

Passing Standard: 70% (105 correct out of 150 scored questions)

Format & Timing: 160 Multiple Choice Questions (150 scored + 10 unscored pretest). Total 3 hours 45 minutes. (Prometric)

Testing Windows: Continuous testing year-round

1. OFFICIAL 2026 BLUEPRINT DOMAINS & WEIGHTINGS

S24-F1: Function 1: Supervision of Registration of Broker-Dealer and Perso

Weight: 6% (9 Qs)

Broker-dealer registration: Form BD, CMA rules (Rule 1017), statutory disqualification, Associated persons: Form U4/U5 reporting, military leave, continuing education (Regulatory & Firm Elements), Fingerprinting rules (Rule 17f-2) and background check requirements

S24-F2: Function 2: Supervision of General Broker-Dealer Activities

Weight: 30% (45 Qs)

Supervisory structure: Offices of Supervisory Jurisdiction (OSJ) vs branch office definitions and inspection cycles, Supervision of communications: retail communications, correspondence, institutional communications (Rule 2210), Financial responsibility: Net capital requirements (Rule 15c3-1), customer protection

S24-F3: Function 3: Supervision of Retail and Institutional Customer-Relat

Weight: 21.3% (32 Qs)

New account approvals, discretionary accounts, and margin account supervision (FINRA Rule 4210, Reg T), Supervision of recommendations: Reg BI, suitability (Rule 2111), variable annuities (Rule 2330), Customer complaint handling, arbitration procedures, and senior/vulnerable adult exploitation safeguards (Rule 2165)

S24-F4: Function 4: Supervision of Trading and Market Making Activities

Weight: 21.3% (32 Qs)

Order handling rules: Best execution (Rule 5310), limit order protection (Manning Rule 5320), front-running, Market making obligations: NASDAQ quotations, locked/crossed markets, trade reporting (TRACE, CAT, ADF), Short sale regulation: Regulation SHO (Locate requirement, Rule 204 closeout, threshold

S24-F5: Function 5: Supervision of Investment Banking and Research

Weight: 21.3% (32 Qs)

Underwriting processes: Firm commitment vs best efforts, syndicate agreements, green shoe options, Public offering regulation: Securities Act of 1933, quiet periods, roadshows, free-writing prospectuses, Research analyst conflicts of interest (FINRA Rule 2241) and information barriers (Chinese Walls), Regulation M

2. PRIMARY STATUTORY & REGULATORY AUTHORITIES TESTED

* FINRA Rule 3110 & 3120 (Supervisory Systems and Controls) - FINRA Rule 3110 (OSJ and branch su

Mandatory establishment and maintenance of Written Supervisory Procedures (WSPs) and annual testing

* SEC Rule 15c3-1 & 17a-5 (Net Capital & Financial Reporting) - 17 CFR Sec. 240.15c3-1 (Net capi

Statutory capital preservation rules and haircut deductions to protect customer solvency

3. EXAMINER TRAPS & HIGH-YIELD PASS STRATEGY

Key Challenge: Intricate supervisory rules: Written Supervisory Procedures (WSPs), OSJ vs branch office inspection cycles, communication approvals, and net capital computations.