### Harmonized Life Insurance Licensing Qualification Program

Stakeholder Information Session October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### **AGENDA**

- Completed Tasks
- 2. Progress to date: Curriculum development
- 3. Curriculum Survey: Points of interest
- 4. High-Level Overview: Timeline & Next Steps
- More Detail on Development Process & Next Steps
- 6. Wrap-up and Questions

#### **COMPLETED TASKS**

#### Since last July

- Creation of Curriculum review committees
- Validation of Curriculum contents
- Elaboration of Curriculum survey
- Publication of Curriculum for public consultation
- Recruitment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for editing plan and study material

#### What is the LLQP curriculum?

- Evaluation program defining competencies evaluated by licensing exam
  - Curriculum as content and objectives
- Limited scope compared to broader definitions
  - Excludes learning experiences, pedagogical approaches (not a course plan)
- Limited scope compared to Competency Profile
  - Excludes competencies that do not relate to CISRO's licensing mandate

What is the function of the Curriculum in the LLQP?

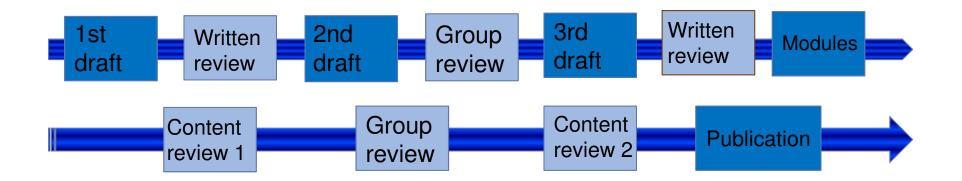
- Cornerstone of the qualification program
  - Framework for exam questions and exam
  - Contents and terminology for standardized study material
- High-level pedagogical planning tool for stakeholders
  - Course planning framework for Course Providers
  - Exam preparation tool for candidates

What key considerations had an impact on the structure and scope of the Curriculum?

- Career entry
- Regulators' mandate to protect consumers

#### How was the Curriculum drafted?

- Based on Competency Profile (CP) and existing curriculums
- Structured according to projected modules
- Reviewed by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)



#### Who reviewed the Curriculum?

- Agents, trainers, industry stakeholders
- Participants from all Occupational Analysis Workshop (OAW) host provinces
- Participants representing
  - Large firms
  - Independant firms: brokerages, training consultants
  - Stakeholders: associations, Course Providers

#### How were the modules set?

- Content-based validation
- Pragmatic considerations
  - Time required
- List of modules:
  - Law, Ethics and Taxation (Québec or common-law provinces)
  - Life Insurance
  - Accident and Sickness Insurance
  - Segregated Funds and Annuities

What are the main areas covered by each module?

- Law, Ethics and Taxation
  - General law and taxation framework
  - Industry-specific law and taxation concepts
  - Ethics
- Products
  - Needs analysis
  - Product knowledge
  - Recommendation
  - Customer service

How are modules linked to exam?

- ▶ 1 module = 1 competency
- Modules are independent
- All modules must be successfully passed to obtain a license.

How does the scope of this Curriculum compare to that of existing curriculums?

- Important similarities due to continuity in process and products
- Law, ethics and taxation
- Group insurance

What advantages does the scope of this Curriculum provide for stakeholders?

- No drastic review
- Practice-oriented approach
- Room for development of additional content
- Use of standardized terminology

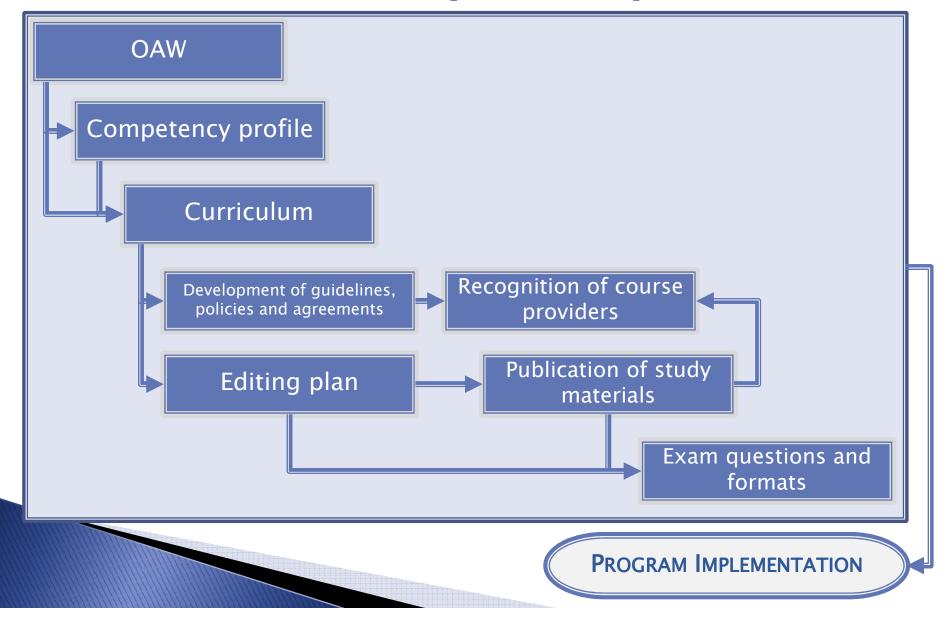
Which aspects of the Curriculum are being validated by stakeholders?

