



General Insurance Intermediate Course Overview

The FSAA Education Programme “*General Insurance Intermediate Course*” provides participants with an in-depth knowledge of accounting concepts and their practical implications. The course actively builds on the concepts introduced in the General Insurance Introductory Course.

The course consists of the six modules outlined below, presented over 2 days. Participants are involved in a mix of presentations, group discussions and practical exercises to reinforce and apply their learning.

We have summarised below the key learning outcomes to be achieved by attending the course.

Module 1: Insurance Accounting

Objectives / purpose	To examine the accounting framework and discuss the application to an insurer and its stakeholders
Learning Outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the major accounting frameworks that apply to a general insurer.• Understand the key concepts in AASB 1023 General Insurance Contracts and AASB4 Insurance Contracts• Identify an insurance contract• Account for an insurance contract• Identify the stakeholders of a general insurer• Understand the calculation of the Liability Adequacy Test	

Module 2: APRA

Objectives / purpose	To examine the APRA reporting framework under the new LAGIC regime
Learning Outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the APRA reporting framework which is effective from 1st January 2013• Explain the concept and role of the ICAAP framework• Understand the components of the PCR calculation• Explain what the PCR represents• Explain the role of the REMS, RMS and RAS• Understand the key annual declarations	

Module 3: Management Accounting

Objectives / purpose	To examine the application of management accounting concepts to running an insurance business
Learning Outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify key issues pertinent to management accounting in a general insurance business.• Explain the underlying concepts and principles involved in management accounting for general insurance.• Identify needs, interests and responsibilities of stakeholders relevant to your role in management accounting.• Recognise current trends in management accounting for general insurance and their implications for the future.• Describe how these concepts, principles and issues relate to your role in insurance accounting.• Describe how the issues covered impact on insurance accounting information systems.	

Module 4: Accounting for Reinsurance

Objectives / purpose	To provide sound understanding of the different elements of reinsurance contracts and how these are accounted for and reported
Learning Outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify key issues pertinent to accounting for reinsurance• Explain the underlying concepts and principles involved in accounting for different types of reinsurance contracts.• Identify needs, interests and responsibilities of stakeholders relevant to your role in accounting for reinsurance.• Recognise current trends in accounting for reinsurance and their implications for the future.• Describe how these concepts, principles and issues relate to your role in insurance accounting.• Understand how the APRA regulatory framework impacts reinsurance	

Module 5: Insurance Liabilities & Implications

Objectives / purpose	To examine issues relating to general insurance liabilities and their accounting implications
Learning Outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify key liabilities issues for a general insurance business.• Identify needs, interests and responsibilities of stakeholders relevant to these issues.• Recognise current trends in handling liabilities in general insurance and their implications for the future.• Describe how these concepts, principles and issues relate to your role in insurance accounting.• Outline aspects of the changing accounting environment.• Describe how the issues covered impact on insurance accounting information systems.	

Module 6: Insurance Control Cycle

Objectives / purpose	To present a high level framework, termed an insurance control cycle, in which an insurer will examine and manage its overall risks with a view to efficiently utilising capital and maintaining profitability
Learning outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe and understand the significance of insurance liability assessments.• Describe and understand the key components of a dynamic financial analysis model, how assumptions are derived for the model and what use can be made of its outputs.• Appreciate how an insurer determines its capital requirements, allocates the capital by classes and assesses the cost of the capital.• Appreciate how an insurer optimises its reinsurance arrangements.• Describe and understand premium rating and underwriting practices that ensure sound premiums are assessed to maintain profitability.• Appreciate how an insurer determines an optimal benchmark investment strategy.• Describe and understand an approach to appropriate performance measurement.	