

Foundation Insurance Test

Objective

To provide knowledge and understanding of basic insurance products, principles and practice, within the legal and regulatory framework of the insurance industry.

Summary of learning outcomes	Number of questions in the examination*
1. Understand how the insurance market operates	8
2. Understand risk and insurance in the context of the insurance market	7
3. Understand insurance legal principles	17
4. Understand insurance underwriting procedures and their legal significance	10
5. Understand policy wordings and procedures	8
6. Understand insurance procedures for claims	10
7. Understand the conduct of insurance business and wider legal and regulatory requirements	15
8. Understand personal insurance	18
9. Understand commercial insurance	7

* The test specification has an in-built element of flexibility. It is designed to be used as a guide for study and is not a statement of actual number of questions that will appear in every exam. However, the number of questions testing each learning outcome will generally be within the range plus or minus 2 of the number indicated.

Important notes

- Method of assessment: 100 multiple choice questions (MCQs). 2 hours are allowed for this examination.
- This syllabus will be examined from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027.
- Candidates will be examined on the basis of English law and practice unless otherwise stated.
- This PDF document has been designed to be accessible with screen reader technology. If for accessibility reasons you require this document in an alternative format, please contact us on online.exams@cii.co.uk to discuss your needs.

1. Understand how the insurance market operates

- 1.1 Describe the main features and roles within the insurance market.
- 1.2 Describe the types of intermediaries in the insurance market.
- 1.3 Describe the main functions and responsibilities of underwriters.
- 1.4 Describe the main functions and responsibilities of claims staff.
- 1.5 Describe the main functions and responsibilities of delegated authority arrangements.
- 1.6 Describe the additional services available to policyholders.

2. Understand risk and insurance in the context of the insurance market

- 2.1 Describe what is meant by risk in relation to insurance.
- 2.2 Describe the categories and components of risk.
- 2.3 Describe how insurance operates as a risk transfer mechanism.

3. Understand insurance legal principles

- 3.1 Describe the essentials of a legal contract of insurance.
- 3.2 Describe the methods of creating an agency.
- 3.3 Describe the principle of insurable interest.
- 3.4 Describe the concepts of good faith and the duty of fair presentation.
- 3.5 Describe the principle of indemnity and how it is modified.
- 3.6 Explain the application of clauses incorporated within insurance policies

4. Understand insurance underwriting procedures and their legal significance

- 4.1 Describe the methods used to obtain information on material circumstances.
- 4.2 Explain moral and physical hazard in relation to underwriting.
- 4.3 Describe the formation of an insurance policy.
- 4.4 Explain the relevance of premium payment methods.
- 4.5 Describe the application of Insurance Premium Tax.

5. Understand policy wordings and procedures

- 5.1 Describe the components of a policy.
- 5.2 Explain the use of typical policy conditions and exclusions and their application.
- 5.3 Describe the procedures and requirements relating to renewals.

6. Understand insurance procedures for claims

- 6.1 Describe the requirements for a claim to be valid.
- 6.2 Explain why a claim may be partially met or invalid.
- 6.3 Describe the insured's duties after a loss.
- 6.4 Describe the methods of claims settlement.

- 6.5 Explain the detection and impact of fraudulent claims.

7. Understand the conduct of insurance business and wider legal and regulatory requirements

- 7.1 Describe the main purpose of the financial services regulators, government bodies and other organisations.
- 7.2 Describe the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority handbook.
- 7.3 Describe the main provisions of the General Insurance compensation arrangements under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.
- 7.4 Describe the provisions of data protection legislation.
- 7.5 Describe the main regulatory requirements for financial services industry personnel.
- 7.6 Explain the need for effective complaints-handling procedures and dispute resolution.

8. Understand personal insurance

- 8.1 Describe the basic features and outline of personal lines insurance policy cover.
- 8.2 Describe the types of personal insurance that are compulsory in the UK.

9. Understand commercial insurance

- 9.1 Describe the basic features and outline of commercial insurance policy cover.
- 9.2 Describe the types of commercial insurance that are compulsory in the UK.

Additional resources

The following resources may assist you with your studies.

Note: The examination will test the syllabus alone.

Supporting information for the syllabus can be found on the unit page via the CII website. The resources found here: www.cii.co.uk/learning will help you keep up-to-date with developments and provide a wider coverage of syllabus topics.

Additional reading material can also be found referenced within the study text.

Learning support

Foundation Insurance Test. London: CII.
Study text FIT.

E-Learn, Key Facts Booklet and Knowledge Checker are included as part of Enrolment plus and can also be purchased separately.

Assessment information

Candidates should refer to the CII website for the latest information on changes to law and practice and when they will be examined:

1. Visit www.cii.co.uk/qualifications
2. Select the appropriate qualification
3. Select your unit from the list provided
4. Select qualification update on the right hand side of the page

Examination guide

The examination guide is available on the unit page via the CII website.

If you have a current study text enrolment, the current examination guide is included and is accessible via **RevisionMate** (www.cii.co.uk/login). Details of how to access RevisionMate are on the first page of your study text.

It is recommended that you study from the most recent versions of the examination guide.

Exam preparation

Exam preparation guidance and supporting exam documentation are available via the CII website: <https://www.cii.co.uk/learning/qualifications/assessment-information>.