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“Regulator’s View” with Director Cameron



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Company Activities

- Effective September 1, 2023, examination delivery services for the Idaho Department of Insurance’s regulatory licensing program will be administered by Pearson VUE, the global leader in computer-based certification and licensure exam delivery.



“We are confident that Pearson VUE’s deep understanding of the regulatory environment, their dedicated customer service, as well as their network of test centers and supporting test security features will support our objective of providing world-class regulatory licensing services,” says DOI Director Dean L. Cameron.

Candidates will be able to schedule examinations at one of 15 secure Pearson VUE examination centers statewide. To schedule an examination, candidates should visit doi.idaho.gov/industry/licensing-services to follow accurate provider links and obtain the most current Candidate Handbook.

Additionally, electronic fingerprinting has returned. Please visit [DOI’s Testing and Fingerprints](http://DOI's Testing and Fingerprints) website for more information.

News Release: [“Idaho Department of Insurance selects Pearson Vue to administer its regulator licensing examinations”](#)

- The DOI’s Interim Annual Review (IAR) was successfully submitted to NAIC. The DOI’s full Accreditation was last awarded in 2020 with the next in-person evaluation to occur in 2025. For all interim years, the IAR is how the DOI verifies it meets Accreditation expectations.

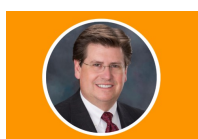
Thanks to the proper prior planning of the DOI and Idaho’s legislature, the DOI clearly demonstrated how its statutes meet the newest standards regarding Credit for Reinsurance Procedures, and Term & Universal Life Reserve Modeling. Staff were also pleased to report that all examination and analysis work was completed in a timely manner. DOI expects full reaffirmation of their Accreditation via the IAR in December 2023. Accreditation prevents other jurisdictions from enforcing their laws on Idaho’s insurers or retaliating against Idaho’s authority. Accreditation makes it so Idaho carriers can operate efficiently, in a competitive marketplace, and with effective state-based regulatory oversight.

Administration



- Mark your calendars for upcoming 2023-2024 Rulemaking dates:
 - September 6, 2023 – DOI’s notice of proposed rulemaking and redlines of proposed rules published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin 23-09
 - September 27, 2023, 3:00 pm at DOI office – Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed rulemaking
- Link: [DOI Legislation and Rulemaking](#)

Director Dean Cameron



- Director Dean Cameron talks asset allocation for insurance investors – and the impact of macroeconomic conditions on portfolio construction.
- Link: [Insurance Investor “Regulator’s view: Idaho’s Dean Cameron on portfolio allocation”](#)

State Fire Marshal



- State Fire Marshal Deputies have been busy, assisting the Idaho Department of Lands and our federal partners in investigating wildfires throughout Idaho. One such fire, dubbed the Sarah Loop Fire, resulted in the entire community of Athol being evacuated. At the conclusion of the evacuation, investigators moved in and identified the origin of the fire and determined that illegal burning was the cause of the 60+ acre fire that destroyed several buildings and vehicles. Fortunately, no homes were lost.



- The State Fire Marshal’s Office participated in Governor Little’s “Capital for a Day” in St. Maries on August 17. The event offered citizens of Benewah County an opportunity to discuss issues with government officials and insight on how to better serve Idahoans.
- Deputies Jason Blubaum and Josh Masterson spent several weeks collaborating with the University of Idaho in planning, making sure to have a safe event during the Summer Country Showdown at the ICCU Arena on August 25 and 26. Their hard work certainly paid off and the event went off with no issues. This was the first of what is sure to be many events at the arena.

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From left: Director Dean Cameron, Shannon Hohl (Bureau Chief, Market Oversight), Jo McGill, Eric Fletcher (Bureau Chief, Company Activities), Kathy McGill, Lori Thomason (Supervisor, Licensing), Margene Benedetti, Deputy Director Wes Trexler, Maria Del Villar (Supervisor, Rates and Forms)



From left: State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl, Director Dean Cameron, Chief Deputy Tom Mroz, Deputy Director Wes Trexler



We are pleased to recognize the following individuals as recipients of the Department’s **Dave Mulder “Excellence in Customer Service” Award**. We are truly grateful for the service they have and continue to provide to the DOI and Idaho citizens:

- Margene Benedetti**, Technical Records Specialist 1—Licensing
- Katie Deaver**, Technical Records Specialist 2—Rates and Forms
- Jo McGill**, Technical Records Specialist 2—Rates and Forms
- Kathy McGill**, Health Market Insurance Specialist —Market Oversight
- Tom Mroz**, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal



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