)	Explain how each of the conditions contained in the Common Policy Co coverage part	nditions affects coverage under a commercial property
k)	Explain how each of these documents modifies the Building and Persona Coverage, Spoilage Coverage, Flood Coverage, Earthquake and Volcani and Value Reporting Form	
1)	Identify the factors that affect commercial property insurance premiums	
m)	Given a case, determine whether, and for what amount, a described loss part that includes the Building and Personal Property Coverage Form and	
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• CPP – 8 Commercial Property Insurance, Part II

EXAM:	: GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Commercial General Liability Insurance
Learnin	ng Objective	
13. The	e candidate will understand the nature of Commercial General Liability Inst	Irance.
Learnin	ng Outcomes	
	didate will be able to:	
a)	Describe commercial general liability insurance in terms of the types of le insurance and the components of a commercial general liability coverage	
b)	Determine whether a described claim meets the conditions imposed by th General Liability Coverage Form (occurrence version)	
c)	Determine whether any of the exclusions applicable to Coverage A of the eliminate coverage for a described claim	Commercial General Liability Coverage Form
d)	Determine whether a described claim meets the conditions imposed by th General Liability Coverage Form (occurrence version) and whether any o the claim	
e)	Determine whether a described claim meets the conditions imposed by th General Liability Coverage Form and whether any of the Coverage C exc	lusions eliminate coverage for the claim
f)	Summarize the supplementary payments of the Commercial General Liab	
g) h)	Determine whether a described person or organization is an insured under Explain how the following limits of insurance in the CGL Coverage Forn advertising injury limit, Damage to premises rented to you limit, Medical completed operations aggregate limit	n are applied: Each occurrence limit, Personal and expense limit, General aggregate limit, and Products
i)	Apply the Commercial General Liability Conditions of the Commercial C to claims or other interactions between the insurer and the insured	General Liability Coverage Form (occurrence version)
j)	Explain how the premium for CGL coverage is determined	
k)	Given a case, determine whether, and for what amount, the Commercial C covers a described claim	General Liability Coverage Form (occurrence version
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•	PCC – 9 Commercial General Liability Insurance, Part I	
•	PCC – 10 Commercial General Liability Insurance, Part II	

EXAM: GI-INTRO TOPIC: Commercial Auto Insurance	
Learning Objective	
14. The candidate will understand the nature of Commercial Auto Insurance.	
Learning Outcomes	

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Describe commercial auto insurance in terms of the loss exposures that can be covered and the components of a commercial auto coverage part
- b) Select the symbols needed to provide a described organization with appropriate commercial auto coverage(s) under the Business Auto Coverage Form
- c) Summarize the provisions contained in Section II Covered Autos Liability Coverage of the Business Auto Coverage Form
- d) Summarize the provisions contained in Section III Physical Damage of the Business Auto Coverage Form
- e) Describe the conditions contained in the business Auto Coverage form
- f) Describe the following coverages that may added by endorsement to the Business Auto Coverage Form: Medical payments, Personal injury protection and added personal injury protection, and Uninsured and underinsured motorists
- g) Explain how the following are rated for commercial auto coverage: Private passenger vehicles and Trucks, tractors, and trailersh) Given a case, determine whether, and for what amount, the Business Auto Coverage Form covers a described claim

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• CPP – 11 Commercial Auto Insurance

	: GI-INTRO	TOPIC: Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance
Learni	ng Objective	
15. Th	e candidate will understand workers compensation and emplo	oyers liability coverages.
Learni	ng Outcomes	
The car	didate will be able to:	
a) b)		purpose, Benefits provided, and Persons and employments covered territorial provisions, Federal jurisdiction, and Methods for meeting
c)	Summarize these sections of the Workers Compensation an Section, and Part One – Workers Compensation Insurance	nd Employers Liability Insurance Policy: Information Page, Genera
d)	Explain why employers liability insurance is needed and he Policy addresses this need	ow the Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance
e)	Describe the purpose and operation of Part Three – Other S Liability Insurance Policy	States Insurance in the Workers Compensation and Employers
f)	Describe the need for and the coverage provided by the Vo Endorsement and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Con	luntary Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverage npensation Act Coverage Endorsement
g)		adjustments affect the rating of workers compensation insurance
h)	Given a case, determine whether the Workers Compensation injury or illness and, if so, what types of benefits or what an	on and Employers Liability Insurance Policy covers a described
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- e) Describe the types of losses that can be covered by each of the insuring agreements generally available in cyber risk insurance policies
- f) Explain how an organization domiciled in the United States can insure international loss exposures that would not be covered under standard property and liability insurance policies
- g) Describe these aspects of terrorism insurance: Losses and lines of insurance covered by TRIPRA 2015, How TRIPRA 2015 affects insurers, Categories and purposes of TRIPRA 2015 endorsements, and Stand-alone terrorism policies
- h) Summarize the guarantee provided by the particular types of surety bonds within the following bond classifications: Contract bonds, License and permit bonds, Public official bonds, Court bonds, and Miscellaneous bonds

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• CPP – 13 Specialty Coverages