



New Working Party: Life IFRS 17 Transversal

The Life Board and Life Research Sub-committee has launched a new member-led working party looking at IFRS 17, including:

- whether IFRS 17 meets its stated objective of ensuring that entities provide relevant information in a way that faithfully represents insurance contracts
- implications of IFRS 17 on insurance accounting, profit reporting and supplementary reporting
- issues arising for UK life insurers.

Brief description

Areas for research could include:

- a brief historic overview of accounting for UK insurers
- examining recent IASB developments, covering both the Insurance Contracts Standard IFRS 17 and other developments affecting insurers
- setting out key issues affecting life insurers arising from recent developments
- providing a comparison of the measurement models found within the IFRS 17, Solvency II and supplementary reporting
- considering a possible future role for supplementary reporting.

Working party objective/aims

The research will primarily focus on life insurance business, although much will be relevant to non-life insurance. The working party should be aware of concurrent IFRS-focused working parties running in the General Insurance (GI) and Life practice areas, in particular, liaise with the Contractual Service Margin (CSM) and Discount Rate working parties on a regular basis to ensure information sharing and leverage.

Experience/skills/background desirable

We are seeking volunteers who will have extensive expertise in insurance accounting, profit reporting and investor disclosures, ideally within the life insurance sector.

Outputs

The working party should aim to produce a written record of their findings, as well as seeking opportunities to present their research. The potential outputs should be substantive and could include:

- producing an Actuary article to draw attention to the research

- preparing and presenting a Sessional Event or British Actuarial Journal paper for Spring 2019
- presentations at insurance bodies (e.g. regulators, consumer groups),
- presentations at IFoA conferences and events such as the Life Conference, one-day events or regional communities.
- provision of input into and review output from upcoming related IASB pronouncements and their implementation into UK law.

The types of tasks working party members take part in:

- reviewing literature and draft papers/reports
- interviews
- creating questionnaires
- writing sections for articles or papers; reviewing
- developing simple tools to facilitate the research
- chairing meetings in the absence of the Chair
- peer-reviewing slide packs or research papers.

Time commitment

For this working party, volunteers will initially be expected to attend monthly meetings which will normally last between one and two hours. Members will be expected to perform research between meetings and report back regularly, and will be required to contribute to the research and drafting of articles and papers.

Meetings will be held by conference call to allow us to widen this opportunity to all individuals. Conference calls will be arranged at a mutually convenient time for all involved. If more than one member of the working party is based close to each other, you may agree to meet up and dial in together, but there will be no requirement for volunteers to meet in one place. Meeting rooms in either London or Edinburgh may be booked for working party members based locally, if they wish to meet up and dial in together.

Potential timetable:

- working party to be created – August 2018
- first meeting and finalisation of scope – August/September 2018
- literature review and summary – March 2019
- initial analysis and output – December 2019
- production and presentation of final paper – 2020 / 2021.

Funding

No expectation of external funding.