

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY OF ACTUARIES (SOA)

SPRING 2010

GROUP AND HEALTH—COMPANY/SPONSOR PERSPECTIVE (CSP) EXAM

INTRODUCTORY STUDY NOTE

1. The Group and Health—Company/Sponsor Perspective examination for Spring 2010 will be given on **Friday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.** The examination will consist of six hours of written answer questions. The first 15 minutes in the morning session and in the afternoon session will be a read-through before the actual 3 hours of writing begins.
2. The following table shows a recommended FSA module/exam sequence for the Group & Health track:

1	Health Systems Overview Module
2	Pricing, Reserving & Forecasting Module
3	Design & Pricing (DP) Exam
4	Company Sponsor Perspective (CSP) Exam

This order is NOT mandated. Each candidate will determine the appropriate sequence based on factors including readiness to sit for an exam, exam administration schedules, or study time available. Although neither of the FSA modules nor the DP exam are prerequisites for the CSP exam, please keep in mind that questions for the CSP exam will be set assuming that candidates have a basic familiarity with the general topics and concepts that are covered in the FSA modules and the DP exam.

3. Any changes in the Syllabus for this exam will be published under “Updates” in this exam’s home page on the SOA Web site.
4. The Syllabus material includes textbooks, online readings, as well as the study notes listed below. A complete listing of the Syllabus and Learning Objectives is located in this exam’s home page on the SOA Web site.

Study Note Code	Title
GH-C05-10*	Introductory Study Note
GH-C30-10*	SOA Meeting Session Material w/CD
GH-C100-07	Health Plan Performance Measurement Reports: A Report of the Society Of Actuaries Medical Effectiveness Task Force
GH-C101-07	NAIC Advertisements of Accident and Sickness Insurance Model Regulation (I-40)
GH-C102-07	Health Reserves
GH-C103-07	The Actuary and Health Insurance Mergers and Acquisitions
GH-C104-07	Chapter 4 of <i>Insurance Industry Mergers and Acquisitions</i>
GH-C105-07	Components of Insurance Firm Value and The Present Value of Liabilities

Study Note Code	Title
GH-C106-07	U.S. Health Insurance Taxation
GH-C107-07	Taxation–Canada
GH-C108-07	<i>Calculated Risk- A Provider's Guide To Assessing and Controlling the Financial Risk of Managed Care</i> (Chapters 1 – 6)
GH-C109-07	Value-Based Financial Measurement
GH-C110-07	Reinsurance for Group Accident & Health Insurance
GH-C112-07	<i>Dynamic Financial Condition Analysis Handbook</i> -Chapters 1, 2 and 6 (2001)
GH-C113-07	Mapping of Health Company Risks (Draft February 2005)
GH-C114-07	Economic Capital: Recent Trends in Implementation
GH-C118-07	Value–At–Risk–An Overview
GH-C119-07	Views on Risk Capital: Economic Capital vs Rating Agency Capital vs Regulatory Capital
GH-C121-10*	Risk-Based Capital–General Overview

5. Learning Objectives

The candidate should be very familiar with the Learning Objectives. These Learning Objectives are the first ingredient in developing the syllabus and also guide the examination committee when writing questions. The Learning Objectives set out the cognitive level needed to pass this exam. You will notice that the candidates are expected to “analyze,” “explain,” “calculate,” “describe,” “apply,” etc. While studying the syllabus material, candidates may want to refer back to the Learning Objectives to remain focused on the goals of the exam.

6. Several book distributors carry some or all of the textbooks for the Society of Actuaries exams. A list appears in each exam home page on the SOA Web site. A set of order forms from these distributors is included with this study note package.

The order forms contain information about prices, shipping charges, mailing policy and credit card acceptance. Any book distributor who carries books for SOA exams may have their order form included in this set unless the SOA office receives substantial complaints about service. Candidates should notify the Study Materials Administrator of the SOA in writing if they encounter serious problems with any distributor.

7. The examination questions for this exam will be based on the required readings for this exam. If a conflict exists (in definitions, terminology, etc.) between the readings for this exam and the readings for other exams, the questions should be answered on the basis of the readings for this exam.
8. Candidates may ONLY use the battery or solar-powered Texas Instruments BA-35 model calculator, the BA II Plus*, the BA II Plus Professional*, the TI-30Xa or TI-30X II* (IIS solar or IIB battery) or TI-30X MultiView (XS solar or XB battery). Candidates may use more than one of the approved calculators during the examinations.

Calculator instructions may not be brought into the exam room. During the exam, the calculator must be removed from its carrying case so the supervisor can confirm it is an approved model. Candidates using a calculator other than the approved models will have their exam disqualified. Candidates can purchase calculators directly from: Texas Instruments, Attn: Order Entry, PO Box 650311, Mail Station 3962, Dallas, TX 75265, phone 800-842-2737 or <http://epsstore.ti.com>.

*The memory of **TI-30X II**, **TI-30X MultiView**, **BA II Plus**, and **BA II Plus Professional** will need to be cleared by the examination supervisor upon the candidate's entrance to the examination room.

9. Order forms for various seminars/workshops and study manuals are included with this set of study notes. A list also appears in each exam home page on the SOA Web site. These seminars/workshops and study manuals do not reflect any official interpretation, opinion, or endorsement of the Society of Actuaries or its Education & Examination Committee.
10. The Society of Actuaries provides study notes to persons preparing for this examination. They are intended to acquaint candidates with some of the theoretical and practical considerations involved in the various subjects. While varying opinions are presented where appropriate, limits on the length of the material and other considerations sometimes prevent the inclusion of all possible opinions. The study notes do not, however, represent any official opinion, interpretation, or endorsement of the Society of Actuaries. The Society is grateful to the authors for their contributions in preparing study notes.

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