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**NOTICE**

TO: Admitted Insurance Companies, Insurance Agencies and Interested Parties

DATE: March 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Los Angeles and San Diego Examination Sites – Saturday Examinations

Background

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) is currently experiencing a significant increase in the number of applicants requesting examination dates at both the Los Angeles and San Diego examination sites. The current wait time for taking an examination in Los Angeles is approximately four weeks while the wait time to take an examination in San Diego is approximately three weeks.

The primary reason for the significant increase in examinees at these two sites appears to be a result of the splitting of the Life Agent license to Life-Only and Accident/Health licenses, which became effective on January 1, 2008. To take advantage of the reduced number of questions on the examinations and reduced hours of prelicensing associated with the Life-Only and Accident/Health license types, many insurance companies and insurance agencies waited until January 2008 to submit these applications for which they previously would have turned into CDI during the latter months of 2007.

It also appears that the effect of the licensing change is focused on Southern California as the wait time for taking an examination in San Francisco is three days or less while the wait time to take an examination in Sacramento is approximately one week. The wait time to take an examination offered in Clovis twice a month remains at three weeks.

Saturday Examinations

To alleviate the Los Angeles and San Diego Examination Site scheduling delays, CDI will be offering Saturday examinations for a limited time. The schedule for the upcoming Saturday examinations is as follows:

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Locations

California Department of Insurance
Los Angeles Examination Site
300 South Spring Street, Suite 1000
Los Angeles, CA 90014

California Department of Insurance
San Diego Examination Site
1350 Front Street, 4th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Date	Check-In Time	Los Angeles Maximum Seating	San Diego Maximum Seating
Saturday, March 29 th	8:00 a.m.	60	29
	12:30 p.m.	60	29
Saturday, April 5 th	8:00 a.m.	60	29
	12:30 p.m.	60	29
Saturday, April 12 th	8:00 a.m.	60	29
	12:30 p.m.	60	29

How to Schedule a Saturday Examination

Saturday license examinations can be scheduled using the CDI's online examination scheduling service. Please visit the CDI Web site at: www.insurance.ca.gov, click on the Online Services drop down menu, and scroll down and click on "CDI Scheduled Exam Dates" to schedule your license examination.

Those applicants currently scheduled for an examination that wish to take advantage of the earlier Saturday examinations may also do so by following the examination rescheduling instructions on the CDI's Web site.

In addition, live scan fingerprinting services will be available at the examination sites during the Saturday examinations.

How to Contact the CDI

CDI is making every effort to ease the licensing application and examination process. If you have any questions about scheduling the license examination, please call CDI's Examination Section at (916) 492-3570. Or if you have other licensing questions, please call CDI's Producer Licensing Bureau's Toll Free Number: (800) 967-9331.