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Investigation Actuaries - Actuary Members

We are seeking to appoint proactive volunteers with an interest in professional discipline and standards to take on the role of Investigation Actuaries working within the Disciplinary and Capacity for Membership Schemes for the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) and any future IFoA Disciplinary Scheme.

Background

The main purpose of the disciplinary process is to protect the public by maintaining the standards of the members of the Institute and the Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA). The public - clients, users, employers, and all those whose finances are affected by actuarial decisions - must be confident that the members they employ, or trust with their finances, will observe the standards of practice and confidence that justify that trust.

The investigation of allegations of misconduct under the IFoA Disciplinary and Capacity for Membership Schemes is led by a Case Manager (a member of the IFoA's internal Disciplinary Investigations Team) drawing on the professional expertise of an Investigation Actuary. A legal adviser from the IFoA's retained lawyers for disciplinary work is also available where required.

The Investigation Actuary Pool

Successful candidates will be appointed to a 'pool' of Investigation Actuaries. Within the pool we seek to create a diverse range of practice expertise and geographic spread, although in reality geographic proximity is not an issue and Investigation Actuaries can be based anywhere around the globe. The Regulatory Appointments Committee nominates a Chair and Deputy Chair from the pool, whose remit includes assigning Investigation Actuaries and monitoring the quality and progress of investigations.

Pool members may be appointed to work on disciplinary or capacity for membership matters, or to support an investigation of alleged misconduct under the [CAA Global Limited](#) disciplinary process.

“Task” and “Person” Specification:

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An Investigation Actuary will be assigned to an investigation by the Head of Disciplinary Investigations and Chair of the Investigation Actuary Pool, taking into account the nature of the complaint. Before any assignment, Investigation Actuaries will be asked to check for conflicts of interest. The Case Manager is responsible for the progress and direction of the investigation, but draws upon the Investigation Actuary and Legal Adviser for support. The Case Manager is responsible for drafting, correspondence and document preparation and will seek input from the Investigation Actuary as required. The Investigation Actuary is likely to have a more “hands on” role in highly technical cases.

Tasks that an Investigation Actuary may have to undertake include:

- reviewing papers/case files to identify the relevant issues;
- identifying the relevant professional guidance (including FRC Standards) relating to the alleged conduct;
- assisting in planning the investigation;

- on occasion attending meetings with the Respondent, complainant or witnesses, to obtain witness statements;
- providing technical input throughout an investigation, including input in the drafting of the Case Report;
- signing off, along with the Case Manager, on the Case Report;
- working with the Case Manager to prepare a case for prosecution at a Disciplinary Tribunal Panel; and
- attending a Disciplinary Tribunal Panel, though this is likely to be rare.

Tenure

This is a three year appointment renewable for a further three years. All appointments and renewals are made by the Regulatory Appointments Committee (“RAC”).

Remuneration

This is a volunteer role not currently attracting remuneration. Expenses incurred as part of the role are recoverable from the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in line with the IFoA’s volunteer expenses policy.

Time Commitment

Investigation Actuaries will be asked to serve on a case by case basis and the time commitments anticipated can be discussed before any appointment is made. It is understood that work commitments may prevent some individuals from undertaking a particular assignment. When appropriate, the assistance of another actuary with specific expertise may be called upon.

The time commitment varies depending on the nature of the case to which the Investigation Actuary is appointed. The Case Manager takes on the majority of the work, seeking input from the Investigation Actuary as required. Once appointed the time commitment may take up to three to five days in total (which may be spread over several weeks or months) for the investigation up to Adjudication Panel stage and perhaps the same for cases going to a Disciplinary Tribunal Panel hearing, including attendance for one or possibly two days at the hearing. Most cases are resolved at the Adjudication Panel stage, therefore attendance at Disciplinary Tribunal Panel hearings is rare.

All members of the Investigation Actuary Pool will be offered training in disciplinary investigations. Typically this has been a commitment of one day every 18 months or so. This training counts for Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and may take place in London, Edinburgh or remotely.

“Person” Specification

An Investigation Actuary will be someone who:

- is a member of the IFoA;
- has the ability to consider carefully both sides in a complaint and to approach each case with an open mind;
- has the ability to be fair and objective;
- has the ability to reach sound, well-founded decisions;
- has the ability to synthesise, analyse and weigh evidence;
- has a clear writing style;
- is a good communicator;
- has a willingness to undergo training for the role;
- must not be a member of Council or a member and/or director of the FRC or carry out functions under the FRC Scheme.

Professional Indemnity

The IFoA’s indemnity arrangements cover those acting under the disciplinary schemes, both actuarial and lay.