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Professional Conduct Standards (PCS)

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Agenda

- What is PCS?
- Components
 - Confidentiality
 - Standards for Advice
 - Breach of Professional Guidance
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Financial Interests
 - Relations with Other Members
 - Publicity
- Concurrent Issues and Consequences
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What is PCS?

Guidance on professional conduct includes

- Actuaries' Act, rules and regulations
- Other professional guidance

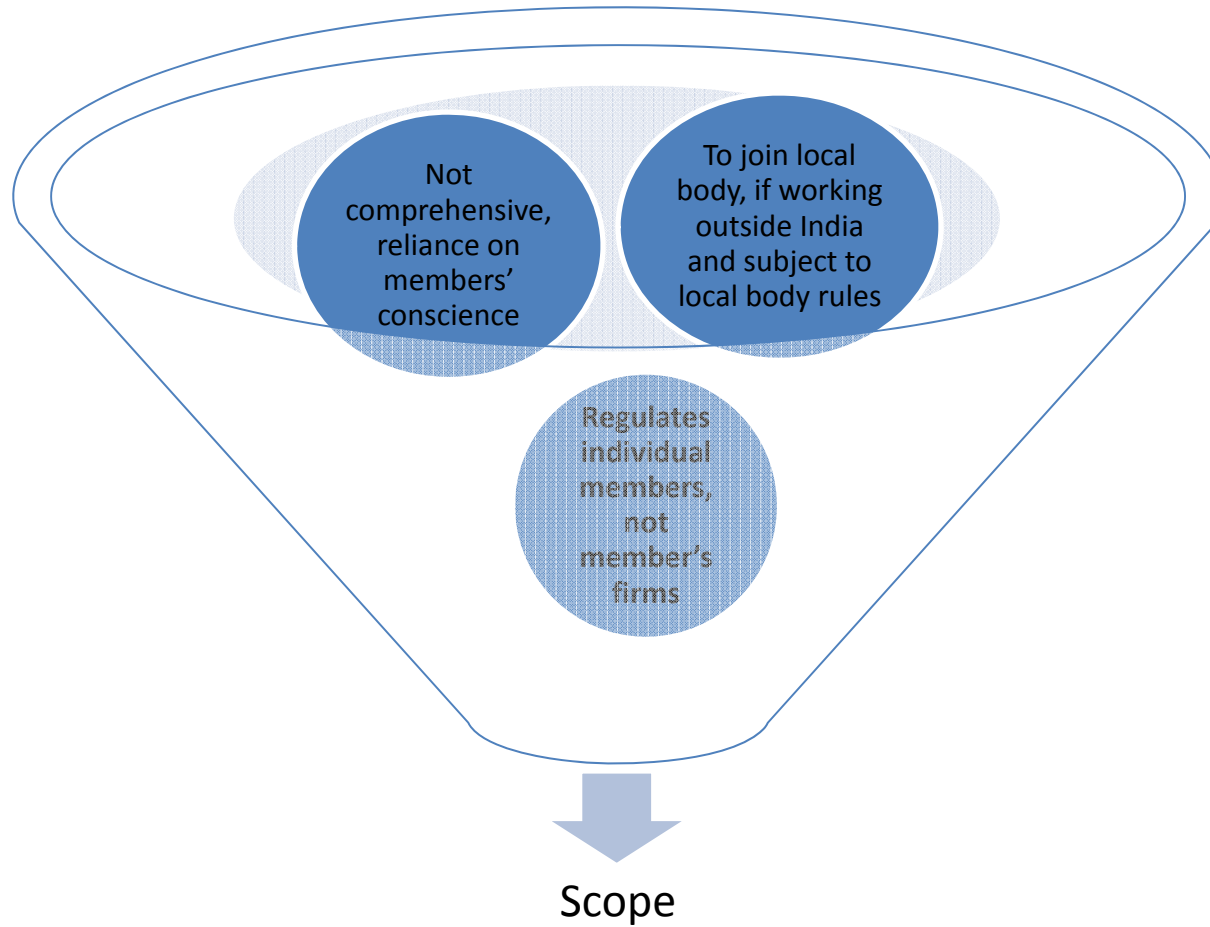
PCS emerged as

- Memorandum of Professional Conduct and Practice ver1 – Oct 1987
- PCS ver2, May 2003
- PCS ver3, Dec 2009

PCS sets out general principles and standards

- Serve public interest
- Members' duty to profession
- Maintain standards in discharging duties to clients and peers

PCS...



