

# A guide for anti-money laundering requirements

Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates

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# Introduction

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Under global regulation, Zurich International Life (Zurich) are required to understand the identity of a customer, as well as how they came to be in possession of the assets they hold and how they are to pay the premium(s).

In order to achieve this, Zurich will request documentation and information in order to know the identity of their customer.

## Why do we carry out these checks?

These requirements are designed to help identify suspicious transaction activity which could be linked to money laundering and/or terrorist financing.

## What is money laundering?

Money laundering is the process by which illegally obtained funds are passed through a series of financial transactions in order to make it difficult to trace funds back to their criminal origins.

## What is terrorist financing?

Terrorist activity financing may involve funds raised from legitimate sources such as personal donations, profits from businesses and charitable organisations, as well as from criminal sources, such as the drug trade, the smuggling of weapons and other goods, fraud, kidnapping and extortion.

## What are the implications?

If an individual and/or organisation is/are found to have taken part in, or assisted in, money laundering or terrorist financing the penalties are severe.

These range from reputational damage to fines and/or imprisonment and loss of licence to conduct business activity within the finance sector.

## Tax evasion

Tax evasion is the general term for efforts by individuals, corporations, trusts and other entities to evade taxes by illegal means. Tax evasion usually entails taxpayers deliberately misrepresenting or concealing the true state of their affairs to the tax authorities to reduce their tax liability. Another activity commonly used for evading tax liabilities is using several small payments to avoid triggering cash reporting thresholds.

Tax evasion is an activity commonly associated with the informal economy and one measure of the extent of tax evasion is the amount of unreported income, namely the difference between the amount of income that should legally be reported to the tax authorities and the actual amount reported, which is also sometimes referred to as the tax gap.

## Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI)

AEOI is a standard through which tax authorities in different countries can routinely exchange information about financial accounts held by taxpayers. These standards include Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standard (CRS).

AEOI is the result of a broader Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) initiative to prevent tax evasion. It is a powerful tool that helps tax authorities to identify and confirm whether a financial account holder is complying with the tax laws of their countries of tax residence.

Zurich as a financial institution must identify and report any of its account holders who are taxpayers in other countries in accordance with the AEOI agreements.

Once tax information is exchanged, the tax authority in each country compares that information with the customers own declaration of financial accounts. If there is a discrepancy between the two sets of information, the tax authority may investigate.

# Requirements for individual customers

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## Proof of identity

Proof of identity and residential address are required for all policy owners and anyone making or receiving payments who is not a policy owner.

All ID documents **MUST** be current (not expired) and bear a photograph and signature of the applicant where possible.

All ID documents **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (detailed on page 13).

All ID documents should show the following information:

- ID number
- Name of holder
- Date of birth
- Nationality and signature
- Photograph
- Place of issue
- Issuing authority
- Date of issue and expiry

## Primary documents

Suitably certified copy of a valid:

- Passport or
- Government issued identity card

**Note:** if the client holds a passport where the signature is not part of the main details/photo page, we also require a certified copy of the signature page in addition to the certified copy of the main details/photo page.

**Note:** if the passport makes any reference to a modifications page, we require a certified copy of the appropriate page that shows any modifications even if the page is blank or we can accept a statement from the suitable certifier stating that the page is blank.

## Secondary documents (not accepted in Qatar)

If the applicant does not hold a valid passport or government issued identity card, we will consider **two** of the following documents, plus confirmation on a separate sheet/letter, explaining why a primary document is not available.

Suitably certified copy of:

- Valid signed driving licence
- Bank statement or bank credit card statement† (must be less than three months old upon receipt by us)
- Employer identity card
- Police/Armed forces or other government issued identity card
- Electoral card/extract from the electoral register
- Utility bill (must be **less than three months** old upon receipt by us).

†Can also be an original document – certification would then not be required.

**Note:** these documents, including the photograph, must be legible, clear and the applicant's name must match the name used on the application/instruction form. All pages containing relevant details need to be suitably certified.

**Note:** in certain circumstances, other forms of ID documents may be accepted. To discuss these, you should contact your local Zurich HelpPoint team or Relationship Manager. Their contact details can be found on page 16.

## Proof of residential address

Under most circumstances, we require one of the documents below as verification of residential address of the applicant(s) – all items must be the most recent available.

All proof of residential address documents **MUST** either be an original or suitably certified copy in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (detailed on page 13).

The most commonly accepted documents used for proof of residential address, in the majority of cases, must be **less than three months old** upon receipt by us, unless otherwise stated below.

