Overview

In order for the bail agent, bail permittee, bail solicitor, or a bail fugitive recovery applicant to be eligible to take the bail agent examination, the applicant must complete not less than 20 hours of classroom education in subjects pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a bail licensee, including, but not limited to, all related laws and regulations, rights of the accused, ethics, and apprehension of bail fugitive (California Insurance Code [Cal. Ins. Code] section 1810.7[a]). In addition, a bail license cannot be issued to any person unless and until the applicant takes and passes a bail license examination (Cal. Ins. Code section 1810.5).

The new bail agent, bail permittee, bail solicitor, or a bail fugitive recovery will be introduced and instructed on the undertakings of bail as follows:

* A bail agent's license, by its terms, permits the licensee to solicit, negotiate, and affect undertakings of bail on behalf of any surety insurer while there is in effect an unrevoked notice of appointment of such insurer (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802)
* A bail permittee’s license, by its terms, permits the licensee to solicit, negotiate, issue, and deliver bail bonds (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802.5)
* A bail solicitor’s license, by its terms, permits the licensee to transact bail on behalf of and as the employee of the holder of the bail licenses therein designated while there is in effect and on file with the commissioner an unrevoked appointment of the solicitor by such license holder (Cal. Ins. Code section 1803)
* A bail fugitive recovery agent’s license, by its terms, permits the licensee who is provided written authorization by the bail or depositor of bail, and is contracted to investigate, surveil, locate, and arrest a bail fugitive for surrender to the appropriate court, jail, or police department, and any person who is employed to assist a bail or depositor of bail to investigate, surveil, locate, and arrest a bail fugitive for surrender to the appropriate court, jail, or police department (California Penal Code [PC] sections 1299.01, 1300, and 1301)

The new bail licensee needs sufficient knowledge at the start of one's career on the following topics:

* 1. Basic knowledge including:
     + what is a bail bond
     + the definition of a bail bond
     + the history of a bail bond
     + bail agents’ relationships with the following:
       - their employer
       - the California Department of Insurance
       - the surety company
       - the court
     + surety company’s relationship with the following:
       - the court
       - the bail bondsman
     + ethics and California Insurance Code
     + Insurance Code sections relating to bail and bail agents
     + Penal Code sections relating to bail bonds
     + bail bond contracts/indemnity agreements
  2. General understanding of:
     + premiums/financial responsibilities/indemnity
     + collateral
     + criminal justice system
     + fugitive recovery
     + privacy provisions

# Educational Objectives

The educational objectives are derived from Title 10, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, Article 2.1, section 2105.2 of the California Code of Regulations (10 Cal. Code Regs.), which states, in part, that an approved prelicensing bail education course must impart information on all of the following topics. Each topic must be cross referenced to the material submitted before the material can be approved.

# The Examination

The applicant for a bail agent, a bail permittee, or a bail solicitor license will, without any aids (e.g. reference materials, electronic aids), take a computer-based examination. The examination will be two hours (or 120 minutes) and will be a 75 question multiple-choice examination.

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For additional information on license examinations (i.e. online examination scheduling, fingerprint requirements, examination admittance, forms of identification, check your scheduled examination date, check your examination results), please review the following link: [Insurance License Examination Information](http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0200-industry/0010-producer-online-services/0200-exam-info/index.cfm).

# Candidate Information Bulletin

The [Candidate Information Bulletin](http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0200-industry/0020-apply-license/0100-indiv-resident/CandidateInformation.cfm) (CIB) provides detailed information on how to prepare for your license examination, prelicensing education requirements, examination site procedures, sample examination questions, test taking strategies, and driving directions to CDI’s Los Angeles examination site and PSI’s test centers that are located throughout California.