Confidentiality



Non-disclosure of confidential information

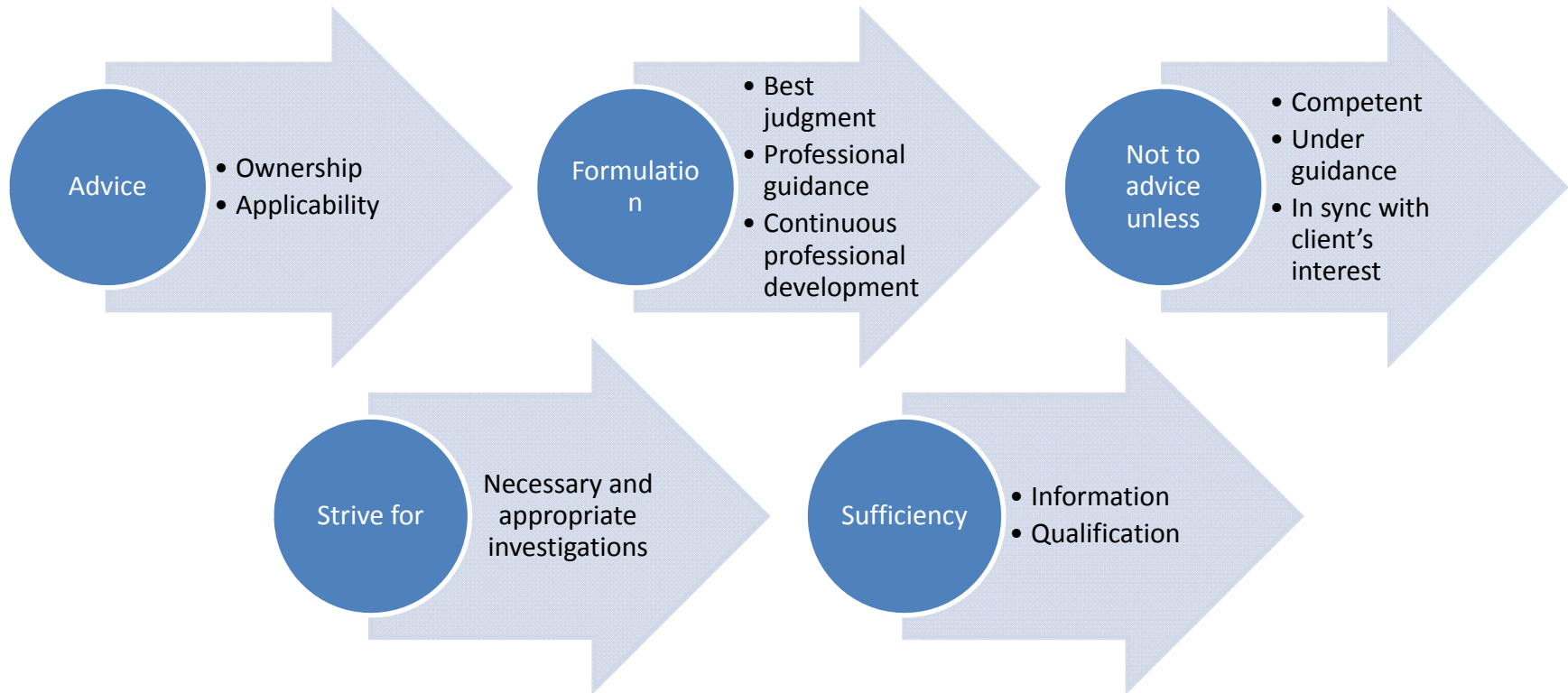
- unless consent given by the client or firm

