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How the policy data needed for valuation is accessed

The company employs several systems for its individual business, group life business, credit life business, pension business and for accounting. The systems are, in general, accurate and reliable and produce reports and data that can be relied upon for financial reporting purposes.

For individual life business, data is extracted from each of the systems in a clearly defined manner in order to remove data that is not relevant to the calculation (e.g. address of policyholder since we do not have assumptions varying by area). The data is then validated for accuracy.

How the valuation bases are supplied to the system

Then a conversion to Prophet friendly format takes place using the Data Conversion System (DCS). Prophet is the main valuation software and system that is used to calculate actuarial liabilities. It has a valuation workspace that is locked and can only be changed by designated personnel. Prophet is used as the product-pricing tool as well. This acts as a reasonable check for the valuation module. The final results are checked for reasonableness

Individual Life Business

Participating Business

The actuarial assumptions used to value the policy liabilities vary, depending on the type of product being valued.

Individual life participating business is valued by the prescribed Gross Premium Valuation (GPV) Method. The assumptions used for the valuation reflect the expected future experience in respect of various parameters including mortality/morbidity, interest, expenses, and incorporate a margin for prudence.

The valuation interest rate used is 6.25%.

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The mortality assumption ranges from 120% to 180% of the prescribed mortality table i.e. the Indian Assured Lives Mortality (94-96) (Modified Ultimate) table, depending on the type of product.

The future simple and compound reversionary bonus rates assumed vary from 2.50% to 5.10% of sum assured and attaching bonuses as applicable and future terminal bonuses assumed vary from 20% -25% of reversionary bonuses for certain plans and for other plans are 14% - 28% of sum assured.

The future cash dividend scales assumed vary from 0.95 to 24.62 per thousand of the sum assured.

Premium related expenses are assumed to vary from 4.40% to 5.69% of premium, per policy expenses range from Rs. 220.00 to Rs. 281.36 and sum assured related expenses are 0.066 per 1000 sum assured. Further, to allow for inflation, per policy expenses are assumed to increase each year at a rate of 3% per annum over the term of the policy.

Policyholders' reasonable expectations have been allowed for by way of provision for future bonuses and dividends consistent with the assumed experience in the valuation basis.

Taxation has been assumed at 12.5% plus 10% surcharge and 2% cess (i.e. 14.025%) and shareholder transfers equal to one-ninth of the cost of bonus.

Provision for IBNR has been made based on expected claims.

Non-Participating Business

The actuarial assumptions used to value the policy liabilities vary, depending on the type of product being valued.

Individual life non-participating business is valued by the prescribed Gross Premium Valuation (GPV) Method.

The valuation interest rate used is 5.75%.

The mortality assumption ranges from 90% to 144% of the prescribed mortality table i.e. the Indian Assured Lives Mortality (94-96) (Modified Ultimate) table, depending on the type of product.

Premium related expenses are assumed to range from 4.4% to 5.01%, per policy expenses range from Rs. 110.00 to Rs. 261.26 and sum assured related expenses are 0.066 per 1000

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sum assured. Further, to allow for inflation, per policy expenses are assumed to increase each year at a rate of 3% per annum over the term of the policy.

Provision for IBNR has been made based on expected claims.

Annuities – Participating Business

Not applicable

Annuities – Non-Participating Business

Not applicable

Annuities – Individual Pension

Individual pension is valued by the prescribed Gross Premium Valuation (GPV) Method.

The valuation interest rate used is 6.25%.

The mortality assumption ranges from 120% to 132% of the prescribed mortality table i.e. the Indian Assured Lives Mortality (94-96) (Modified Ultimate) table, depending on the type of product.

The future compound reversionary bonus rates assumed vary from 2.3% to 3.6% of sum assured and attaching bonuses and future terminal bonuses assumed vary from 25% - 40% of reversionary bonuses.

Premium related expenses are assumed to vary from 4.4% to 5.5% of premium, per policy expenses are assumed to be Rs. 220 and sum assured related expenses are 0.066 per 1000 sum assured. Further, to allow for inflation, per policy expenses are assumed to increase each year at a rate of 3% per annum over the term of the policy.

Policyholders' reasonable expectations have been allowed for by way of provision for future bonuses and dividends consistent with the assumed experience in the valuation basis.

Shareholder transfers equal to one-ninth of the cost of bonus.

Provision for IBNR has been made based on expected claims.

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Unit-Linked Business

For Individual life unit-linked business, the total reserve is the sum of two components i.e. unit reserve and non-unit reserve. Unit reserves are set, based on the number of units and the unit prices as at March 31, 2006. The non-unit reserves are set using a prospective method, that requires projection of future cash flows, that allow for items including premiums, death benefits (over and above the value of units), fund management and other charges. Charges assumed are as per the contract provisions.

The unit-growth rate assumed for the projections depend on the type of unit fund/s chosen for each policy and vary from 4% to 9%. The valuation interest rate for discounting the cash flows is 5.75%.

The mortality rates are 120% of the prescribed mortality table i.e. the Indian Assured Lives Mortality (94-96) (Modified ultimate) table.

Premium related expenses are assumed to be 4.4% and per policy expenses are assumed to be Rs. 275. Further, to allow for inflation, per policy expenses are assumed to increase each year at a rate of 3% per annum over the term of the policy.

Provision for IBNR has been made based on expected claims strain.

Health Business

The Unearned Premium Reserve (UPR) method is used to value health business

Group Business

The group business is valued using the Unearned Premium Reserve (UPR) basis.

Key Changes in the Valuation Basis

Mortality

The AIDS reserves has been now implicitly provided for through the use of an additional mortality M.A.D. of 10%.

Expenses

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Expense inflation assumption is increased from 2% to 3%.

Interest Rate

The valuation interest for participating products which varied from 6.0% to 6.5% depending on the product has now been changed to 6.25% for all products.

Bonuses

Future bonus allowances have been reviewed in accordance with the change in the assumed experience.