

Exposure Draft: ED 26 of proposed Actuarial Profession Standard APS G3: General insurance work outside the geographic scope of the TASs.

- ED 26 can be accessed [here](#)

On 3 June 2011, the Actuarial Profession issued Exposure Draft 26 of APS G3: General insurance work outside the geographic scope of the TASs (ED 26).

ED 26 is intended to fill the gap when GN12: General insurance business - actuarial reports v5.0 is withdrawn by the Board for Actuarial Standards (BAS) on 1 October 2011.

ED 26 sets out the technical standards for members to use for General Insurance work which sits outside the geographic scope of the BAS's Technical Actuarial Standards (TASs). The geographic scope of the BAS's authority is limited to the context of UK legislation and regulation as defined in the BAS's Scope and Authority of Technical Standards document.

ED 26 reflects the Actuarial Profession's commitment to creating a consistent regulatory framework for its members to operate in worldwide. ED 26 recognises that for jurisdictions outside of this scope, it may be more appropriate for the member to apply local standards to their work.

Section two of ED 26 encourages the direct application of the TASs where no local standards exist, while section three takes a tiered approach to the application of local standards. Where they exist, they should generally be applied, unless in a member's reasonable opinion, the TASs are deemed to be more appropriate in meeting the BAS's Reliability Objective. We seek practitioners' views on the clarity of sections two and three, and whether you believe all options surrounding the application of either the local standards and/or the TASs have been fully explored.

More generally, we would welcome comments on whether or not you feel ED26 captures the Profession's overall commitment to providing a consistent regulatory framework for members operating outside the geographic remit of the TASs.

Notwithstanding the general desire to move away from a reliance on rules towards principles, ED 26 uses the word "must" to reflect the underlying mandatory requirements (although the precise way in which they are met may well not be). Nevertheless, one of the matters on which we would particularly seek views in the consultation is whether the words "must", "should", "might" etc. are used appropriately in each place.

Of course, comments are invited on all aspects of ED 26, including both the substance and the detailed wording. The deadline for comments is 3 August 2011, although given the tight implementation timescale, it would be helpful if responses could be submitted as soon as possible either through Survey Monkey at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/actuaries_APS_G3, or if preferred, by e-mail to: consultations@actuaries.org.uk. The Survey Monkey questions concerning ED 26 can also be found in PDF form by clicking [here](#)

As an added incentive, you can claim up to 30 minutes of private study CPD time for reading the communication on ED 26 and completing the relevant questionnaire provided that the topic is relevant to and/or developmental for you. If you choose to do so, please remember to record your learning outcome within your on-line CPD record.

Following analysis of the comments received during the consultation process, we reserve the right to make presentational, as well as substantive changes to ED 26.

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