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   1. Understand the required prelicensing training (Cal. Ins. Code section 1810.17), the required bond (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1802[b][1] and [c]), surety insurer appointment (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802.1[b], and liability insurance (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802[b][2])
   2. Understand the Fugitive Recovery Persons Act (Recovery Act), PC sections [1299 through 1299.10](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&division&title=10.&part=2.&chapter=1.&article=5.5) (2 questions of the 8 Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery questions)
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## Course Outline

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   1. Basic concepts of bail (4 questions of the 22 Bail – General questions)
      1. Prelicensing education (Cal. Ins. Code section 1810.7)
      2. Bail as a profession
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      4. Define a bail bond and its purpose
      5. Describe the responsibilities and duties between the California Department of Insurance (CDI), Surety Insurer, Bail Agent, Bail Permittee, Bail Solicitor and Managing General Agent
      6. History of bail
      7. Terms used in the bail industry including, but not limited to, the following: arrestee/defendant; exoneration; forfeiture; indemnitor; liability; negotiating; premiums; reinstatement; summaryjudgment; surety; transacting; transfer bond
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1704, 1708 through 1712, and 1723)

* + 1. Specific provisions relating to filing of true and fictitious names (Cal. Ins. Code section 1724.5)
    2. Specific provisions relating to fiduciary capacity (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1733 and 1734)
    3. Specific provisions relating to forbidden acts and disciplinary actions (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1736 through 1748.5)
    4. Specific provisions relating to recordkeeping-inspection-maintenance (Cal. Ins. Code section 1746 and 10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2097 through 2104)
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     2. Specific provisions relating to public authority rules and gift prohibition (10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2075 and 2078)
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851.5, 854 through 855, 862, 976, 979, and 980)

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    2. Specific provisions relating to the admission to bail and taking of bail (PC sections 1268 and 1269)
    3. Specific provisions of bail within the law enforcement and judicial system (PC sections 1269[a], 1269[b], 1269[c], and 1270 through 1298)
    4. Specific provisions relating to the recommitment of defendant (PC sections 1310 through 1316)
    5. Specific provisions relating to the failure to appear (PC sections 1320 and 1320.5)
    6. Specific provisions relating to the bail form (obligation of insurer) (PC section 1459)
    7. Definitions of terms relating to fines and forfeitures (PC section 1463)
    8. Specific provisions relating to furnishing of aliases and booking photographs to the bail agent (PC section 11105.6)
    9. Specific provisions relating to the preparation of false documents (PC section 134)
  1. Licensing and appointments (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1800 through 1823, PC sections 1291 and 1459, and 10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2053 through 2104) (3 questions of the 22 Bail – General questions)
     1. Types of bail licenses
        1. Bail agent, bail solicitor and bail permittee
     2. Action notices of appointment
        1. By surety
        2. By employing agent
        3. Bond of bail agent, bail solicitor, and bail permittee
     3. Define the qualifications of the three types of bail licenses (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1801, 1802, 1802.5 and 1803 and 10 Cal. Code

Regs. sections 2054.2, 2056, and 2059)

* + 1. Describe the requirements for issuance of a bail license (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1805, 1810, and 1810.7 and 10 Cal. Code Regs.

section 2055)

* + 1. Describe the appointment process, filings, and forms (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802.1)
    2. Explain the Commissioners right of suspension, revocation and refusal of a license (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1668, 1668.5, 1669, 1670, 1738, and 1806 through 1807)
    3. Describe the education, examination, and renewal process (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1677, 1807.7, 1808, and 1810.5 through 1810.9)
    4. Use of Predecessors business name/fictitious names (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1724.5 and 1802.2 and 10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2066

through 2066.5)

* + 1. Display of license (Cal. Ins. Code section 1820)
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1800.75 and 10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2079 through 2082)

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2078, 2175.4, and 2175.5)

* + 1. Corporations, Partnerships (10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2061

through 2061.5)