Original or suitably certified copy of:

- UAE Emirates ID card (both sides), accompanied by a separate proof of identity document such as a passport. **(for applications signed in UAE only)**
- Recent utility, rates or council tax bill\*
- Valid signed drivers licence
- Bank account statement, bank credit card statement, mortgage statement\*\*
- Letter from customer's current employer on company headed paper
- An entry from a local telephone directory (most recent)
- An extract from the official register of electors
- Proof of ownership/rental of the residential address
- Government issued ID card
- State pension, benefit book or other government produced document showing benefit entitlement
- Tax assessment documents (depending on the type of document, it cannot be **more than twelve months old**)
- Letter from customer's bank (resident and regulated in an equivalent jurisdiction) with whom the customer has an account and which confirms the customer's current residential address
- Address certificate issued by the Bahrain General Directorate of Statistics & Population or generated from the Bahrain Central Informatics Organisation, can also be used to prove an customer's residential address; the issue date must be less than three months old upon receipt by us **(Bahrain only)**
- An online bill issued by the following authorities:

### United Arab Emirates

- Dubai Electricity and Water Authority .
- Sharjah Electricity and Water Authority.
- Abu Dhabi Distribution Company.
- Al Ain Distribution Company.
- Federal Electricity and Water Authority.

### Bahrain

- Electricity and Water Authority (bearing the "EWA e-bill" watermark).

The list of acceptable documents is not exhaustive. To check if other forms of verification are acceptable, please contact your local Zurich HelpPoint team or your Relationship Manager for more information. Their contact details can be found on page 16.

If you are unable to provide one of the documents mentioned then you must complete a 'Confirmation of residential address form' or a 'Confirmation of residential address form for Qatar and United Arab Emirates business only'.

In the event that we are unable to obtain standard proof of address documents, non-standard documents can be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your local Zurich HelpPoint team or your Relationship Manager for more information.

### UAE only

A UAE residency visa can be accepted as a non-standard proof of residential address document, however, it must be accompanied with the 'Confirmation of residential address form for Qatar and United Arab Emirate business only'. The visa must show the sponsor as the client's employer or their spouse in the instances where they are accompanying them due to the spouse's employment. The passport number on the visa must also match the number shown on the passport supplied. If the visa is from an expired passport, then a certified copy of the expired passport must also be provided. This is based on the understanding that if the holder changes residency to outside of the UAE, then a standard proof of address document will be provided.

## Temporary accommodation

Where the address is short-term temporary accommodation e.g. employer's residence or hotel accommodation, the client should provide:

- Evidence for the temporary address by supplying a document from the above listings (if possible).
- Notification of subsequent temporary changes in address and send verification documents through by supplying a document from the above listings (if possible). When we receive a permanent residential address and supporting documentation, this requirement will be considered as complete.

Where the client is in temporary accommodation and can provide verification of their normal residential address when this is their contact address, confirmation of any change of address back to the normal residential address will be accepted by letter. (Further verification will not be required.)

\*Please note that mobile phone/internet bills are not acceptable as evidence of residential address.

\*\*Please also note that non-bank cards, such as store cards, are not acceptable as evidence of residential address.

# Requirements for corporate applicants for individual products

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In order to help you obtain the correct requirements, you will need to ask yourself whether you know what type of entity your corporate applicant is, for example:

**Q1.** Is the corporate applicant a public company listed on a recognised stock exchange?

**A1.** If yes, please refer to public registered companies requirements on this page.

**Q2.** Is the corporate applicant a public company not listed on a recognised stock exchange or a private limited company?

**A2.** If yes, please refer to private limited companies requirements on page 7.

**Q3.** Is the corporate applicant connected to a trust?

**A3.** If yes, please also refer to requirements for trust applicants on page 8.

All ID documents **MUST** be current (not expired) and bear a photograph and signature of the applicant where possible.

All ID documents **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (detailed on page 13).

**For international pension and group protection plans, please contact the local Zurich HelpPoint Corporate team in the Isle of Man for a list of anti-money laundering requirements. Their contact details can be found on page 16.**

## Public registered companies (listed on a recognised stock exchange)

- Suitably certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or equivalent document establishing the registered number of the company or document of listing; **and**
- Evidence of the registered office of the contracting party;\* **and**
- Where possible, a suitably certified set of the latest reports and accounts. For high risk cases the accounts need to be audited;\*\* **and**
- Confirmation that the company has not been, or is not in the process of being dissolved, struck off, wound up or terminated;† **and**
- A list of officers from whom we are able to take instructions, their specimen signatures and the number of signatories who can sign on behalf of the company at any one time;‡ **and**
- A copy of a board resolution or other authority is required showing that the officer(s) so named are properly able to act for the company in its dealings with us; **and**
- A list detailing full names of all directors on company headed paper; **and**
- A full company structure chart (if available).