Disclosure of confidential information may required

- by statutory/ judicial authority /other guidance
- if in public interest
- for sake of actuary's own protection

Advisable to seek legal opinion before disclosure

Standards for Advice



Breach of PCS

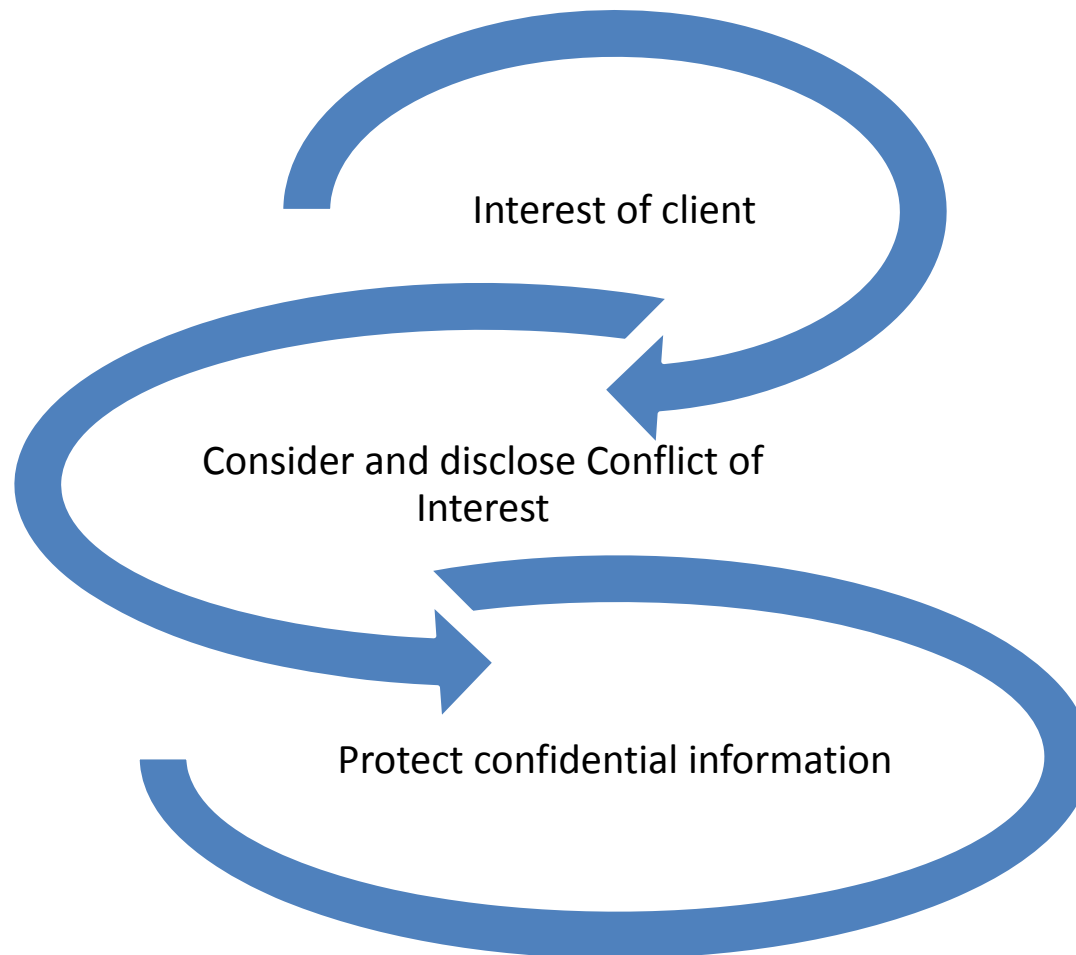


Breach by a Peer



Under Actuary Act

Conflict of Interest



Financial Interest



Full and timely disclosure of pertinent financial interest

Remuneration direct or indirect

Disproportionate remuneration for services may impair objectivity and PCS

Appointment of New Advisor

Completely client's prerogative

New actuary to contact the actuary

- Consider before accepting the assignment
- Other considerations before offering advice
- Other actuary obliged to provide information

Decline Assignment, if client refuses contact with prior Actuary

Other PCS Components...