1. Bail Bond Contracts (6 questions [8 percent] on the examination)
   1. Contracts – basics (1 question of the 6 Bail Bond Contracts questions)
      1. Definition of a contract
      2. Elements of a contract
         1. Offer
         2. Acceptance
         3. Consideration
         4. Agreement
         5. Competent parties
         6. Legal purpose
   2. Bail industry contract*s* (2 questions of the 6 Bail Bond Contracts questions)
      1. Contract between bail agent and surety
      2. Contract between arrestee and bail agent/surety
      3. Contract between indemnitor and bail agent/surety
      4. Contract between court and bail agent/surety (bail bond)
   3. Forms used in bail bond transactions (1 question of the 6 Bail Bond Contracts questions)
      1. Premium Receipts
      2. Collateral Receipts
      3. Promissory Notes
      4. Deeds of Trust
      5. Required Disclosure Statements
   4. Enforceability of contracts (1 question of the 6 Bail Bond Contracts questions)
      1. Legal age to sign a contract
      2. Comprehension of contract
         1. Language barrier
         2. Mental
      3. Coercion
      4. Duress
   5. Contract transaction basics (1 question of the 6 Bail Bond Contracts questions)
      1. Supplying arrestee/indemnitor:
         1. Copies of all signed contracts
         2. Copies of statement and charges
         3. Copies of premium receipts
         4. Information as to court date
2. Indemnity Agreements (6 questions [8 percent] on the examination)
   1. Meaning and purpose of Indemnity Agreement (2 questions of the 6 Indemnity Agreements questions)
      1. To secure and pay for losses arising out of, or in relation to, a bail bond transaction
      2. Terms of Indemnity Agreement may be unique
   2. Joint and Several Liability (2 question of the 6 Indemnity Agreements questions)
      1. Single or multiple indemnitors and the arrestee
      2. All indemnitors are liable for full amount of damages
   3. Enforcing the Indemnity Agreement (2 question of the 6 Indemnity Agreements questions)
      1. Lawful enforcement of Indemnity Agreement
         1. Small claims
         2. Superior Court litigation
         3. Collection agency
      2. Unlawful enforcement of Indemnity Agreement
         1. Threats
         2. Criminal acts (e.g. extortion, false imprisonment)
3. Financial Responsibilities (12 questions [15 percent] on the examination)
   1. Explanation of premiums (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2081) (5 questions of the 12 Financial Responsibilities questions)
      1. What is a premium?
      2. Why is a premium charged?
      3. Charging the proper amount of premium (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2081(a))
      4. Rebating/discounting (California Proposition 103)
         1. Agents must pay surety and BUF account based upon filed rate
      5. Premium fully earned upon defendant’s release (NCF, dismissal), Bail Bond Agreement
   2. Fiduciary capacity (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1733, 1734 through 1734.5, and 1823) (5 questions of the 12 Financial Responsibilities questions)
      1. Definition of fiduciary
      2. Liability for breach of fiduciary duty
      3. Premium to bail agent (Cal. Ins. Code section 1734)
      4. Theft (Cal. Ins. Code section 1733)
      5. Premium funds derived from cash, check, or credit card MUST be deposited into premium trust account (Cal. Ins. Code section 1734)
      6. Maintenance of Trust Account (Cal. Ins. Code section 1734.5)
      7. Build Up or Reserve Funds (Cal. Ins. Code section 1823)
      8. Maintenance of separate premium trust, collateral trust, and operating accounts (Cal. Ins. Code section 1733 and 10 Cal. Ins. Code section 2088)
      9. Consequences of improper handling of premium (Cal. Ins. Code section 1733)
   3. Agent to surety premium relationship (1 question of the 12 Financial Responsibilities questions)
      1. Remittance of premium collected to the surety company
   4. IRS Form 8300, Report Cash Payments of Over $10,000 Received in a Trade or Business (1 question of the 12 Financial Responsibilities questions)
      1. Applies to a single cash transaction or series of cash transactions equaling or exceeded $10,000.00
      2. Filing requirements
   5. Financed Bail Bonds and Premium Payment Plans
      1. Contract translations and notices (Contract Translation Act, California Civil Code [Cal. Civ. Code] section 1632)
      2. Creditor notices (Consumer Credit Contract Act, Cal. Civ. Code sections 1799.90 through 1799.104)
      3. Debt collecting conduct, practices, and responsibilities (California Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, Cal. Civ. Code sections 1788 through 1788.33)
4. Collateral (6 questions [8 percent] on the examination) (10 Cal. Ins. Code sections 2088 and 2089 and Cal. Pen. Code sections 1280[a] through 1280.1)
   1. Definition/purpose of collateral (2 questions of the 6 Collateral questions)
      1. Definition: An item of value pledged to another person for the purpose of guaranteeing performance of an obligation
         1. Relate the definition to the bail transaction
      2. Purpose: To provide an incentive to encourage compliance under the terms of release dictated in the bail bond and to further provide a source of funds to pay for losses occasioned as the result of a forfeiture of the bail bond.
   2. Types of collateral (1 question of the 6 Collateral questions)
      1. Real property/Deed of Trust (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2088.3 and PC section 1276.5)
         1. Residential
         2. Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural
      2. Personal property
         1. Cash (including PC section 1275.1)
         2. Automobiles or mobile homes
         3. Water vessels
         4. Stocks and Bonds
         5. Savings accounts
         6. Life insurance policies
         7. Other personal property (e.g., jewelry, livestock, antiques, art)
      3. Irrevocable Letters of Credit and Assignments of Interest
   3. Fiduciary capacity of bail agent, bail permittee and bail solicitor as to cash or collateral in agent’s possession (1 question of the 6 Collateral questions)
      1. Capacity and custody (10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2088, 2088.1,