\* If the registered office address is not the address shown on the application, a satisfactory explanation will be required.

\*\* If this cannot be provided, we require a written explanation why. Please note that further documentation may be required.

†This must be provided by the corporate client where this has not already been stated on the policy application form. The letter must be on company headed paper, signed by the required number of authorised signatories and dated within last three months.

**Qatar only**  
**In addition to the above existing requirements we require confirmation that the company is listed on a recognised stock exchange.**

## Private limited companies (including public limited companies not listed on a recognised stock exchange)

All ID documents MUST be current (not expired) and bear a photograph and signature of the applicant where possible.

All ID documents MUST be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (page 13).

- Suitably certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or equivalent document; **and**
- Evidence of the registered office of the contracting party;\* **and**
- A list of all directors, and proof of identity of at least two directors (including proof of address), one of whom must be an executive director; **and**
- An original or suitably certified set of the latest annual report and accounts. For high risk cases the accounts need to be audited; \*\* **and**
- Confirmation that the company has not been, or is not in the process of being dissolved, struck off, wound up or terminated; †; **and**
- A list of officers from whom we are able to take instructions, their specimen signatures and the number of signatories who can sign on behalf of the company at any one time; † **and**
- Proof of identity of all shareholders (including proof of address) holding 25% or more of the issued share capital as at the date of the application. Please note that if none of the shareholders own 25% or more, then the majority shareholder must provide proof of identity (including proof of address) instead. Where the 25% holder is a holding company or trust, or nominee, further proof of identity on its ultimate beneficial owner (including proof of address) must also be provided. Where the applicant is rated high risk, holders of 10% or more of issued share capital at the date of the application should be identified. Where there are numerous companies in the structure we may need full identity for each one.
- A full company structure chart (if available).

\* If the registered office address is not the address shown on the application, a satisfactory explanation will be required.

\*\* If this cannot be provided, we require a written explanation why. Please note that further documentation may be required.

† This must be provided by the corporate client where this has not already been stated on the policy application form. The letter must be on company headed paper, signed by the required number of authorised signatories and dated within last three months.

**Note:** where the administration address is different to the registered address, an explanation why and evidence in the form of utility bill, company bank statement, or extract from a telephone directory, etc. will be required.

### Qatar only

In addition to the above existing requirements we require the following information:

- Complete current registered address and any separate principal trading addresses, including all relevant details with regard to the country of residence; **and**
- Telephone, fax number and email address; **and**
- Duration of which the applicant is resident in Qatar; **and**
- Regulatory body; **and**
- Name and addresses of the group companies (i.e. names of holding companies, subsidiary or branches); **and**
- Name of the external auditor.

Also documentary evidence for the following is required to be obtained:

- Suitably certified copies of the company's articles of association and trade licence including renewal dates; **and**
- Suitably certified copies of proof of identity of the authorised signatories (including proof of address); **and**
- Names, country of residence, nationality of directors or partners and of the members of the governing body. The governing body may be defined as board of directors, committee of management or other governing body; **and**
- List of the main shareholders holding more than 5% of the issued capital; **and**
- Proof of identity on those shareholders (including proof of address) with interests of 10% or more in the capital of the company.

# Requirements for trust applicants

Zurich need to be satisfied that the trustees have been identified in accordance with the appropriate verification requirements for individual or corporate applicants, by obtaining the following details/documentary evidence on the trust:

- Full name(s) of the settlor(s), date(s) of birth and residential address(es). If the settlor(s) is/are no longer living, we will require the date(s) of death.
- Trust name and the address to be used for correspondence.
- Full name(s) of the beneficiary(ies), date(s) of birth and residential address(es) together with their relationship with the settlor(s).
- Details of who can act on behalf of the trust.
- Full name(s) of the trustee(s), date(s) of birth and residential address(es) – if they are individuals.
- Corporate trustee(s): company name and address(es).
- Is the corporate trustee an acceptable applicant? This would mean that they were highly regulated by an external body and if so, a reduced level of documentation may apply.
- Any protector(s), whose details should include the full name(s), date(s) of birth and the current residential address(es) of any individuals; **and**
- All beneficiaries (as and when defined); **and**
- Any beneficiary(ies) if physically named within the trust, whose details should include the full name(s), date(s) of birth and current residential address(es). If not physically named, the trustee should provide sufficient information to identify any other class, corporate entity, charity or other beneficiary.