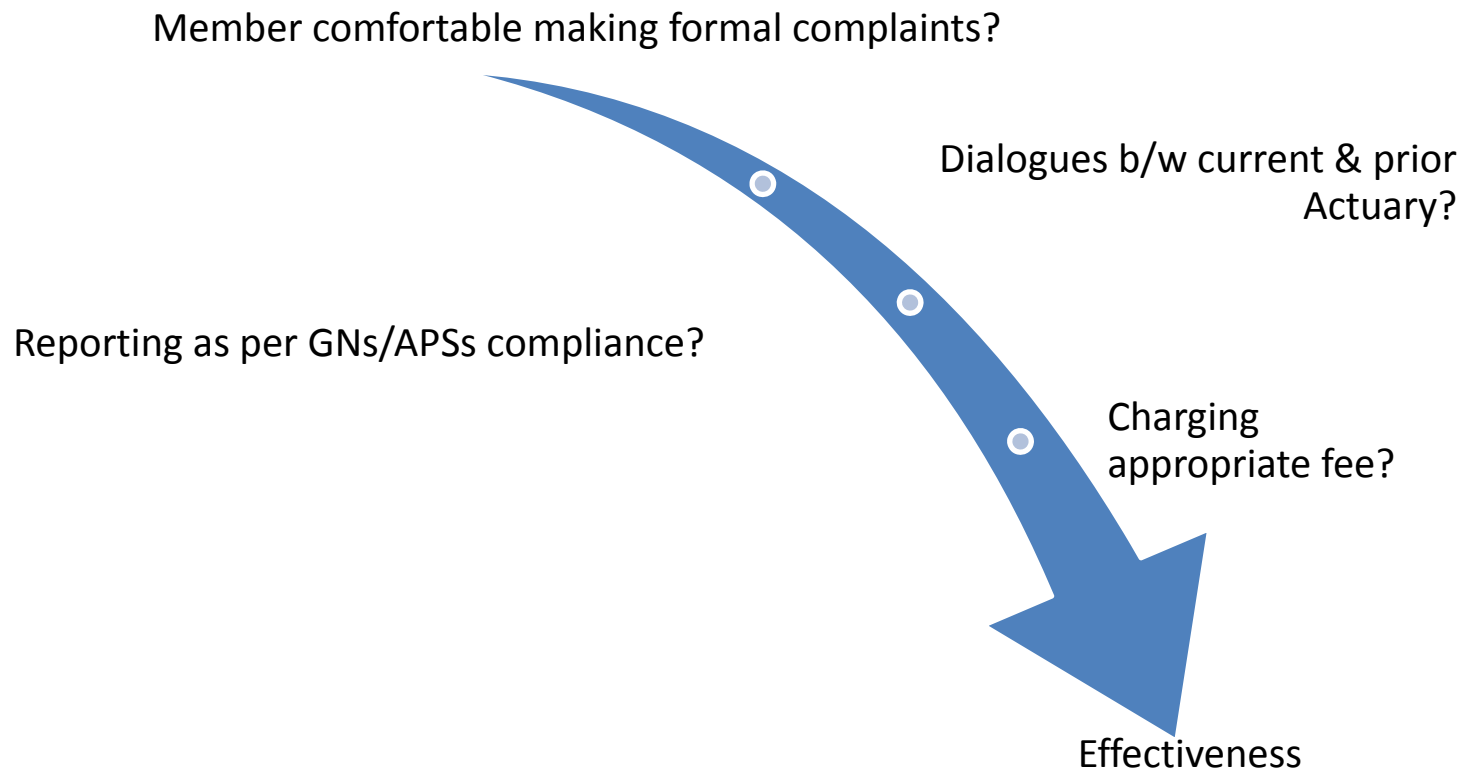
Relations with other Members

- Avoid harm to professional reputation of peer actuaries
- Allow for difference of opinion with appropriate reasons