2084, and 2087)

* + 1. Vestings/Titles
    2. Liens/Bankruptcy/Conservatorship/Trusts
    3. Notarization of documents
    4. Misuse of Collateral (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2088)
  1. Remedies of collateral (1 question of the 6 Collateral questions)
     1. When can collateral be converted? (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2089)
     2. How to convert different types of collateral
  2. Release/Return of collateral (10 Cal. Code Regs. sections 2088.2, 2088.3 and 2089) (1 question of the 6 Collateral questions)
     1. To whom does collateral get returned? (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2088.2)
     2. Legal requirements on timeliness of return
     3. Documenting the return of collateral (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2100)

1. The Criminal Justice System (7 questions [10 percent] on the examination)
   1. California courts (3 questions of the 7 The Criminal Justice System questions)
      1. Criminal vs. Civil Courts
      2. County court system
   2. Criminal court process (2 questions of the 7 The Criminal Justice System questions)
      1. Arrest, arraignment, preliminary hearing, trial, sentencing
      2. No charges filed
         1. 15-day rule (PC sections 1303 and 1305)
         2. Charges can be filed up to one year after initial arrest
   3. Officers of the court and their roles (2 questions of the 7 The Criminal Justice System questions)
      1. The Judge
      2. The District Attorney
      3. The Public Defender
      4. The Private Defense Attorney
2. Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery (8 questions [11 percent] on the examination)
   1. Understand the required prelicensing training (Cal. Ins. Code section 1810.17), the required bond (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802[b][1] and [c]), surety insurer appointment (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802.1[b]), and liability insurance (Cal. Ins. Code section 1802[b][2])
3. Training
   1. A minimum of 20 hours of classroom education in subjects pertinent to the duties and responsibilities of a bail licensee
   2. A 40-hour power of arrest course certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) pursuant to PC section 832. This course is for educational purposes only and not intended to confer the power of arrest of a peace officer or public officer, or agent of any federal, state, or local government.
4. Fingerprint Submission (Cal. Ins. Code section 1652[a][17])
5. Bond
   1. A bond having an admitted surety insurer as surety thereon in the penal sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000).
   2. Bail Agents, bail permittees, and bail solicitors who apply for a bail fugitive recovery agent license are exempt from subdivision (b) if they have a current surety bond and

liability insurance policy on file with the commissioner.

1. Appointment
   1. A notice of appointment executed by a bail agent or surety insurer authorizing that applicant to act on behalf of, and pursuant to, the instructions of the appointing license holder.
      1. The surety or sureties providing the appointments must authorize the bail fugitive recovery agent to work under their authority as a bail fugitive recovery agent.
   2. If the bail agent or bail permittee who applies for a bail fugitive recovery license has one or more surety appointments on file with the commissioner and the surety or sureties providing the appointments have authorized the bail agent or bail permittee to work under their authority as a bail fugitive recovery agent.
2. Liability Insurance

A policy of liability insurance that provides minimum limits of insurance of one million dollars ($1,000,000) for any one loss or occurrence due to either bodily injury or death, or property damage, or both.

