

MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES a professional body incorporated in 1884, having its head office and principal place of business in London, UK;

(hereinafter called the “**UK Institute**”)

AND:

THE ACTUARIAL SOCIETY OF INDIA a sole professional body of the Actuarial Profession in India, founded in 1944 and registered in 1982 under Act 21 of 1860 for registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies vide registration no. BOM779/82CBBSD at Mumbai

(hereinafter called the “**ASI**”)

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS the UK Institute is one of the two professional membership organisations for actuaries practising in the UK and confers the designation “FIA” on its Fellows, which is one of the designations required by statute in some situations to perform actuarial work;

WHEREAS the UK Institute currently has five categories of membership, namely “Fellows”, “Associates”, “Students”, “Honorary Fellows” and “Affiliates”;

WHEREAS the UK Institute traditionally requires individuals to successfully complete the examination requirements set by the Faculty and Institute of Actuaries in the UK, as part of the eligibility requirements for becoming a Fellow of the UK Institute;

WHEREAS the ASI is the professional membership organisation for all actuaries in India and also outside India for actuaries having its membership and confers the designation “FASI” on its Fellows, which is a designation required by statute in some situations to perform actuarial work;

WHEREAS the ASI currently has five categories of membership, namely “Fellows”, “Associates”, “Students”, “Honorary Members” and “Affiliates”;

WHEREAS the ASI traditionally requires individuals to successfully complete the examinations set by the ASI, as part of the eligibility requirements for becoming a Fellow of the ASI;

WHEREAS the parties wish to facilitate global trade in actuarial services by providing criteria for the recognition of appropriately qualified actuaries from other organisations;

WHEREAS the parties wish to recognise similar educational attainment, to avoid unnecessary barriers, and to enhance the global provision of education, research and professionalism;

WHEREAS each party considers the current education and examination system of the other party acceptable based on their rigor and high standards.

THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. The UK Institute Offer to Fellows of the ASI

- 1 The UK Institute will on application admit to Fellowship a Fellow of the ASI in good standing on the following conditions;

The applicant must
 - 1.1 have attained fellowship of ASI by final examination in its examinations conducted in November, 2000 or later including subject-specific exemptions granted by ASI for examinations of the UK Institute and not in recognition of membership of another actuarial body;
 - 1.2 attest that he or she wishes to pursue actively the profession of actuary in the UK or Republic of Ireland or to advise on UK or Irish business;
 - 1.3 have at least three years' recent appropriate practical experience of which at least one year was of UK or the Republic of Ireland business;
 - 1.4 have attended a professionalism course approved by the UK Institute for the purpose;
 - 1.5 disclose to the UK Institute any public disciplinary sanctions that have been imposed against the applicant by any actuarial organization of which he or she is a Fellow (or equivalent). Such record will be taken into consideration by the UK Institute in determining whether the applicant should become a Member of the UK Institute.
- 2 Fellows of the ASI who satisfy conditions 1.1, and 1.2 above and who wish to apply for Fellowship of the UK Institute in due course must apply to be enrolled as an Affiliate of the UK Institute while completing any period of relevant experience required under 1.3 above and/or in order to be able to attend the professionalism course required under 1.4 above.
- 3 Those admitted to Fellowship under this Agreement will have the same rights, duties and obligations as other Fellows of the UK Institute. They will be subject to the Professional Conduct Standards and the disciplinary procedures. Under the former, in particular, Fellows must not offer to undertake duties for which they do not have the relevant knowledge and experience, for example of UK or Irish legislative requirements or commercial practice.
- 4 Payment of subscriptions to the ASI must be maintained at whatever rate the ASI deems appropriate.
- 5 The applicant must send his or her application to the UK Institute which will administer the process provided for in this Agreement.

B. The ASI Offer to Members of the UK Institute

- 1 The ASI will on application admit to Fellowship a Fellow of the UK Institute in good standing on the following conditions;

The applicant must

- 1.1 have attained fellowship of UK Institute by examination and not in recognition of such membership under any other criterion.
 - 1.2 attest that he or she wishes to pursue actively the profession of actuary in India.
 - 1.3 have been 'ordinarily resident' in India for at least one year and have gained suitable actuarial experience in India.
 - 1.4 have attended a professionalism course approved by ASI for the purpose;
 - 1.5 disclose to the ASI any public disciplinary sanctions that have been imposed against the applicant by any actuarial organisation of which he or she is a Fellow (or equivalent). Such record will be taken into consideration by the ASI in determining whether the applicant should become a Member of the ASI.
- 2 Fellows of the UK Institute who satisfy conditions 1.1, and 1.2 above and who wish to apply for Fellowship of ASI in due course must apply to be enrolled as an Affiliate Member of the ASI while completing relevant experience required under 1.3 above and/or in order to be able to attend the professionalism course required under 1.4 above.
- 3 Those admitted to Fellowship under this Agreement will have the same rights, duties and obligations as other Fellows of the ASI. They will be subject to the Professional Conduct Standards and the disciplinary procedures. Under the former, in particular, Fellows must not offer to undertake duties for which they do not have the relevant knowledge and experience, for example of Indian legislative requirements or commercial practice.
- 4 Payment of subscriptions to the UK Institute must be maintained at whatever rate the UK Institute deems appropriate.
- 5 The applicant must send his or her application to the ASI, which will administer the process provided for in this Agreement.

C. Obligations of the UK Institute and the ASI

1. The UK Institute and the ASI will continue to maintain education standards that are substantially equivalent. The signing of this Mutual Recognition Agreement is in recognition that these actuarial organisations currently have substantially equivalent education standards. Mutual re-attestation of such substantial equivalence will take place no less frequently than every two years from the signing of this agreement or when significant changes are made in any of these actuarial organisations' education or examination systems.

2. The UK Institute and the ASI will enter into a mutual discipline agreement as soon as is reasonably practical after the signing of this agreement. A violation of the Code of Conduct of one actuarial organisation will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct of the other actuarial organisation. Material on a member's public discipline in one actuarial organisation will be forwarded to the other organisation for their review and possible action.
3. This Mutual Recognition Agreement will terminate if any of the actuarial organisations signing this Agreement concludes that the obligations in 1. or 2. of this section are no longer being met. Termination of this Mutual Recognition Agreement will not affect rights already granted to individual members under this Agreement.

Signed at New Delhi, this 17th Day of February, 2004.

INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES



Jeremy Goford, MA; ASA; MAAA; FIA.
President

Signed at New Delhi, this 17th Day of February, 2004.

ACTUARIAL SOCIETY OF INDIA



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