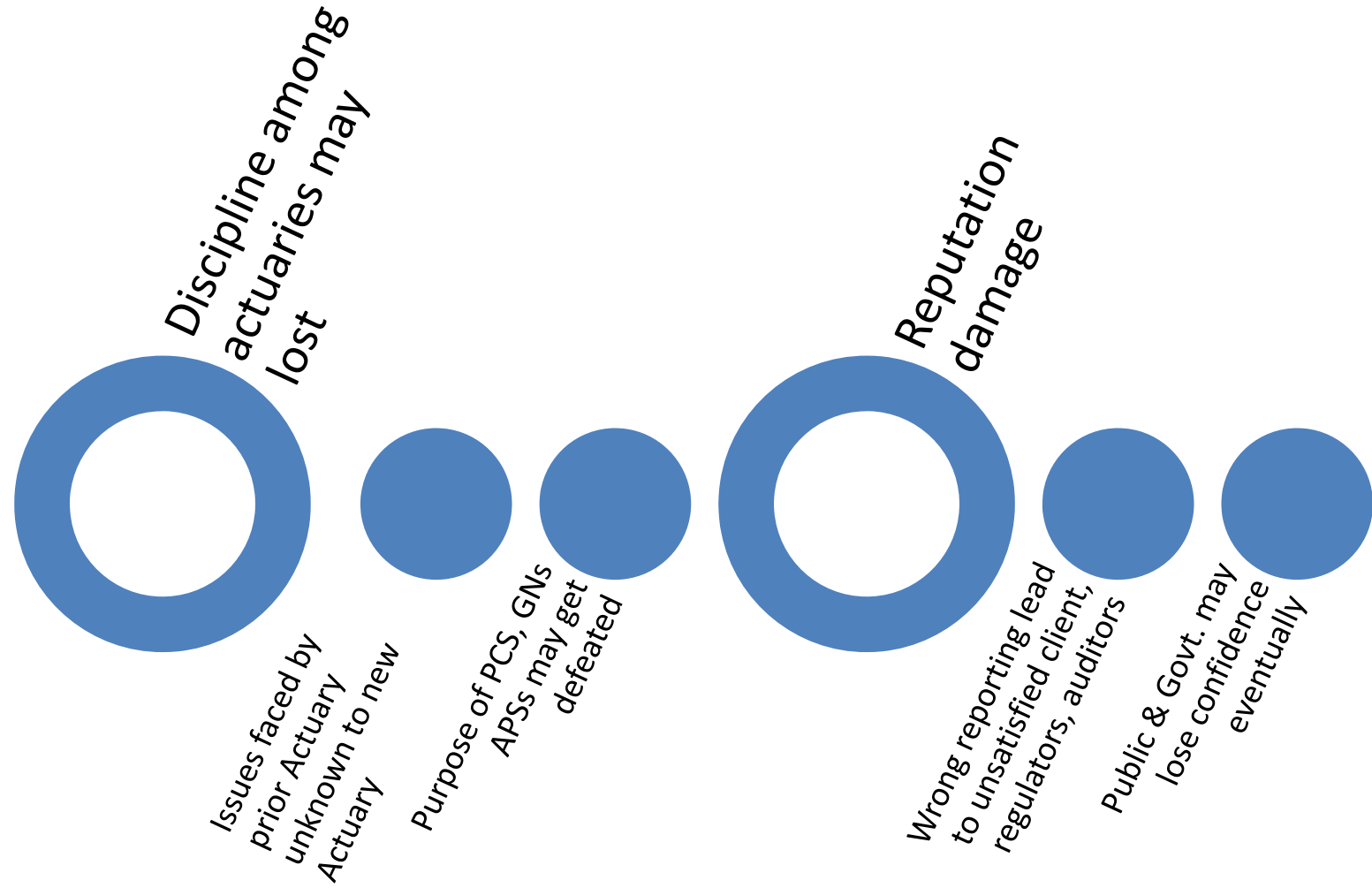
Publicity

- Publicity leading to unjustified/ unfair advantage prohibited
- Appropriateness of publicity
- Clarify in what capacity public statements are made
- Factual statements while describing experience

