

IFRS 17

Insurance Contracts

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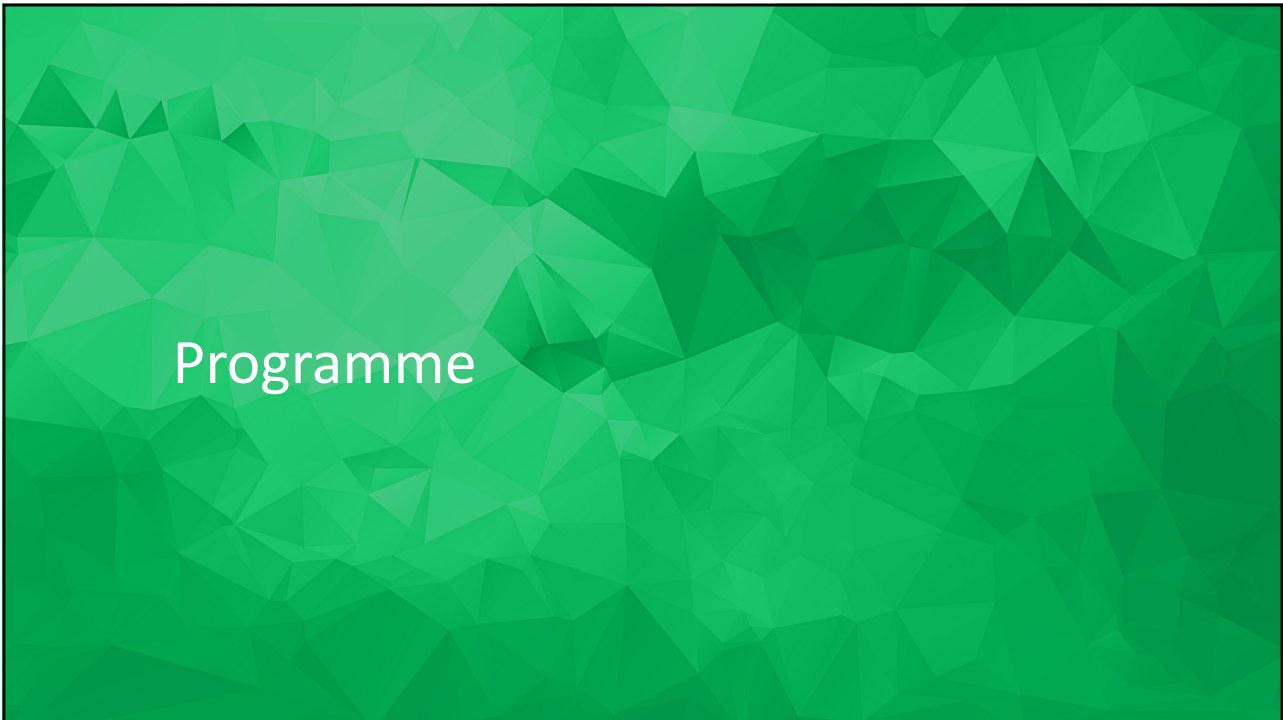
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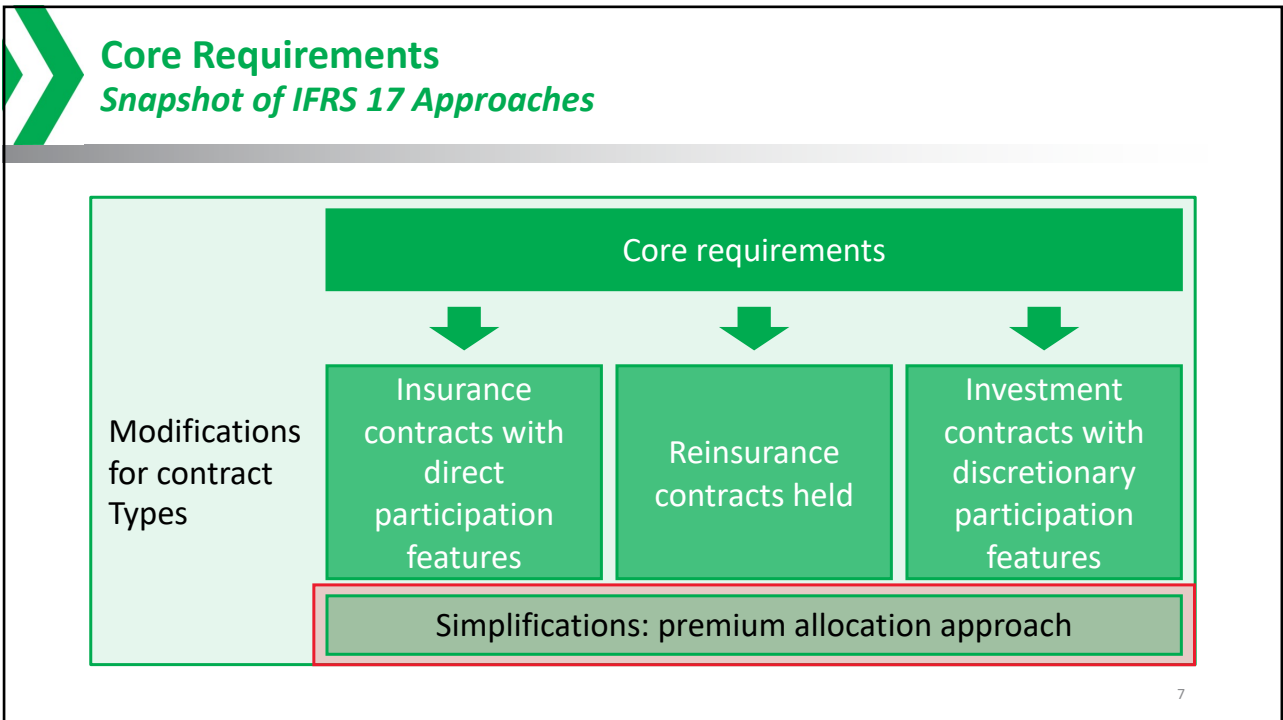
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Premium Allocation Approach

