

Today, the insurance industry is experiencing many changes due to the presence of the private sector, the handover of state-owned enterprises, the liberalization of tariffs, and the rapid expansion of insurance demands. In order to meet the requirements of the existing circumstances, the presence of an efficient professional association featuring experts and senior members in the field of insurance, to boost the professional and scientific capacity of the country's insurance industry, is essential.

To achieve this goal, and to protect the role and position of the insurance industry, the **Professional Insurance Institute (PII)** started its mission in December 2012 as a non-governmental organization with registration number 30222 from the Ministry of Interior.

PII activities and priorities are as follow:

1- Professional Competency Tests

PII's top-notch goal is to create a favorable environment in which talented experts can grow. This environment is now provided at all technical levels and executive areas through expanding the standard of professional competence of employees and specialists of the country's insurance industry. As the first professional and independent association in the industry of insurance, improving the technical capabilities of members is also one of our main goals.

PII has set up a Structural foundation as its vision to achieve this goal. This Structural foundation achieves the desired goal by evaluating specialists and awarding a valid professional certificate that shows the ability and knowledge of people in specialized fields.

The professional qualification system is modeled according to the London Charter at five levels: Introductory, General, Specialized, Advanced and Proficient. One of the important goals of PII is to develop a professional knowledge of the insurance industry. This is achieved through both educating and documenting knowledge.

1- Virtual courses

These courses are recorded videos that are provided for learners. Participants in this course have the opportunity for 20 days to participate in the exam, which will be held online, according to their schedule. And after passing the exam, a certificate will be issued.

2- Webinars

Webinars are based on the training courses of PII, which are held online and after the completion of each course, a certificate will be issued.

3- Workshops

These courses are held in person, then at the end of the course, certificates will be issued to participants.

4- How to Join PII

There are two ways that you can be a member of PII; first, you can be an ordinary member or you can be an official member. Ordinary membership requires an insurance-related bachelor's degree

and at least 4 years of work experience after graduation, in which after completing the membership form and reviewing by the board of directors, the result will be announced to the individuals. To be an official member, you must be an ordinary member of PII, and if you are approved by the board of directors, you will finally become an official member.

Some of the benefits of being a membership of PII are as follow:

- 1- Access to information resources online through the Internet
- 2- The opportunity to be present in a wider network of relationships
- 3- Access to published scientific and professional resources for free or at a discount
- 4- Attending conferences and seminars
- 5- Education