- Wording and scope of evaluation objectives
- Scope and structure of contents
- Terminology

#### Curriculum Survey: Points of interest

- Partial results indicate Curriculum is appropriate
  - Respondents from various profiles representing different professional profiles
  - Modifications being considered are minor changes to contents and weighting
- Survey is open until November 3
  - Follow link on Committees & Initiatives page of CISRO website

### **REVIEW:** Development process



### TIMELINE - 2013-2014

| Key Milestone or Activity                                       | Target Date/Period         |
|---|----------------------------|
| Release of draft Curriculum for stakeholder comment             | October 2013 (revised)     |
| Release of Curriculum revised according to stakeholder comments | November 2013<br>(revised) |
| Release of editing plan (for information only)                  | Early 2014 (revised)       |

### TIMELINE - 2014-2015

| Key Milestone or Activity                                     | Target Date/Period     |
|---|------------------------|
| Recognition criteria and licensing agreement                  | Spring 2014 (revised)  |
| Release of policies, guidelines and procedures                | Ongoing                |
| Recognition of Course Providers                               | Summer 2014 (revised)  |
| Publication of study material for recognized Course Providers | Winter 2015 (revised)  |
| Program implementation  | January 2016 (revised) |

#### NEXT STEPS - 2013

- Publication of revised Curriculum according to stakeholder comments
- Drafting and publication of editing plan
  - Will proceed similarly to drafting of Curriculum: content expert committees for each module.
  - No stakeholder review planned but publication in early 2014 to facilitate Course Providers' course preparation.
  - As plans are finalized, drafting of the study material will begin.

| Title of the chapter  | Competency component and sub-components | Contents              |                       | Recoverable items from previous editions (manual number and pages) |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                       |   |                       |                       |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> level | 2 <sup>nd</sup> level                   | 3 <sup>nd</sup> level | 4 <sup>nd</sup> level | Tables, diagrams and examples                                      |
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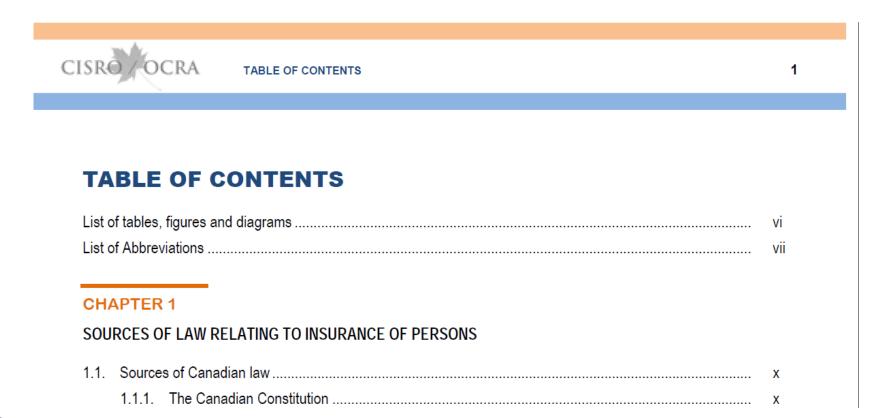
### NEXT STEPS - 2013 (cont.)

Production of detailed timeline for each manual



### NEXT STEPS - 2013 (cont.)

Production of the study material graphic layout



#### NEXT STEPS 2014-2015

- Drafting of Course Provider recognition criteria and licensing agreement
  - Current criteria and agreements will be taken into account.
  - Recognition criteria should be built into agreement.
- Publication of policies, guidelines and procedures.
  - Exam eligibility
  - Exam sittings
  - Exam review
  - Exam rewrite rules
  - Measures for candidates having obtained their certificate to pass the LLQP exam in 2015
- Course development and roll-out to course providers.

#### WRAP-UP

- CISRO remains committed to ongoing stakeholder engagement throughout development and implementation of new program.
- Information will be made available to stakeholders as work on this initiative continues.
- Inquiries
  - New program Ron Fullan
  - Existing LLQP Pat Chamberlain
  - Existing AMF Program René Brisson