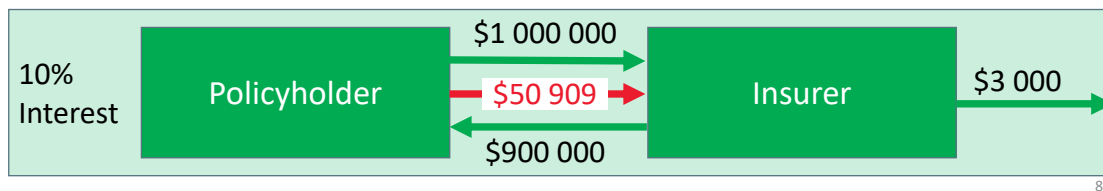
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Example

- » Insurer writes 100 car contracts and expects that:
 - » Interest rate is 10%
 - » It pays \$3 000 in car inspection costs on 1 January for all contracts
 - » Policyholders pay an annual premium of \$10 000 each on 2 January
 - » Total risk premium is \$50 909
 - » Insurer expects claims of \$75 000 per month (\$900 000 in total)



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Introduction

- » Optional simplified approach for eligible contracts
 - » Similar outcome to core model but in a simplified, less costly way
- » Decision made at inception of the group based on assessment at that date
- » The decision is:
 - » made on a group by group basis, and
 - » is irrevocable

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Scope Combination of contracts

IFRS 17 sets **explicit requirements**:

- » A set of contracts with **same or related counterparty** may achieve, or be **designed to achieve**, an overall commercial effect
- » To report substance, may be necessary to **treat the set as a single contract**
- » For example, if rights or obligations in one contract **entirely negate rights or obligations in another contract** entered into at the same time with the same counterparty, the combined effect is that no rights or obligations exist.

IFRS 17.9

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When should contracts be separated?

General rule of separation

Not explicit in IFRS 17, discussed at **TRG**:

- » Lowest unit of account is the contract (includes all components)
- » Contract with **legal form of single contract** generally considered a single contract
- » Separation could be appropriate if legal form does not reflect substance of contractual rights and obligations
- » Assessment of all facts and circumstances, not policy choice
- » Reinsurance contract held: fact that underlying contracts are included in different groups is **not sufficient to conclude** that accounting as a single contract does not reflect its substance

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When do you separate components?

