

# CHARTER OF THE INSTITUTE AND FACULTY OF ACTUARIES

*NOW THEREFORE, We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration in Our Council and being satisfied that the intentions of the Petitioners are laudable and deserving of encouragement Have constituted, erected and incorporated and We by Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion by these Presents for Us and Our Royal Successors*

*DO WILL, ORDAIN AND DECLARE as follows (that is to say):*

1. The persons now members of the Institute of Actuaries and, so that the benefits of a unified actuarial profession in Our United Kingdom may be secured, the persons on 1 August 2010 who are members, affiliates and students of The Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland founded in 1856 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1868 and all such other persons as may hereafter become members of the Body Corporate hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents, and their Successors, shall for ever hereafter (so long as they shall continue to be such members) be by virtue of these Presents one body corporate and politic by the name of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, and by the same name have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure, and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and in all manner of actions and suits and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

## **Objects**

2. The objects of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries shall be, in the public interest, to advance all matters relevant to actuarial science and its application and to regulate and promote the actuarial profession.

## **Powers**

3. In pursuit of the objects the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries shall have power to do any lawful thing so long as it shall not be repugnant to any provision of this Our Charter or the Bye-laws made under it. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries may in particular:
  - (a) enter into contracts or incur obligations, borrow and raise money, give guarantees and indemnities, and mortgage or charge the whole or any part of the undertaking, assets and rights of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries;
  - (b) employ and dismiss staff, remunerate them and provide retirement, death, disability, ill health or other benefits for them, their families, dependants and others;
  - (c) acquire real or personal property (or any estate or interest in such property) and any other assets, whether within or outside Our United Kingdom;
  - (d) invest any moneys not immediately required for its objects, in such a manner as may from time to time be determined, subject to any conditions or consents as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as provided in this Our Charter;
  - (e) enter into arrangements with others in order to further the objects of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries;

- (f) print, publish, sell, lend or distribute any papers, communications, works or treatises on matters pertinent to the actuarial profession;
- (g) do all other things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects.

## **Governance**

4. There shall be a Council of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in which shall be vested the governance and control of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and its affairs subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Bye-laws of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.
5. The Council shall consist of such number of members with such qualifications and shall be elected or constituted in such manner and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to re-election and otherwise as the Bye-laws shall prescribe.
6. The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries shall have such officers with such functions, tenure and terms of office as the Bye-laws shall prescribe.
7. The business of the Council shall be conducted subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Bye-laws in such manner as the Council shall from time to time determine.
8. In order to ensure that the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries is managed efficiently and effectively the Council may delegate powers over any matters within its competence, other than those where the Bye-laws provide for a qualified majority of Council, to any person or persons.
9. There shall be such categories of members of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries as the Bye-laws shall prescribe. The qualifications, method and terms of admission, rights, privileges and obligations of each of the categories of membership shall be as prescribed in the Bye-laws.
10. No member shall be entitled to use any description of himself or herself in relation to their membership of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries that includes the word "Chartered" unless the Bye-laws so provide.
11. The Bye-laws set out in the Schedule hereto shall be the Bye-laws of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and shall remain in force until revoked, amended or added to in the manner hereinafter provided.
12. The Bye-laws may direct that any matters which pursuant to this Our Charter may be prescribed or regulated in the Bye-laws may be further prescribed or regulated by the Rules and the Regulations made by the Council, provided that any such further prescription or regulation shall not be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or the Bye-laws.
13. The Council shall have power to make Rules and Regulations for the award of qualifications to members and to make awards to members so qualified to receive them, but no Rules or Regulations shall be made for the award of chartered qualifications without the approval of the Lords of Our Privy Council of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

14. Except as otherwise specified in this Charter or the Bye-laws, a Resolution passed either:
- a) by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of the members of the Council and subsequently passed at a duly convened general meeting by a simple majority of the members entitled to vote and voting at that general meeting; or
  - b) at a duly convened general meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members entitled to vote and voting at that general meeting

shall be effective to make, revoke, alter or amend any Bye-law or Bye-laws of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries for its regulation and governance, and for the furtherance of its objects and powers, provided that the new or amended Bye-law or Bye-laws are not repugnant to this Our Charter or to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm, and further provided that no such Bye-law, revocation, alteration or amendment shall take effect until the same has been approved by the Lords of Our Privy Council of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

15. A Resolution passed either:
- a) by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of the members of the Council and subsequently passed at a duly convened general meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members entitled to vote and voting at that general meeting; or
  - b) at a duly convened general meeting by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members entitled to vote and voting at that general meeting

may amend or add to this Our Charter and any such amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter as amended or added to in the manner aforesaid.

16. In any case of conflict, the provisions of this Our Charter shall prevail over those of the Bye-laws, the Rules and the Regulations, and the provisions of the Bye-laws shall prevail over those of the Rules and the Regulations.
17. And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, Grant and Declare that these Our Letters Patent, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in all things good, firm, valid, and effectual, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in all Our Courts or elsewhere in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, any misrecital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.