

CMI Working Papers

On occasions, the CMI needs to quickly report developments in the experiences it monitors or to report on work in progress. The Executive Committee of the CMI now intends that this should be done via “Working Papers”. Working Papers will not necessarily be published in a CMIR. Nor will any tables they contain necessarily become Standard Tables of the profession. However, readers can assume that work done for a Working Paper will be of the same standard as that required for a Blue Book and will have been carefully considered by the sponsoring sub-committee.

Some of the benefits of publishing Working Papers will be:

1. They will allow information to be disseminated quickly without the need to wait for a CMIR or for long projects to be completed. As in the case of the recent cohort report, it may be felt necessary to disclose interim results whilst a project is still under way.
2. The implied longer consultation periods would allow a more robust peer review of the work being undertaken by the CMI.
3. The CMI would be able to expose possible new tables, improvement rates or other information without it immediately acquiring the status of one of the profession’s Standard Tables.
4. Whilst projects are still ongoing, the profession and others will have the opportunity to help the CMI in its approach to analysing and interpreting information. The CMI will welcome feedback on its working papers.
5. They can be used to inform offices of the CMI’s plans thereby allowing offices to better plan their implementation of anticipated new information.

Working Papers will be published on the CMI section of the profession’s website and will be public documents. They may also be distributed to CMI offices and others who need the information.

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