Specific rules of separation

» A contract may contain components that could/should be accounted for under another IFRS. Insurer should separate:

IFRS 17.11 to 13, 17.B31 to B35

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Premium allocation approach

Criteria

1 Coverage period of each contract in the group ≤ 1 year?

Starting with the contract form after separation/combination

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1 Present value of future cash flows

Contract Boundaries

- » Cash flows are in the boundary if they
 - » arise from substantive rights and obligations which
 - » allow the insurer to compel the policyholder to pay premiums **or**
 - » substantially oblige entity to provide insurance services

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1 Present value of future cash flows

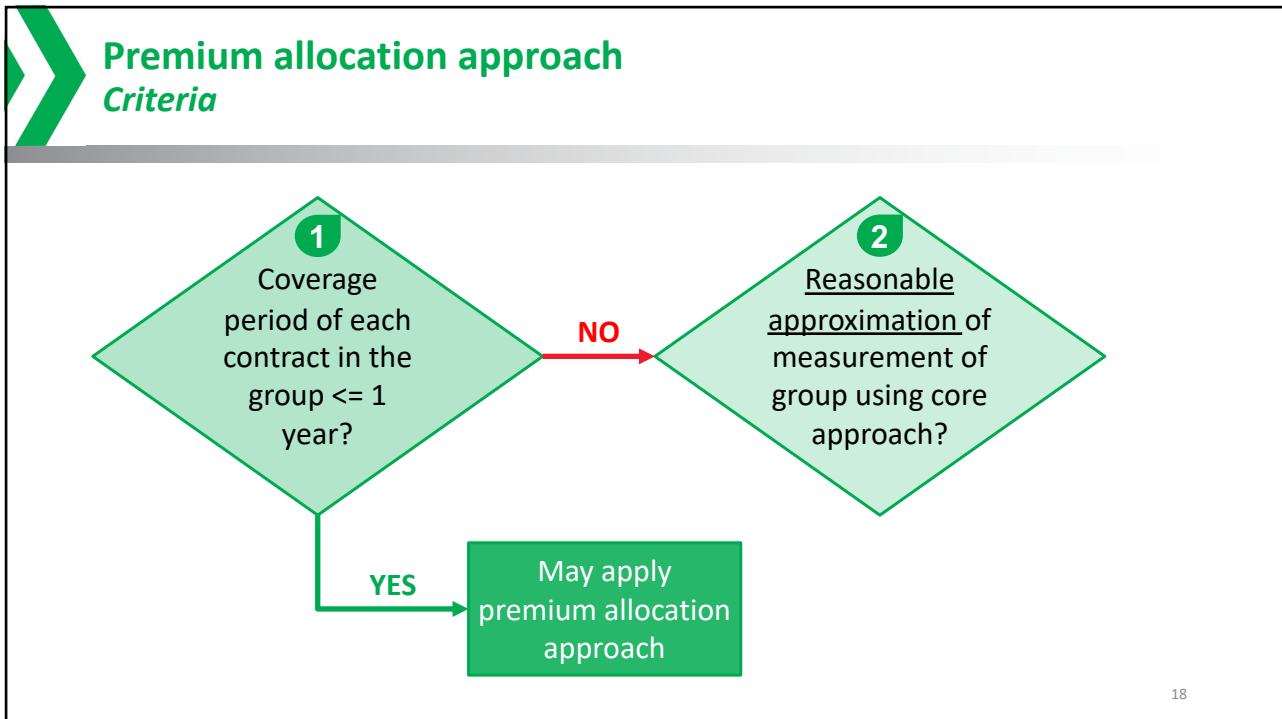
Coverage period

- » *The period during which the entity provides coverage for insured events. This period includes the coverage that relate to all premiums within the boundary of the insurance contract.*
 - » Begins when coverage for unexpected event starts
 - » Ends when the entity has the practical ability to reassess risks and reset premiums

