



October 17, 2017

TO: ALL LLQP STAKEHOLDERS

Subject: LLQP Update

This letter will provide an update on the following three items related to the LLQP program:

- The release of a follow-up Psychometric Export report;
- An invitation to form a Stakeholder Engagement Committee; and
- An update on collusion/cheating detection that has been conducted by CISRO and its members.

Release of Follow-up Psychometric Report

In September of 2016, CISRO published the Psychometric Audit Report of the LLQP Exam which was completed by Yardstick Testing & Training Experts (Yardstick).

In addition to that initial analysis, CISRO engaged Yardstick to do a follow-up analysis based on exams written in the first quarter of 2017. The report from that analysis is attached for your information and review. We believe the comments outlined in the report are self-explanatory.

We welcome any feedback you may have and would like comments to be received no later than November 30, 2017. Comments on the report should be addressed to:

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Formation of Stakeholder Engagement Committee

As discussed at the last stakeholder meeting, we are extending an invitation for stakeholders to form an LLQP Stakeholder Engagement Committee. The Terms of Reference for the committee are attached. We have asked representatives from CLHIA to initiate contact with interested stakeholders to begin the process of forming the committee.

Collusion/Cheating Detection

In an effort to uphold the validity and integrity of the LLQP exam, the LLQP Governance Committee has implemented various initiatives in recent months. One of these includes collusion analyses conducted by Yardstick, the firm that was hired to review the program in 2016.

In light of the findings drawn from these exercises, the Committee wishes to inform stakeholders of the means it will use to remain proactive regarding the confidentiality and integrity of its licensing exam. The following steps have been undertaken:

- Collaborative multi-jurisdictional investigations are ongoing in cases where data suggested a strong possibility of exam fraud.
- Punitive measures have been adopted and will continue where reasonable proof is collected demonstrating that candidates and/or their managers/trainers attempted to compromise the exam testing process.
- Planned initiatives such as pilot testing have been approved and implemented to increase the size of the question databank.
- Regular and recurring collusion analyses will now be included in the program's annual maintenance activities.
- Course Provider certification audits are being considered. The Licence Agreement provides for such measures. Financial audits were conducted earlier this year. Based on the evidence collected, we are concerned that the collusion/cheating is occurring at the certification level as well, and we are currently examining appropriate steps to ensure cheating is kept in check at the certification stage.
- Finally, we are reviewing whether adjustments to the program may be necessary in order to counteract the collusion/cheating activities that have been uncovered.

In closing, the Committee wishes to underline the fact that stakeholder collaboration is key in maintaining life insurance qualification standards.

Yours truly,

Ron Fullan
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