

Financial Underwriting Requirements For Business Markets

Financial Statements

The requirement for financial statements is driven by the sum insured applied for.

If the sum insured applied for is greater than \$3 million:

• A financial statement is required for the current and previous two years. It need not be audited.

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- A business plan should be submitted if financials are not available due to the length of time the business has been in operation.
- Copies of any bank loan agreements are required.
- An inspection report (for amounts greater than \$1 million) is required. This report may include financial information.

If the sum insured applied for is less than \$3 million:

- Copies of any bank loan agreements may be required but are not routinely requested
- A business plan may be required but is not routinely requested.
- An inspection report (for amounts greater than \$1 million) is required. This report may include financial information.

Submitting Financials

There are times when clients may not wish to divulge information relating to their own or their company's finances to a broker. In these cases the following solutions exist:

 The financials can be sent directly to the underwriter. The underwriter will take the relevant notes and return them to the client.

Note: Always inform clients that their financial information may be shared with a reinsurer. It is also Important to tell clients that at Standard Life, confidential information is shared only with the underwriter and the case manager.

Broker Report

Broker Reports are required for all Business Cases up to \$3 million. Reports should include:

- Value of the Business
- Link between the value of the business and amount applied for
- Particular need covered
 - Buy/Sell Share Redemption
 - Key Person
 - o Collateral Insurance
- If this is a "concept" sale, specify the concept and how it was used to assist in making the sale.

If Key Person

- Salary of Key person
- Expertise s/he brings to position
- Length of time with the business

If Buy/Sell

- Who are the other shareholders?
- Are they all to be insured?
- Will insurance be proportionate to share holdings? If not, why not?

If Collateral Insurance

- Who are the Lenders?
- Has the loan been collateralized?
 - What collateral has been provided?
- Has the client signed a personal guarantee?

Personal Insurance Information

- How much personal insurance is in force?
- Will any be replaced by this application?
- If a sales concept has been used to determine the face amount, please provide details.