The Actuarial Profession in Ireland

An actuary is a professional with a skill set to use numbers to make judgments about the future. Actuaries design solutions to problems that involve risk or uncertainty. Actuaries have strong analytical skills and a thorough knowledge of financial theory, economics and the regulatory environment relevant to their role.

A brief snapshot of actuaries in Ireland

Over 1,900 members
Over 1,250 actuaries
33% of members are female
650 students

Industry Sectors

90% of our members work in the insurance and pensions sectors

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<td>Life Assurance, Investment and Pensions</td>
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<td>General Insurance / Reinsurance</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
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Much Irish actuarial work is international in nature, providing Irish actuaries with a broad international outlook and experience.

“Actuaries have incredible mathematical, commercial and communication skills. Actuaries are using these skills to great effect in our business to build financial models to manage risk, measure profitability and build our business.”

Mairead O’Shea
Senior Manager, Permanent TSB

“The Society of Actuaries in Ireland supports members in maintaining high standards of professionalism as well as excellent technical skills. We are proud of the strong reputation that Irish actuaries enjoy around the world and we aim to ensure that it continues to be well-earned.”

Yvonne Lynch
CEO, Society of Actuaries in Ireland

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Actuarial Education in Irish Universities

In Ireland, most actuarial students complete a degree or other third level education as the first step to becoming an actuary. Following this, the majority of actuarial students work while studying for the exams of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

6 universities offering actuarial degree courses
120 university graduates entering the actuarial workforce in Ireland each year

A Selection of Companies Employing Actuaries

The Society of Actuaries in Ireland is the professional body representing the actuarial profession in Ireland. The Society is dedicated to serving the public by fostering the highest standards of professionalism and competence in actuarial practice.

The Society of Actuaries in Ireland has developed a competency framework comprising the knowledge, skills and attributes that actuaries typically draw on in their work.

"Multinational insurance firms recognise the significant positive contribution of Ireland’s actuarial profession to the performance and governance of the Insurance business across a broad range of functions.

The availability of high quality actuaries, from graduates to C level, is a significant factor in attracting, and retaining, firms here."

Aidan Holton
CEO, Monument

Society of Actuaries in Ireland Competency Framework