\*Nature of trust could mean discretionary, bare or flexible interest in possession. Purpose of trust could mean inheritance tax planning, estate planning or avoidance of Isle of Man grant of probate.

Please note that we must have proof of ID of the beneficiary (including proof of address), should a payment be requested to be paid to a beneficiary.

All ID documents **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules on page 13.

ID documents **MUST** be supplied for the settlor(s) if they are making the payments and they **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (detailed on page 13).

## Third party trust

- Satisfactory evidence of the appointment of the settlor, trustees and beneficiaries has been received e.g. suitably certified copies of extracts of the deed of trust; **and**
- The nature and purpose of the trust is known and understood;\* **and**
- The source and origin of the assets under the trust is known and we consider it satisfactory; **and**
- Suitably certified copies of proof of identity on the trustees (including proof of address) together with specimen signatures; **and**
- The trustees need to provide details of the parties to the trust at the time the application is made. These will be:
  - Settlor(s), whose details should include the full name(s), date(s) of birth and current residential address(es) of any individuals. If the settlor(s) is/are no longer living the date(s) of death should be included. If the settlor is anything other than an individual, the trustee should provide sufficient information to us to identify the settlor(s); **and**

Where a trustee who has been verified is replaced, the identity of the new trustee should be verified before they are allowed to exercise any control over the assets.

## Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme (QROPS)

QROPS business can be accepted, providing the trustee is registered in Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man. The requirements for such business are:

- An original fully completed 'Acceptable applicants' certificate.
- An original fully completed 'Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme (QROPS) – Due diligence form'.
- A suitably certified copy of a letter from HMRC to the trustees confirming QROPS is eligible and registered.
- An original or suitably certified full and up to date signatory list with specimen signatures.

## Qatar only

In addition to the above requirements, a suitably certified copy of the full trust deed is required.



# Origin of wealth requirements

Zurich is required to make enquiries as to how the applicant for a business relationship has acquired the monies to be invested.

Generic descriptions such as savings, investments, etc. are not acceptable without further explanation. Requirements for verification of origin of wealth will be determined by country ratings along with cumulative premium levels.

For clarification as to how Zurich determines what is classed as low/high risk, please refer to the 'Origin of wealth guidelines'.

Examples of the most popular types of origin of wealth and what is required are:

## Income each year and/or bonus amount

- **low risk:** employers name, address and telephone number, yearly income (including currency) and details of any bonus(es) received.
- **high risk:** as above plus verification of salary with an original employers letter (on headed paper) or bank statement\* showing most recent salary payments.

Please note that contracts of employment or pay slips are not acceptable proof of income.

## Shares or other investment holdings

- **low risk:** description of shares/units/deposits together with the value of shares/investment holdings and the date the funds were received.
- **high risk:** as above plus share certificates/contract notes/statements\*, confirmation letter from the relevant investment company confirming sale\* or bank statement showing payments by investment company\*.

## Property sale

- **low risk:** details/address of property, date of sale and total sale amount.
- **high risk:** as above plus signed letter from solicitor/estate agent\* or sale contract\*.

## Income from business profits

- **low risk:** full details of company (company name and nature of business) and details of turnover for the latest financial year.
- **high risk:** as above plus copy of annual audited report and accounts including details of any profit share\*.

Please note that a company bank statement is not an acceptable document to evidence business profits.

## Income generated from investment portfolio

- **low risk:** details of portfolio and total income amount received each year.
- **high risk:** as above plus copies of dividend/share certificates/contract notes\* or investment statements from fund houses and/or bank.\*

## Investment from rental income

- **low risk:** details/address of property and income amount received each year.
- **high risk:** as above plus copy of rental agreement(s) detailing income amount.\*

\* All high risk verification documents **MUST** either be an original or suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (detailed on page 13).

This list is not exhaustive and a full list of requirements for the various types of origin of wealth can be found in the 'Origin of wealth guidelines'.

Origin of wealth requirements also apply to additional single premiums and in some circumstances, increments and reinstatements.

If in doubt, please contact your local Zurich HelpPoint team or your Relationship Manager for further clarification. Their contact details can be found on page 16.