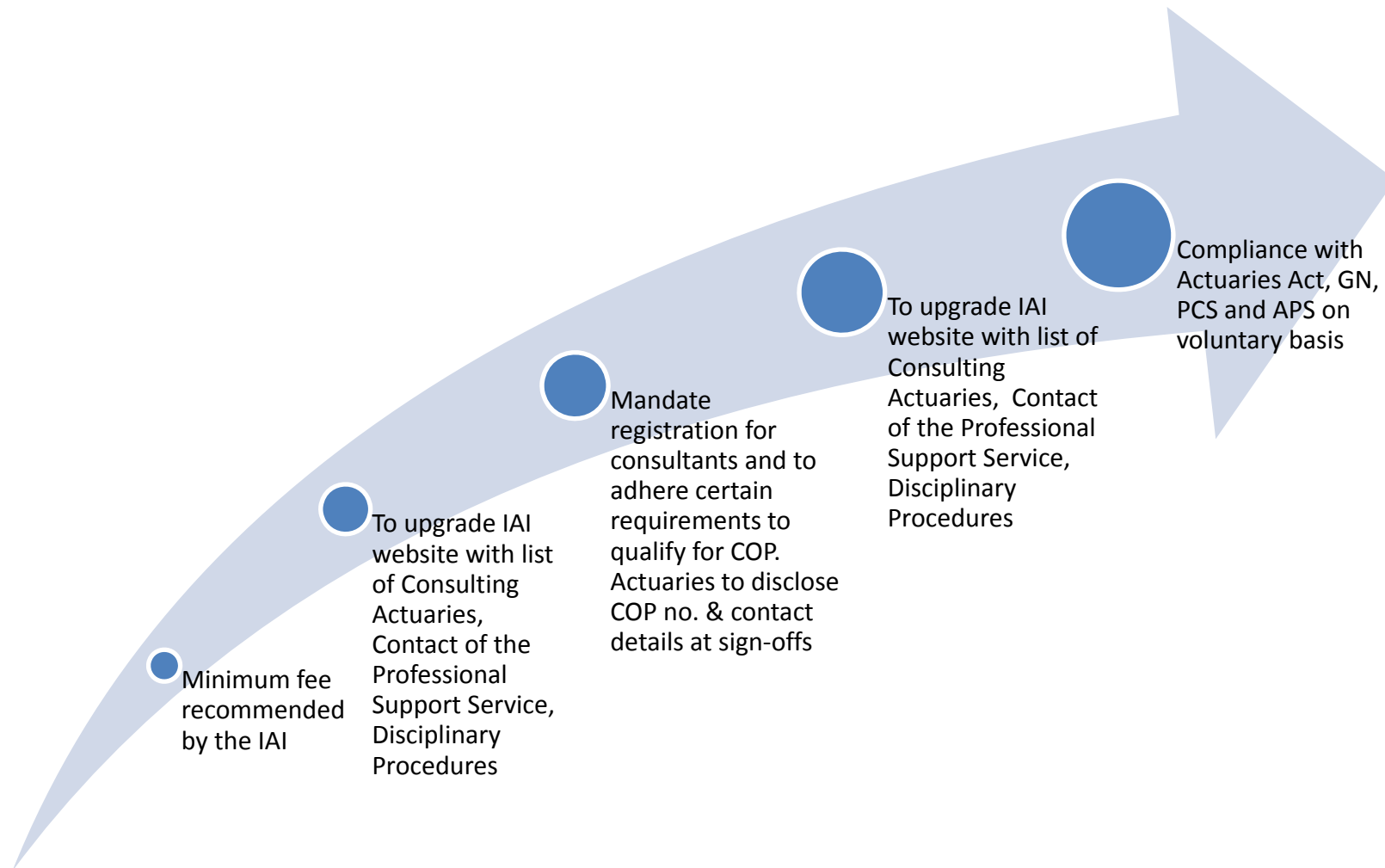
PCS – Burning Issues



Concerns to the Profession



Our image depends on our conduct - Developmental Areas



Questions





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