1. Exemptions.

An active bail agent, bail permittee, and bail solicitor who applies for a bail fugitive recovery agent license are exempt from the following, if these items are on file with the commissioner:

1. 20-hour prelicensing course requirement
2. 40-hour POST training
3. $1,000 bond
4. Bail Agent or surety appointment, if the bail agents, bail permittees, and bail solicitors have a current surety appointment that meets the requirement in subsection 3(b) above
5. liability insurance requirements
6. Continuing education

12-hour continuing education requirement (Cal. Ins. Code section 1810.7[a])

* 1. Understanding Fugitive Recovery Persons Act (PC sections 1299 through 1299.12) (2 questions of the 8 Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery questions)
     1. Term meanings (PC section 1299.01)
     2. Qualifications (PC sections 1299.02 and 1299.04)
     3. Documentation, written authorization of surety/bail agent to other person (PC sections 1299.06, 1300, and 1301)
     4. False/misleading representation (PC section 1299.07)
     5. Law enforcement notification (PC sections 1299.08 and 1301)
     6. Entering premises/firearms (PC sections 844, 1299.09, and

1299.10)

* + 1. Violations and penalties (PC section 1299.11)
  1. Understanding forfeitures and remedies (PC sections 849, 978.5, 979, 980[b], 982, 983, 1195, 1196, 1199, and 1305) (2 questions of the 8 Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery questions)
     1. Surrender prior to forfeiture (PC section 1300)
        1. Circumstances where pre-forfeiture surrender may result in return of premium (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2090)
     2. PC section 1305’s 180-day period for relief
     3. Extensions (good cause) of statutory period (PC section 1305.4)
     4. Forfeiture notices
     5. Warrants
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           1. National Crime Information Center, California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System, local warrant systems
        2. Persons authorized to serve warrants
     6. Surrender or arrest of defendants who are in custody
        1. In jurisdiction of underlying case
        2. Out of jurisdiction, out of state, out of country
     7. Technical grounds for relief from forfeiture
  2. Bail Agents executing an arrest (PC sections 821 through 827.1, 840, 841 through 847.5, 941, and 1312) (2 question of the 8 Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery questions)
     1. Legality of arresting bail fugitives (Cal. Pen. Code sections 1300 and 1301)
     2. Written authorization of surety/bail agent to other person (PC section 1301)
     3. Best practices and methods of arrest
     4. Liability considerations
     5. Wrongful arrests – consequences and liability
     6. Qualifying persons who perform fugitive recovery
     7. Supervising persons who perform fugitive recovery
     8. Coordination with local law enforcement
  3. Transporting prisoners (1 question of the 8 Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery questions)
     1. Liability considerations
     2. Best practices
     3. Coordination with law enforcement
  4. Out of state/country activities (PC sections 847.5 and 1305[f] and [g]) (1 question of the 8 Laws Pertaining to Bail Agents and Fugitive Recovery questions)
     1. Liability considerations
     2. Notifying local law enforcement
     3. Knowledge of local laws
     4. Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution, provisional arrest warrant, Interpol red notice

1. Privacy Protection Provisions (4 questions [5 percent] on the examination)
   1. Insurance/Privacy Protection Act (Cal. Ins. Code sections 791 through 791.26)

(1 question of the 4 Privacy Protection Provision questions)

* 1. Confidential Communications (10 Cal. Code Regs. section 2069) (1 question of the 4 Privacy Protection Provision questions)
  2. Relations with clients, governmental employees and the public (2 questions of the 4 Privacy Protection Provision questions)

1. Ethics and California Insurance Code (4 questions [5 percent] on the examination)
   1. Best Practices (4 questions of the 4 Ethics and Cal. Ins. Code questions)
      1. Keep informed and updated on all laws that regulate the bail industry
         1. Understand that the Cal. Ins. Code and the Cal. Code Regs. identify many unethical and/or illegal practices, but the Cal. Ins. Code and Cal. Code Regs. are not a complete guide to ethical behavior
         2. Keep apprised of other local, state, or federal laws that may affect your duties as a bail agent
         3. Always keep in mind that ignorance of the law is not a defense
      2. Identify the needs of consumers and make sure that your representations and agreements are within the laws and contents of agreements and contracts
      3. Know, understand, and practice the confidentiality and fiduciary responsibility of the information you have obtained about and from your clients
         1. Familiarize yourself with the laws that regulate confidentiality of information, especially financial information (e.g. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)
      4. Avoid unfair or inaccurate remarks about the competition
      5. Promptly and formally notify indemnitors of the possible liability or penalties in the event of non-appearance or surrender to custody of the defendant
      6. Cooperate with judiciary, law enforcement, and public prosecution agencies without violating confidentiality laws