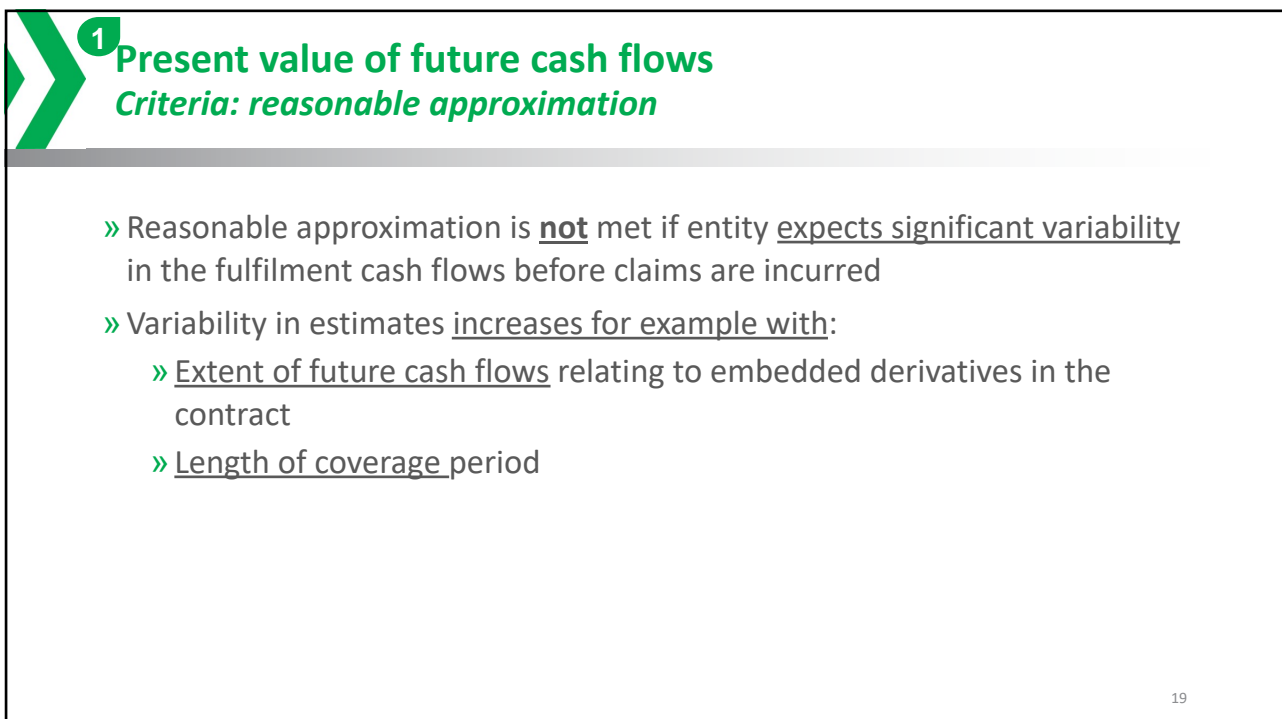
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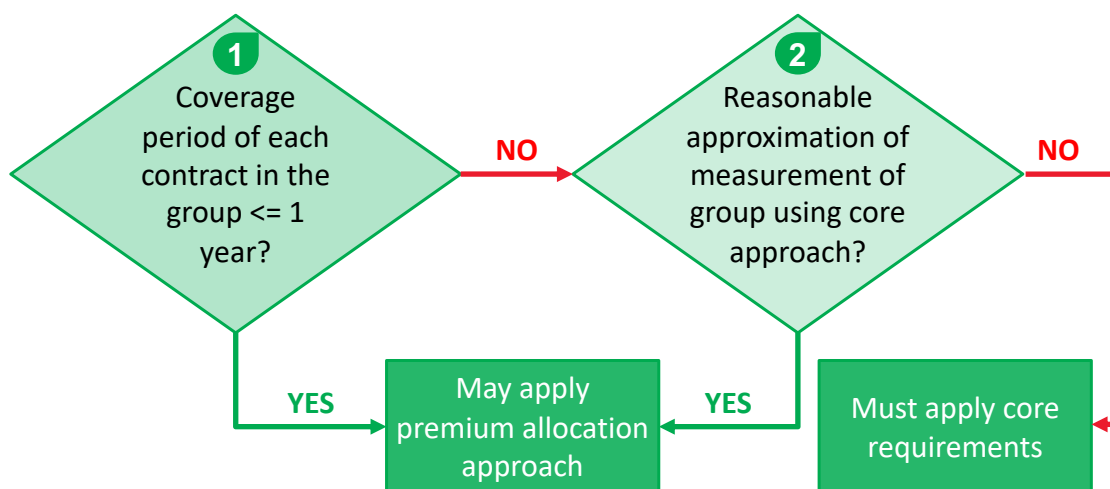
Reasonable approximation

