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### AGENDA



- + Introduction
- OCI Presentation of Regulatory Updates
- + Prometric
  - Overview of Prometric and the Candidate Footprint
  - Overview of Exam Life Cycle
    - + ERW's role in exam life cycle
  - Overview of Exam Review Workshop (ERW)
  - Pass rates
  - Overview of Continuing Education
- SBS Presentation by Roger Graves
- Questions

### Introductions



#### Wisconsin OCI Staff

- Melody Esquivel Insurance Supervisor, Agent Licensing
- Tim Cornelius Attorney

#### Prometric Staff

- Brad Erickson Director, Account Management
- Amanda Kikola Account Manager
- Alan Slokan Test Developer, Test Development Solutions

#### + NAIC – SBS Staff

Roger Graves – SBS Marketing and New Business Development Manager



### Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

## DISCUSSION OF REGULATORY UPDATES IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

## OCI Staff Updates



- Agent Licensing hired Consumer
   Protection Investigator, Jill Kelly, to
   review and process license applications.
- Agent licensing now has seven staff total.



### Regulatory Updates

As we mentioned last year, OCI was reviewing our administrative rules and have proposed several changes to be made.

- Requiring email address for all agent and entities
- Eliminating the WI license number and replacing it with the NPN
- Allowing for electronic notification from OCI rather than first class mail
- Eliminating the "banking" of pre-licensing courses by providers
- Allowing CE providers to issue electronic certificates rather than the required paper



## Regulatory Updates

- Requiring payment of agent appointment fees at time agent is appointed rather than at the end of the year
- Allowing licensing exams to be valid for 180 days rather than 30 days
- Moving & Updating CE topics- <u>Communication skills</u> relating to the business of insurance, <u>Personal Management</u> relating to the business of insurance, and Insurance Agency (prev. <u>Agency Management</u>) to topics that may qualify for approvable CE courses



## Benefits of Proposed Changes

- Modernize existing processes and procedures
- Allow OCI to notify agents via several methods
- Not "banking" credits reduces potential fees to agent candidates and providers
- More course topics to allow providers to expand their course offerings
- Provide more flexibility for candidates applying for licensure

## Current Status on Rule Changes

- Posted for public comment on OCI's website until September 4, 2018
  - Link <a href="https://oci.wi.gov/Pages/Regulation/RulesCurrentlyPending.aspx">https://oci.wi.gov/Pages/Regulation/RulesCurrentlyPending.aspx</a>
- Notification sent to all individuals/entities that are subscribed to OCI's mailing list
  - Link <a href="https://oci.wi.gov/Pages/AboutOCI/ListServe.aspx">https://oci.wi.gov/Pages/AboutOCI/ListServe.aspx</a>

Make sure you are subscribed to OCI's mailing lists!



### Rule Process

- In the Fall of 2018, proposed changes will be sent to Legislative Agencies for review
- Proposed changes to be submitted to Legislature in January/February of 2019
- Promulgated rule in Spring of 2019



- For information regarding the pending rule, contact Elizabeth Hizmi, Legislative Liaison/Director at (608)267-9460 or <a href="mailto:elizabeth.hizmi@wisconsin.gov">elizabeth.hizmi@wisconsin.gov</a>
- OCI is also using adminrule.wisconsin.gov as another format to get rule-making information.
  - Link <u>https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code</u>

# Questions?



### Prometric, LLC

## PRESENTATION BY THE PROMETRIC ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT & TEST DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

### Who is Prometric?



## Leader in the Insurance licensure and CE space as well as Computer-Based Testing since 1990

### + Prometric today:

- Serving more than 350 clients around the world
- Regulatory and Licensure FINRA, AICPA, NBME, Praxis, etc.
- Education/Certification AICPCU, LOMA, GRE, TOEFL, PMI, GBCI, etc.
- Full range of test development and psychometric services

### Insurance Knowledge and Experience:

- 20 distinct State insurance, CE, or combined programs AZ, CT, KY, MA, MD, NE, NC, NH, NY, OH, OK, SC, VT, WI, WV
- Engagement in the industry such as E-Reg, NAIC, CLEAR, ATP, ICE and SILA; proven leadership on numerous committees and panels

