

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Producer Licensing (EX) Working Group  
Public Hearing on Producer Licensing Testing and Examinations  
Sheraton Seattle – Metropolitan Ballroom A – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Tuesday, August 17, 2010  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

The Producer Licensing (EX) Working Group will hold a public hearing on Producer Testing and Exam Development on August 17, 2010 starting at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will focus on the following issues:

- How are exam cut scores established - by statute, by regulation, or in conjunction with a testing vendor?
- What processes do states use for the development of test questions? How are tests reviewed for bias, evaluation of reading level, and difficulty?
- How often are examinations reviewed and updated? Should there be a standard requirement for each jurisdiction to review and update examinations?
- How are providers of pre-licensing education monitored to assure proper instruction? Are pass rates by provider available for applicants to review?
- Should the NAIC establish a more uniform process for examination development and delivery? If so, how?
- Is there a need for a more extensive study guide for applicants and, if so, could this be developed on a national level?

The hearing will be held during the NAIC Summer National Meeting at the Seattle Sheraton 1400 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98101. The NAIC has reserved blocks of rooms for regulators at the Seattle Sheraton with a negotiated rate of \$204.00 and at the Grand Hyatt Seattle, 721 Pine Street, Seattle, WA, 98101 at a rate of \$205.00. The non-regulator rate at both hotels is \$229.00. *All room rates are subject to 15.6% tax per room, per night or current tax rate.*

Please indicate that you will be attending the “NAIC” meeting when making your reservations. Rooms and rates are based on availability.

If you plan to attend the National Meeting in addition to this hearing, you can register online at ([http://www.naic.org/meetings\\_record.htm](http://www.naic.org/meetings_record.htm)). Once registration has been completed, you will receive a confirmation via email with a link to register for the hotel. **The cutoff date for hotel room reservations at the block rate is July 16, 2010,**

If you plan to attend the hearing only, you do not have to register for the meeting unless you want to reserve a hotel room. In order to access the hotel reservation page, you must register online for the national meeting (choose the One Meeting Only option).

**The PLWG would like to hear testimony from providers of pre-licensing education; testing vendors; test development specialists; regulators and interested parties. Please submit your intent to testify to Greg Welker at [Gwelker@naic.org](mailto:Gwelker@naic.org) by Friday, July 23. Based upon the number of parties testifying, we will notify you of the time limit on testimony. An electronic copy of your testimony in Microsoft Word format must be submitted to Greg by August 5, 2010.**

Please contact Greg Welker at [Gwelker@naic.org](mailto:Gwelker@naic.org) or 816-783-8872 if you have questions.