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## Kansas to offer insurance licensing exams online beginning Dec. 15

Topeka, Kan. – Today, the Kansas Insurance Department, under the leadership of Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt and in partnership with Pearson Vue, announced that Kansas will begin offering online proctored insurance producer examinations on December 15.

"When COVID hit, Kansas was the first Department in the nation to get our producer licensing exam facilities reopened and assist Kansans in getting back to work," Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said. "Adding an online option for exams is the next step in continuing to modernize the services of the Kansas Insurance Department and ensuring that anyone who has an interest in a career in insurance has access to the licensing exam."

"Hiring and on-boarding new staff continues to be a challenge for the insurance industry," said Dave Hulcher, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Insurance Agents. "Getting staff licensed is a critical component of the new hiring process and the Kansas Insurance Department has worked hard to expand the accessibility of testing alternative locations within Kansas. Providing an online testing solution is another step forward in streamlining of producer licensing process. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, this also provides an important additional option to allow potential licensees to safely and efficiently take their exam. We thank the department for their leadership in the area of agent licensing."

On-site testing facilities will remain an important option for candidates, the Pearson OnVUE program expands the choices to accommodate the testing needs of any potential Kansas licensee. Consumer protection is the highest priority for the Kansas Insurance Department and the same rigorous standards will continue to apply to exams and applicants.

For more information about OnVUE, visit pearsonvue.com. If you have questions about producer licensing in Kansas, please contact kid.licensing@ks.gov or 785-296-7862.

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