

Position Description



Position: Senior Underwriter

Division: Client Solutions

Line Manager: State Manager

Our Vision: Our vision is to be regarded as the most trusted specialist insurer within our core sectors. We will achieve this by delivering on three strategic goals: achieving sustainable profitable growth in our core sectors, having expert and engaged people, and operating profitably and cost effectively to give back to our community.

Our Values:

A dark blue rectangular graphic with the title 'OUR VALUES' in large white and yellow letters. Below the title is a white paragraph of text. To the right of the paragraph is the 'ansvar' logo. Below the paragraph are five circular icons, each with a white and yellow value statement next to it. At the bottom right, it says 'Proudly part of the BENEFACT GROUP' with a small logo.

OUR VALUES

We strive to be the most trusted and ethical specialist insurer within our core sectors and to contribute to and help build safer communities that promote well-being and peace of mind. We do so by demonstrating five core values;

- C**ollaborating and welcoming
- A**mbitious and pioneering
- R**esponsible and sustainable
- E**xpert and specialist
- S**upporting and giving

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Role Purpose: The Senior Underwriter is responsible for the personal underwriting of the medium to complex risks within our portfolios and sectors within delegated underwriting authority and in accordance with the Company's laid down strategies to support the profitable growth of the business. The Senior Underwriter is also responsible for maximising existing and new business opportunities sourced by the State's Business Development team in partnership with the Regional Underwriting Manager.

The primary objective of the role is to deliver professional and efficient customer service to achieve profitable premium growth and underwriting profitability in our core segments.

Key Accountabilities	Key Performance Indicators
<p>Assist in the growth and maintenance of profitable, sustainable business within the allocated State's portfolio of business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to the Regional Underwriting Manager, Business Development Underwriting Manager(s) and State Manager to achieve growth and profitability targets through issuing gathering of new business quotation opportunities and issuing new business quotations for Ansva's nominated segments in the State. • Support the implementation of the Ansva's Pricing Strategy and philosophy including communication of and compliance with Technical Underwriting and Underwriting Operations Manuals supported by the effective implementation, management and monitoring of the underwriting referral processes within the Region • Reviewing our existing business and leveraging off Ansva's business base to achieve profitable growth and ensuring cross sell and upsell opportunities are maximised • Participate and adhere to the requirements of the Quality Assurance Process in line with the Technical Solutions Department guidelines, as updated from time to time • Ensure efficient in house accessibility at all times for our commercial clients and distribution partners alike • Facilitate and coordinate any required communication between the Business Development Underwriting Manager's and State Manager's clients and distribution partners • Coordinate surveys and inspections as required for new business opportunities • Attend to clients and brokers telephone calls and be the first point of call of any broker and/or client related new business and/or renewal underwriting enquiries • Support the development of Underwriters, including operating at all times within guidelines and assigned underwriting authority

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<p>Undertake personal underwriting of the schemes and medium to large sized policies, including new business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal underwriting of new business and renewal policies, schemes and endorsements with more complex risks within the State's portfolio • Complete the processing of policies following the acceptance of terms from the broker • Providing a flexible approach tailoring policies to suit client and broker needs where possible • Operate within underwriting guidelines and assigned underwriting authority/licence, including maximising renewal retention of the profitable business • Maintain a high level of underwriting knowledge and complete relevant training and development activities, particularly relating to Ansvär's core segments • Proactively follow up with brokers on the assigned outstanding renewals to renew policies in a timely manner • Attend to clients and brokers telephone calls and be the first point of call of any broker and/or client related new business and/or renewal underwriting enquiries
<p>Deliver professional and efficient customer service to brokers and distribution partners, as well as internal colleagues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as the first point of contact for all underwriting related matters within your designated authority, providing considered guidance, advice and escalation when appropriate • Build and maintain effective relationships with all clients, brokers and distribution customers placing business with Ansvär • Provide advice to users and/or clients on technical matters within the allocated portfolio and support the training and knowledge sharing activities in the allocated portfolio • Build and maintain effective working relationships with internal colleagues at all levels • Ensure that all queries are responded to and resolved in a timely manner providing exceptional customer service at all times • Ensure efficient in house accessibility at all times for our clients, brokers and distribution partners as well as internal colleagues from both head office and regions alike • Liaise with brokers and/or clients over any policy queries • Resolve complaints in a manner that is consistent and appropriate with the Company policy Proactively maximise cross-sell and up-sell opportunities of the Company's insurance products and risk solutions with brokers, clients and distribution customers.
<p>Assist the State Manager, Regional Underwriting Manager and Technical Solutions team in maximising the profitability of the Ansvär's portfolio.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the Regional Underwriting Manager, State Manager and Technical Solutions team in the underwriting and management of the medium to complex policies/portfolio of business • Contribute to the product development and market research within the allocated portfolio • Support the Regional Underwriting Manager, State Manager and Technical Solutions team in the management of the performance and profitability of the allocated portfolio, including reviews and reporting as required

