Admissions Eligibility
The NAIC Designation Program is an exclusive professional development school for U.S. insurance regulators. As such, it is open only to current employees of state insurance departments. Other eligibility requirements have been established for each designation tier within the Designation Program as outlined below. Note that the typical Candidate enters the Designation Program at the APIR level and from there progresses to more advanced levels.

Prospective Associate Professional in Insurance Regulation (APIR) Candidates must
  a. Be currently employed by a state DOI.

Designation Program Requirements
Designation Candidates must meet specified course and experiential study requirements as outlined below.

APIR Requirements
1. Have at least one year of full-time work experience with a state DOI. *
   and
2. Satisfactorily complete the NAIC courses below and achieve a score of 70% or better on each corresponding exam. **
   a. Foundations of Insurance Regulation
   b. Introduction to Financial Regulation
   c. Regulation of Insurance Products
   or
3. Score 70% or better on the comprehensive APIR exam. ***

*A candidate may work toward the APIR Designation during his/her first year of employment; however the APIR will not be awarded until the first anniversary.

**All Designation Program course exams must be taken within 60 days of the course’s completion.

***Attempting to test out of the APIR program is permitted, but it is not recommended. The exams are rigorous and reflect comprehensive knowledge requirements. Prospective candidates will be given one opportunity to take the test-out comprehensive exam, and no retakes are permitted.

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