

CapitOx Actuary Division Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the weekly actuarial newsletter, brought to you by the Actuarial Division of CapitOx. We hope you enjoy the read! If you have any views on what you would like to see in future newsletters, please feel free to e-mail capitoxactuaries@googlemail.com<<https://nexus.ox.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=77c32c1d24824ce58e3f71c2873198a8&URL=mailto%3acapitoxactuaries%40googlemail.com>>.

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1. An Overview of the Actuary Profession

Although there was an overview of the profession in the first newsletter, another brief description is given here just in case you missed it (we're that nice).

Basically, an actuary will use statistical and financial knowledge to solve problems in a business orientated environment. Therefore, general business awareness is very much paramount, though so is a solid mathematical basis. Actuaries can be found in an array of sectors, the main four arguably being Pensions, Consultancy, Insurance and Investment.

2. Recent Developments

Below is a summary of relevant news. Please read more about the following articles:

* This Wednesday, the Institute of Actuaries named its President-Elect, with Jane Curtis to become the first female President.

<http://www.the-actuary.org.uk/873366>

* This week, Tidjane Thiam (the CEO of Prudential PLC) claimed that, by 2015, about 80% of new business could come from Asia. Last month, Prudential bought the Life Insurance unit of Singapore-based United Overseas Bank Ltd.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-02-18/prudential-s-asian-sales-may-be-80-of-total-by-2015-ceo-says.html>

* On the Pensions side of things, it was revealed last month the extent to which UK pension savers are shifting their funds to offshore schemes. It has been suggested that the government may be losing around a million pounds per day to overseas pension schemes.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/money/pensions/article6990717.ece>

3. Term of the Week

Definition of Annuity

In the UK, an annuity can be defined as a contract (often sold by insurance companies) which provides a regular income, for a set period of time, in return for an initial payment. However, there are different types of annuity. Actuaries use formulae to determine the price of these contracts.

4. Conclusion

We hope that you have enjoyed reading, and are now more knowledgeable about the role actuaries play in business. The third edition of the newsletter will be out next week so be sure to catch it!

Thank you for your time.