# Source of funds requirements

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Original source of funds must be clearly identified for all applications. All payments received need to be clearly identifiable as coming from the applicants own account. If this is not possible, further documentation may be required.

## Acceptable methods of payment are:

- Chequet†
- Telegraphic transfer
- Standing order\*
- Direct debit (on UK and HK bank accounts only)\*
- Interbank Giro (on Singapore bank accounts only)\*
- Credit card\*

## Details required are:

### Payment from bank account

- Name and address of the remitting bank
- Account name
- Account number
- Bank sort/SWIFT code/IBAN number (if applicable)
- Frequency\*
- Currency and amount

### Payment via credit card

- Credit card provider and type (MasterCard/Visa)
- Cardholder name and address
- Card number
- Expiry date
- Currency and amount

†Can only be used to pay initial premium on regular premiums or on a half yearly/yearly basis or for lump sum payments.

\*For regular premiums only.

In some circumstances, where payment cannot be made via the methods listed above, an alternative method is possible. Please contact your local Zurich HelpPoint team or your Relationship Manager for more information. Their contact details can be found on page 16.

Where the monies are being remitted from accounts other than in the name of the applicant, Zurich must be satisfied that the reasons for this account to be remitting the monies are understood. The identity will need to be verified and relationship (to the policy owner) of the holder of the account from which remittance has been made may need to be verified. Please refer to the third party payments section on page 12 for further information.

Where monies are being remitted by standing order which has been set up by internet banking we require either one of the following in place of a copy of the normal standing order instruction:

- Screen print of banking screen where the clients input all of the payment details (both Zurich's and their own).
- Transaction confirmation that has been printed off to confirm all details are in place.

### UAE only

A source of funds questionnaire is a requirement under UAE Insurance Authority regulations where policies are negotiated in the UAE for premiums over certain limits; if the cumulative lump sum investment exceeds AED10,000 (USD2,720) or if the cumulative regular annual premium exceeds AED5,000 (USD1,360).

The source of funds requirement applies to new business, additional single premiums (ASPs) and increases (increments) in regular premiums. The questionnaire will be used in conjunction with information requested on application/increase request forms and will form part of the risk assessment process.

The UAE Insurance Authority specifically state that the insurance company should ensure the identity of the customer, their financial condition, the source of the monies they would like to invest, the reasons for the insurance transaction, their net profit for the last three years, details of investments or assets held with other companies and details of the credit facilities that they have with other companies.

# Third party payments requirements

Where the payment has been or is being made from an account or investment other than in the name of the client, i.e. a third party, please also provide the following:

- ID document and proof of residential address of the third party payor. This can only be from the list of acceptable relationships below.
- The reason for the third party payment.
- Acceptable relationship evidence of the third party payor will be required (see table below).
- All documents supplied to prove the acceptable relationship which are not originals, **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules (detailed on page 13).

## Acceptable relationships are:

Acceptable relationships	Acceptable evidence if required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spouse</li></ul>	Marriage certificate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Son or daughter</li></ul>	Son or daughter's full birth certificate (plus marriage certificate(s) if applicable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mother or father</li></ul>	Applicant's full birth certificate indicating common parentage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brother</li></ul>	Applicant's and brother's full birth certificate indicating common parentage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sister</li></ul>	Applicant's and sister's full birth certificate indicating common parentage (plus marriage certificate(s) if applicable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediary</li></ul>	Evidence of authorisation in the UK or Hong Kong to hold applicant monies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employer*</li></ul>	Letter on company headed paper confirming the employer/employee relationship and for high rank cases, evidence that the company exists.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Same sex/common law partner</li></ul>	Document e.g. joint bank statement, joint named property deed etc. to confirm relationship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trust settlor</li></ul>	Extract of trust deed providing evidence of appointment together with proof of ID and residential address.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authorised regulated financial institutions</li></ul>	Confirmation the institution is licensed and regulated in an equivalent jurisdiction. Your client's policy at said institution should also be the same as that for the Zurich International Life policy.

\*The customer (or a relative) cannot sign the letter themselves.

This list is for guidance. Other relationships, accompanied by relevant documentation to verify proof of relationship, may be acceptable. Please contact your local Zurich HelpPoint team or Relationship Manager. Their contact details can be found on page 16.

Note: where your client owns their own company, they can arrange for a HR/Finance manager or fellow partner to sign the letter. If your client is a sole trader, we will require a certificate copy of their latest report and accounts.