### + Technical and Operational Excellence:

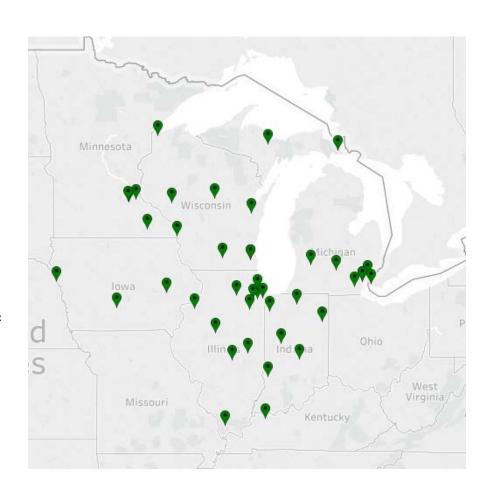
- 99.9% system uptime rate over the past 12 months 99.9% success rate in launching exams over the past 12 month on same day and location originally scheduled for
- ~7 million exam delivered annually

### The Prometric Advantage for Wisconsin



In 2017, Prometric delivered approximately 9,500 exams to Wisconsin candidates

- Testing is available in 6 sites in Wisconsin
  - 4902 Brookfield, WI
  - 4913 Ashwaubenon, WI
  - 4914 Eau Claire, WI
  - 4915 Wausau, WI
  - 4916 La Crosse, WI
  - 5323 Madison, WI
- Testing is also available in 14 sites in bordering states, all within 100 miles of the Wisconsin border.
- The overall candidate satisfaction among Wisconsin Insurance candidates exceeds 98% for overall satisfaction with the test experience and exceeds 97% with the date and time of the appointment.



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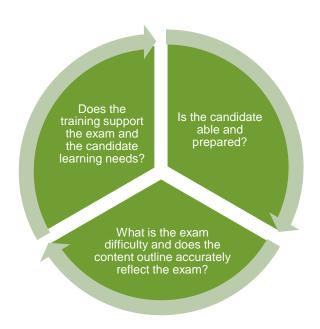


Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance "Mission"

To lead the way in informing and protecting the public and responding to its insurance needs.

+ Part of the oversight in protecting consumers, starts with the licensing of those who conduct business in the insurance industry.

A Successful
Licensure
Program should
be a harmonious
balance between
three competing
influences



## Consumer Protection through Secure, Scientifically Proven Exam Design and Administration



- Mission Ensure exam content is appropriate and relevant to Wisconsin Licensee requirements.
- + State requires that licensure exams cover <u>ALL</u> aspects of the particular line of authority
  - Example life exams cover all life insurance such as Term, Whole Life, Flexible Premium Life, Specialized Life Insurance Policies and Group Life Insurance and Annuities.
  - Exam difficulty is set to protect Wisconsin consumers from unqualified producers
  - Exam requires individuals to know the concept of insurance rather than just memorizing answers on a test

### Test Development Advantage



- NAIC Compliant Processes
- + Local, Regional and National Insights and Trends
- Continuous Item Writing and Review
  - Over 1,800 new items in our 26,000 item bank
  - Continuous contact with SMEs
    - · Generation of item writing assignments
    - Remote item reviews on a week-to-week basis
  - Annual Exam Review Workshops with the inclusion of selected SMEs
  - Strengthened partnerships with education providers
- Commitment to building State Owned and National Item Bank
  - Refreshes items pertaining to State Laws and Regulations
  - Updates the item bank with modernized language and realistic scenarios
  - Removes old and/or outdated content with newly authored items
  - Replaces content with excessive exposure with new content and statistics

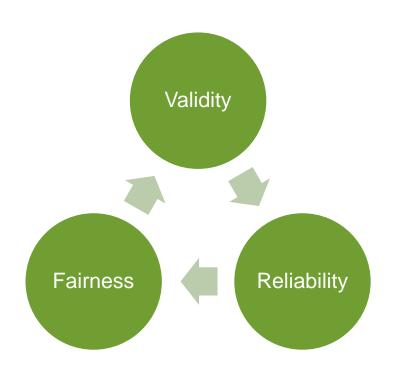
### Testing Tenets – Focus on Measurement



Validity — Ensuring the test assesses what it intends to measure; the items are linked to the validation document; and items are written address what the successful candidate needs to know.