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<p>Contribute to the alignment of risk and compliance management practises within the allocated portfolio by sitting at the first line of defence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic reviews of the more complex accounts in conjunction with the Regional Underwriting Manager as well as Portfolio and Product Managers to ensure compliance with Company objectives, guidelines and legislative requirements • Identifying potential risks to the business, managing and controlling those risks appropriately including identifying, assessing and effectively managing potential business continuity risks, including timely escalation of significant issues as appropriate • Maintain compliance and adherence to all laws and company regulations, policies and procedures • Align risk and compliance management with practices within the account • Ensure awareness with Trade Practices, General Insurance Code of Practice, Insurance Contracts Act, Privacy and other legal obligations • Assist in maintaining integrity of data management through total utilisation of CRM, Qlikview and other business critical data sources as required
<p>Contribute to developing a workplace learning environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep up to date with Company products, systems and procedures, as well as all relevant legislation • Attend appropriate workshops, events and activities, as well as reading professional publications and material on relevant subjects, and sharing knowledge with team members • Represent the Company at industry seminars, forums and conferences for market intelligence awareness as required • Contribute to the review and development of systems, policies, practices and procedures • Meet regularly with the Regional Underwriting Manager to determine priorities and deadlines, as well as to discuss progress towards objectives and gaining assistance as and when required • Provide support and guidance to internal colleagues on systems and processes as and when required • Assist the State Manager and/or National Operations Manager on special projects including providing input on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying key deliverables, resource requirements and timelines • Promote the importance of embracing Ansva's values in delivering outstanding customer service our distribution partners and customers • Maintain an in-depth knowledge of the Australian general insurance

You will also be required to assist the State Manager with any other duties as required from time to time

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Behavioural Competencies:

- Passionate about the business and highly motivated to achieve Company objectives
- Responds positively to change
- Passion for delivery of high customer service and meeting deadlines
- Act with integrity at all times
- Determination to be "The Best" both individually and as part of the Company
- Embraces and consistently displays Ansvär's values
- Ability to create a positive working environment
- Flexible attitude with a 'can-do' approach and a willingness to help out as required
- Excellent listening and communication skills plus the ability to receive and provide constructive feedback
- Sets and maintains high standards of performance, both personally and for the Company
- Excellent people skills and ability to build and maintain good relationships with colleagues, business partners and customers
- Highly disciplined, with excellent planning and time-management skills and the ability to work effectively under tight deadlines and pressure
- Very good understanding of the roles of the other business functions
- Excellent team player, assisting by sharing knowledge and skills across the Company
- Facilitates a work place learning environment and culture that fosters continuous improvement
- Very good understanding of the Australian general insurance industry, Ansvär's core markets and how strategies work in the marketplace
- Experience in dealing directly with brokers and clients, whilst simultaneously fostering effective working relationships
- Proven ability to develop and implement practical strategies to secure new business and retention of renewals
- Proven ability to assist in the development and implementation of effective risk management strategies within the general insurance industry
- Self motivated with the ability to work autonomously, use initiative and be proactive

Technical Competencies:

- A modern and progressive approach to business practices will be required
- Strong personal, written and verbal communication skills with the ability to establish rapport and negotiate with key internal and external stakeholders to achieve Company objectives
- Strong computer literacy skills, including sound knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook programs
- Experience in efficiently and effectively utilizing a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system
- Proven track record of meeting KPIs/business goals and targets
- Up to date knowledge in most aspects of general insurance including a practical understanding of commercial insurance principles, policies, pricing, reinsurance, claims and risk management
- Experience in dealing directly with brokers and clients
- Strong commercial negotiation, influencing and stakeholder management skills
- Able to make balanced judgements based on data analysis and interpretation
- Proven underwriting capability within the insurance sector
- An understanding of insurance risk management including reinsurance
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal, across all levels both internally and externally
- To have completed or be undertaking insurance qualifications to ANZIIF Associate level and/or have relevant tertiary qualifications related to Insurance
- At least 5 years' experience working in Underwriting including business development functions with strong commercial lines product knowledge.