

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTORY - Update 38:

For Actuaries involved in General Insurance

New Standard: The Chief Actuary in Non-Life Insurance APS G1 Introduced

A new Actuarial Profession Standard (APS) setting out the requirements for actuaries carrying out the statutory role of Chief Actuary for UK authorised general insurance companies and Lloyd's syndicates has been published by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) and will come into effect on 1 January 2016.

The Professional Standards Directory can be found [here](#). It is designed to permit members and others to access the current IFoA's APSs, together with the current version of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) Standards.

NEW STANDARD

[APS G1: The Chief Actuary in Non-Life Insurance](#) will impose requirements on members carrying out the statutory role of Chief Actuary for UK authorised general insurance companies and Lloyd's syndicates.

This follows the consultation carried out by the IFoA on the proposal to introduce a new APS which sets out the regulatory requirements for members carrying out the statutory role of Chief Actuary for UK authorised general insurance companies and Lloyd's syndicates. Following two consultations by the IFoA on the introduction of the "Chief Actuary" role by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) under Solvency II, the IFoA have decided to introduce a compulsory Practising Certificate for members who are approved as "Chief Actuary" in non-Life undertakings. This will include members to whom the function is outsourced. APS G1 essentially supports this decision and is the mechanism by which the IFoA will require members who wish to carry out the Chief Actuary function to obtain a Practising Certificate from the IFoA. The original consultation package can be found on the [IFoA's website](#). A summary of responses to the consultation, along with an explanation of how those responses were taken into account in finalising the new requirements, will be published shortly.

Key Requirements

The following is a summary of the key provisions of the APS:

- a member who is a Chief Actuary in a UK authorised general insurance company or Lloyd's syndicate must hold either a Chief Actuary (non-life without Lloyd's) Practising Certificate or a Chief Actuary (non-life with Lloyd's) Practising Certificate;
- a member must have the necessary skill and experience to provide appropriate actuarial advice before accepting an appointment as a Chief Actuary;
- Chief Actuaries must be familiar with the obligations imposed upon them by the PRA's Senior Insurance Managers Regime.

PRACTISING CERTIFICATES

The specific criteria that applicants must meet in order to obtain a Practising Certificate are set out in the [Practising Certificates Scheme](#) rather than in the APS. This allows greater flexibility to monitor and revise the criteria to ensure they remain appropriate, proportionate and fit for purpose. A revised Practising Certificates Scheme was published on the IFoA's website in July 2015, with applications for Practising Certificates for Chief Actuaries being accepted from 1 September 2015.

Further guidance on the application of criteria for the award of a Practising Certificate can be found on the [IFoA website](#), together with details of the [Transition Arrangements](#) which apply for Chief Actuary certificate applications received on or before 31 December 2018.

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to update your contact details, please contact the Membership Department (membership@actuaries.org.uk) or update them on-line at the members' only section of the IFoA's website at: <https://www.actuaries.org.uk/user>. To log in, please note that your user name is your ARN and your password is your date of birth entered as dd/mm/yyyy (including the separators) unless you have previously changed it.

If you have any questions about the introduction of APS G1, please send those to regulation@actuaries.org.uk.