Reliability — Ensuring that the test scores are consistent, dependable and repeatable and that items are reliable (written clearly and distributed appropriately).

**Fairness** — Questions are clear and unambiguous, are free from sensitive issues and represent the body of knowledge.



### Key Steps for a Successful Licensure Exam





### **Content Outlines**



- Content outlines involve the specifications to which the exam should be developed, including:
  - Number and type of sections
  - Number and type of subsections
  - Number of items in each section and subsection
  - Reference list
  - Time limit for the exam
- + Outlines may change annually due to law changes or at the rest of the state
- + All updates to content outlines will be supplied to providers in red line format to highlight all changes

### Exam Review Workshop – 2018 August 8, 2018 – August 9, 2018



- Over the past two days, Subject Matter Experts reviewed 1,114 items for Wisconsin Insurance Exams for continued accuracy and relevance.
- + Each group of SMEs provided recommended changes to the content outline which we will summarize for the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to review and approve.
- + Once OCI approves suggested changes, Prometric will finalize testing forms to be published and released to the field.

### Important Dates to Remember



- Outlines are to be released to educational providers participating in the ERW, red-lined
  - Week of September 1, 2018
- + Candidate Handbook available online
  - Late November 2018
- New Exams to be published
  - November 24, 2018

### Wisconsin Insurance Pass Rates CY 2017



#### Wisconsin Insurance

1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Test Type: First-Time Tester, Retakes

Exam	Tester Type	Pass	Percent	Fail	Percent	Total
2201 WLGS; LIFE EXAM	First-time	2263	79%	615	21%	2878
	Retake	31	35%	57	65%	88
	Total	2294	77%	672	23%	2966
	First-time	90	93%	7	7%	97
2202 WLSS; LIFE-FOR AGENT WHO HELD LIFE LICENSE	Retake	1	100%	0	0%	1
	Total	91	93%	7	7%	98
2203 WAGS; ACCIDENT & HEALTH EXAM	First-time	1846	75%	631	26%	2477
	Retake	41	53%	37	48%	78
	Total	1887	74%	668	26%	2555
	First-time	65	90%	7	8%	72
2204 WASS; ACCIDENT & HEALTH EXAMFOR AGENT WHO	Retake	0	0%	1	100%	1
	Total	65	89%	8	11%	73
2205 WPGS; PROPERTY EXAM	First-time	1097	68%	508	32%	1605
	Retake	53	45%	65	55%	118
	Total	1150	67%	573	33%	1723
2206 WPSS; PROPERTY-FOR AGENT WHO HELD PROPERTY LIC	First-time	32	70%	14	30%	46
	Retake	2	70%	1	33%	3
	Total	34	69%	15	31%	49
2207 WCGS; CASUALTY EXAM	First-time	1120	77%	342	23%	1462
	Retake	40	45%	49	55%	89
	Total	1160	75%	391	25%	1551
	First-time	31	82%	7	18%	38
2208 WCSS; CASUALTY-FOR AGENT WHO HELD CASUALTY LIC	Retake	2	100%	0	0%	2
	Total	33	83%	7	18%	40
	First-time	15	56%	12	44%	27
2209 WPLG; WISCONSIN PERSONAL:GENERAL & STATE	Retake	1	50%	1	50%	2
	Total	16	55%	13	45%	29
2210 WPLS; PERSONAL LINES P&C EXAM	First-time	9	23%	31	78%	40
	Total	9	23%	31	78%	40
	First-time	83	74%	30	27%	113
2211 WLLT; TITLE EXAM	Retake	0	0%	1	100%	1
	Total	83	73%	31	27%	114
	First-time	194	66%	100	34%	294
2212 WLLC; CREDIT EXAM	Retake	11	61%	7	39%	18
	Total	205	66%	107	34%	312
2214 WLLN; NAVIGATOR	First-time	63	83%	13	17%	76
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### **NAIC**

