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**NOTICE**

TO: Education Providers and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: New Prelicensing Education Requirement for Public Adjuster License Applicants

Background

On September 29, 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 488 (Chapter 833, Statutes of 2016). SB 488 becomes law on January 1, 2017. SB 488 amends the Public Insurance Adjusters Act, Section 15000 et seq. of the California Insurance Code (CIC) to align California law with the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's model act for public adjusters and clarifies other provisions in the public adjuster statutes. You may view SB 488 by accessing the following link: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB488

Included in the amendments is a new prelicensing education requirement for Public Adjuster license applicants. Specifically, Section 15009.1 of the CIC was added, requiring Public Adjuster licensing applicants to complete 20 hours of prelicensing education training prior to licensure.

To implement the new prelicensing education requirement, the California Department of Insurance (CDI), with the assistance of the Curriculum Board, converted the existing Public Insurance Adjuster Examination Objectives to Educational Objectives (EOs). There were no substantive changes made in the conversion.

Education providers must instruct their students according to the directions and content contained in the EOs. The Public Adjuster EOs are available on CDI's website at <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0200-industry/0030-seek-pre-lic/0100-requirements/prelicensing-educational-objectives.cfm>

Instructions for Submitting a Prelicensing Course

Education providers submitting a Public Adjuster prelicensing course must submit the following items: (1) a completed Prelicensing/Continuing Education Program Course Approval Application, Form LIC 446-3 (<https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0200-industry/0040-seek-producer-forms/0200-education-providers/upload/LIC4463Course.pdf>) for each course; (2) a filing fee of \$75 for each course; (3) the applicable checklist items that are stated on the course application; and (4) a cross referenced document of the EO's that shows where the EO topics are covered within the course materials.

Questions

For specific questions regarding this notice, please e-mail CDI's Education Unit at <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0200-industry/0200-prod-licensing/0400-other-info/0800-questions-answers/education/continuing-ed/email.cfm> or call the Education Unit at (916) 492-3064. Please be sure to include your name, telephone number, provider number and e-mail address in all correspondence with the CDI.