# Certification

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Where copy documentation is required, an acceptable individual must suitably certify the document. Certifications are acceptable if dated within the **last twelve months** except where the requirement is for the document to be **less than three months** old upon receipt by us.

The most common acceptable individuals are:

- A regulated introducer, who is incorporated in or formed under the law of a country which is an equivalent jurisdiction, or authorised employee of a regulated introducer. If terms of business are not held with Zurich, confirmation of the introducer's regulatory reference number or documentary evidence of their regulatory status must be provided.
- An individual employed by an introducer who is not regulated, and who has been approved in writing by Zurich to act as a suitable certifier.
- An authorised representative of an embassy or consulate of the country who issued the identification document.
- Notary public.\*
- Lawyer, solicitor, advocate or attorney.
- Commissioner of Oaths within an equivalent jurisdiction (detailed on page 15). Verification of professional status must be obtained.\*\*
- Accountant who is a member of an institute or other professional organisation, which imposes on its members a requirement to abide by AML obligations, or who is regulated by a regulatory organisation.\*
- A director or manager of an authorised credit or financial institution located and regulated in an equivalent jurisdiction and have AML requirements which have been approved by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

\*Please note that for Bahrain business documentation being certified by an individual in these categories can only be accepted if they are based in GCC or FATF state.

\*\*South African Commissioner of Oaths are not acceptable as suitable certifiers unless it is clear that they are signing in their capacity as a notary public, lawyer or advocate.

**Please note that for financial professionals, who submit their own individual cases cannot certify their own 'Know your customer' documentation. They must arrange for another suitable certifier to certify the documentation. Please also note that this also applies to applications for individuals that are related to a financial professional/suitable certifier.**

Any certification must contain the following:

- A statement confirming that the document is a true copy of the original or that the original document has been seen and verified.
- Signed and dated by the suitable certifier.
- Suitable certifier's name is written in capital letters underneath their signature.
- Suitable certifier's capacity must be stated e.g. lawyer, suitable certifier including full company name and address, telephone number, email address and where applicable, website address.
- Details of the suitable certifier's regulatory/affiliate body including any reference numbers (e.g. Chartered Institute of Accountants, Law Society, etc.).
- State our appointed suitable certifier number (where applicable).

**Please note that we may reject copy documentation that is not clear, legible, expired or contains incorrect certification wording.**

# Assignment and power of attorney

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## Assignment

When a policy ownership is legally changed by way of assignment or equitable charge, no transactional instructions from the new legal owner will be accepted or authorised until full proof of identity has been obtained on both the new and existing owner (including proof of residential address), unless currently held on record.

A suitably certified copy of the loan agreement will be required if life cover is in excess of USD2,000,000 in order to meet underwriting requirements.

Where the assignee is taking over responsibility for premium payments, source of funds and origin of wealth will need to be understood before payments will be accepted. In the event of a third party taking over premium payments, we will require:

- Verification of the identity of this party as well as source of funds and origin of wealth;
- The reason for the third party payment;
- Acceptable relationship evidence of the third party payor may be required, please contact your local Zurich office.

All ID documents **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules on page 13.

### UAE only

Please note that we are unable to carry out an assignment on a UAE policy unless we have full AML for the assignor and assignee.

## Power of attorney

If the customer informs us that they wish to appoint a power of attorney on their policy, satisfactory proof of the identity of the third party (including proof of address) is to be supplied before any alteration will be made to the policy.

A suitably certified copy of the power of attorney deed evidencing the appointment as well as specimen signatures will be required.

When an application for a business relationship is received from an applicant acting under a power of attorney or similar, proof of identity including proof of residential address, must be supplied for the holder(s) of the power(s) of attorney and/or third party mandates, in addition to the proof of identity and proof of residential address, for the persons granting the power. The reason for granting the power of attorney must also be understood.

All ID documents **MUST** be suitably certified in accordance with the suitable certifier rules on page 13.

# Foreign documents and translation

If documentation is received that is in a foreign language or unfamiliar format or origin, we are required to verify that the document is genuine. This will include the translation of documents as and when required.

In the event that we are unable to verify the content or legitimacy of the document, an alternate document would be required for verification purposes.

**Please note that a Zurich approved suitable certifier can translate documents, provided that they confirm to us in a covering letter that they are proficient in that particular foreign language.**





## Equivalent jurisdictions

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Gibraltar
- Guernsey
- Hong Kong
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Jersey
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom
- United States of America





# Contact details

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