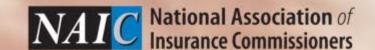
### SBS PRESENTATION BY ROGER GRAVES



## **SBS Overview and WI Industry Tools**

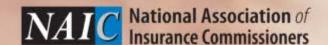
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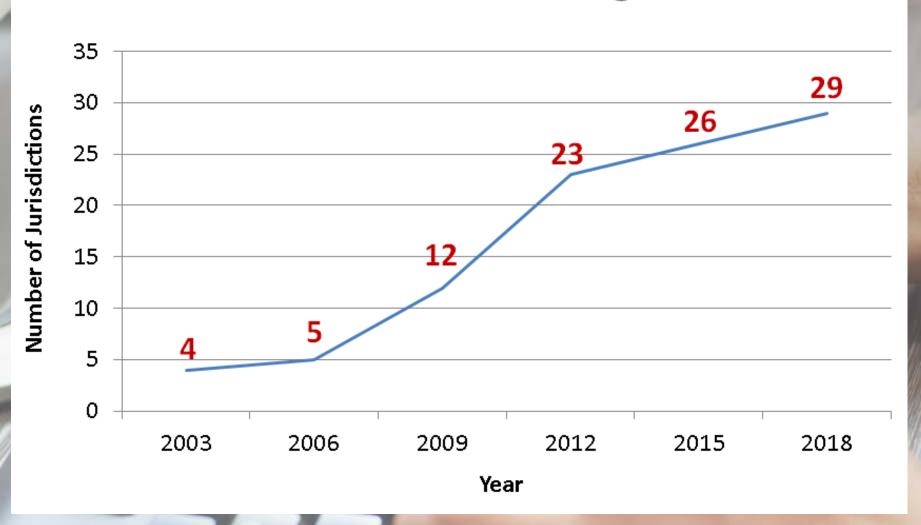
- + What is State Based Systems (SBS)
- + Jurisdiction Growth
- + SBS Rewrite Project Goals
- + Transition and Implementation Status
- + Industry Toolset
- + Questions



### STATE BASED SYSTEMS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Licensing	Case Management	Industry	Support Capabilities
Company	Consumer Services	Complaint Form	Attachments
Continuing Education	Enforcement	License Manager	Correspondence & Email
Producer	External Healthcare Review	Lookup	Reporting
Project Tracking	Investigations	SBS for Organizations	
Regulated Industries	Market Conduct Exams		
Revenue			

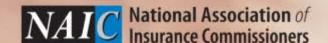
## Number of Jurisdictions using SBS Services



## The Rewrite Project

### Streamline and improve SBS by:

- Incorporate NAIC common user interface
- Integrate NAIC applications
- Streamline state specific changes
- Ensure system security
- Ensure system performance
- Enhance the user experience



## **SBS Transition and Implementation**

RHODE ISLAND

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**ILLINOIS** 

**OREGON** 

WISCONSIN

**ARKANSAS** 

**OKLAHOMA** 

ALABAMA

**PILOT PHASE** PHASE I (Complete) (Complete) **IMPLEMENTATIONS TRANSITIONS** VIRGINIA **ARIZONA FLORIDA NEW MEXICO TRANSITIONS** U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS **KANSAS MARYLAND MONTANA PUERTO RICO** 

**DELAWARE** 

NORTH DAKOTA

PHASE II (To Be Completed)

NS IMPLEMENTATIONS

SOUTH CAROLINA

**TRANSITIONS** 

ALASKA

IOWA

MISSOURI

**NEBRASKA** 

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** 

**NEW JERSEY** 

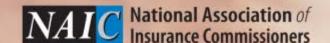
NORTH CAROLINA

**TENNESSEE** 

WEST VIRGINIA

## **Industry Toolset**

- Lookup
  - Licensee
  - Company
  - Course
- License Manager
- SBS for Organizations
- Report Generator

















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