

Swiss Association of Actuaries guidelines on the assignment of adequate technical life reserves pursuant to FINMA circular 2008/43 “Life insurance reserves”

Parameteres for the minimal requirements test as at 31.12.2017

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Parameters for the minimum requirements test

The following parameters must be used for the minimum requirements test for the reserves for simple products as at 31.12.2017:

Yield and longevity scenario

Investment category	Assumed yield																				
Shares (incl. investment funds)	75% of the best estimate, however a maximum of 4% of the market value																				
Alternative investments	<p>(100% – $v \cdot 25\%$) of the best estimate, up to a maximum of $v \cdot 4\%$ of the market value, with:</p> $v = \frac{\sigma_{Alternative\ investments}}{\sigma_{Shares}}$ <p>The resulting return based on the market values should not be higher than the assumed return on shares.</p>																				
Investment properties	90% of the best estimate, however a maximum of 3.5% of the market value																				
Bond portfolio	<p>Amortized cost income less the following (absolute) discount depending on the rating category:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rating</th> <th>Discount on yields</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AAA</td> <td>0.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AA</td> <td>0.10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>0.15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBB</td> <td>0.45%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BB</td> <td>2.50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>10.00%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Basis markdown for exchange risk:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Currency</th> <th>Basis</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>EUR</td> <td>0.20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>USD</td> <td>0.35%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Rating	Discount on yields	AAA	0.00%	AA	0.10%	A	0.15%	BBB	0.45%	BB	2.50%	B	10.00%	Currency	Basis	EUR	0.20%	USD	0.35%
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Bond reinvestments	<p>Expected returns are estimated according to the forward reference interest rate curve, with the following maximum increase:</p> $\frac{1}{3} \max(2.5\% - 10\text{ year reference swap rate}, 0.0\%)$ <p>Furthermore, the future reinvestment yield never rises over 2.50%.</p>																				
Convertible bonds	Convertible bonds are split between a bond-component and an equity-component. The bond component is treated similarly to bonds. The equity component is treated similarly to shares (and investment funds).																				
Mortgage portfolio	93% of the portfolio's interest income																				
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Money market	Like bond reinvestment yield, however the future reinvestment yield never exceeds 1.50%.																				

Parameter	Individual insurance: safety loading or markdown	Collective insurance: safety loading or markdown
Mortality for pension insurance	2.92%	2.92%
Reduced mortality for pension insurance	5.85%	5.85%

Biometrics and costs scenario

Parameter	Individual insurance: safety loading or markdown	Collective insurance: safety loading or markdown
Mortality for endowment insurance	8.25%	8.25%
Mortality for pension insurance	5.85%	5.85%
Reduced mortality for pension insurance	11.70%	11.70%
Demographic data	Not available	None
Disability	11.70%	17.55%
Probability of withdrawal of disabled persons (to review expired insurances)	11.70%	11.70%
Average level of disability	None	None
Probability of withdrawal of disabled persons (to review ongoing benefits)	16.50%	16.50%
Costs	8.25%	8.25%
Cancellation	None	None
Reinsurance costs	None	None
Exercise of pension option on retirement	Not available	11.70%

Customer behavior scenario

Parameter	Individual insurance: safety loading or markdown	Collective insurance: safety loading or markdown
Cancellation	24.75%	41.25%