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SUBJECT: Continuing Education Requirements

BACKGROUND: During the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, Act 290 was enacted to amend R.S. 22:1193. The new law revises the manner of calculating continuing education credits for participants in qualified graduate-level national designation programs, such as CPCU, CLU and CIC, and applies to individual or "self-study" courses only.

MAIN POINTS: Subsection J of R.S.1193 states:

*The Department [of Insurance] may grant continuing education credits to an individual for participating in a qualified graduate-level national designation program only if the individual **passes** the test required of such program and earns a certificate of completion...*

Enactment of this subsection supercedes the provision found in LDI Rule 10.10.G, which allowed 50 percent credit to be given to licensees who participated but failed to pass the examination. Therefore, effective August 15, 2001, only those participants who pass the examination can be awarded CE credits.

The Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) is in the process of developing internal procedures designed to implement full compliance with Act 290. LDI will simultaneously work with individual groups to address any short-term concerns that may arise as a result of the law's August 15 effective date.

NECESSARY ACTION: Circulate this Technical Advisory to all personnel who are subject to continuing education requirements.