- » Significant variability
 - » Measured at the group level (ie you can consider offsetting variability)
 - » Material difference
 - » Need to disclose the judgements you have made
- » Emerging consensus
 - » Hard to apply
 - » Becomes increasing hard the longer the duration of the contract
 - » Some three contracts are making it
 - » Beyond that, very difficult

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Premium allocation approach Criteria



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Challenges with eligibility

We will cover this in more detail in a later presentation
Challenges in applying Premium allocation approach

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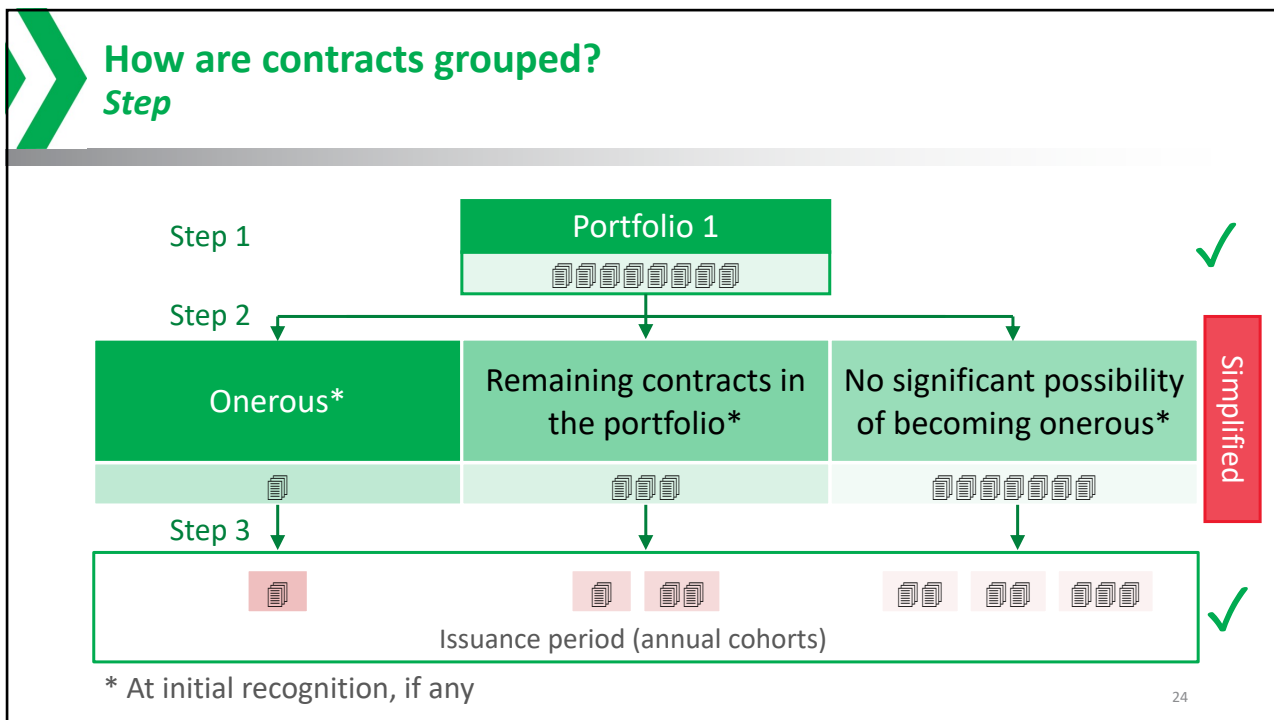
Level of aggregation

- » For contracts applying premium allocation approach
 - » assume no contracts are onerous unless facts and circumstances indicate otherwise
 - » assess whether contracts not onerous have no significant possibility of becoming onerous subsequently by assessing likelihood of changes in applicable facts and circumstances

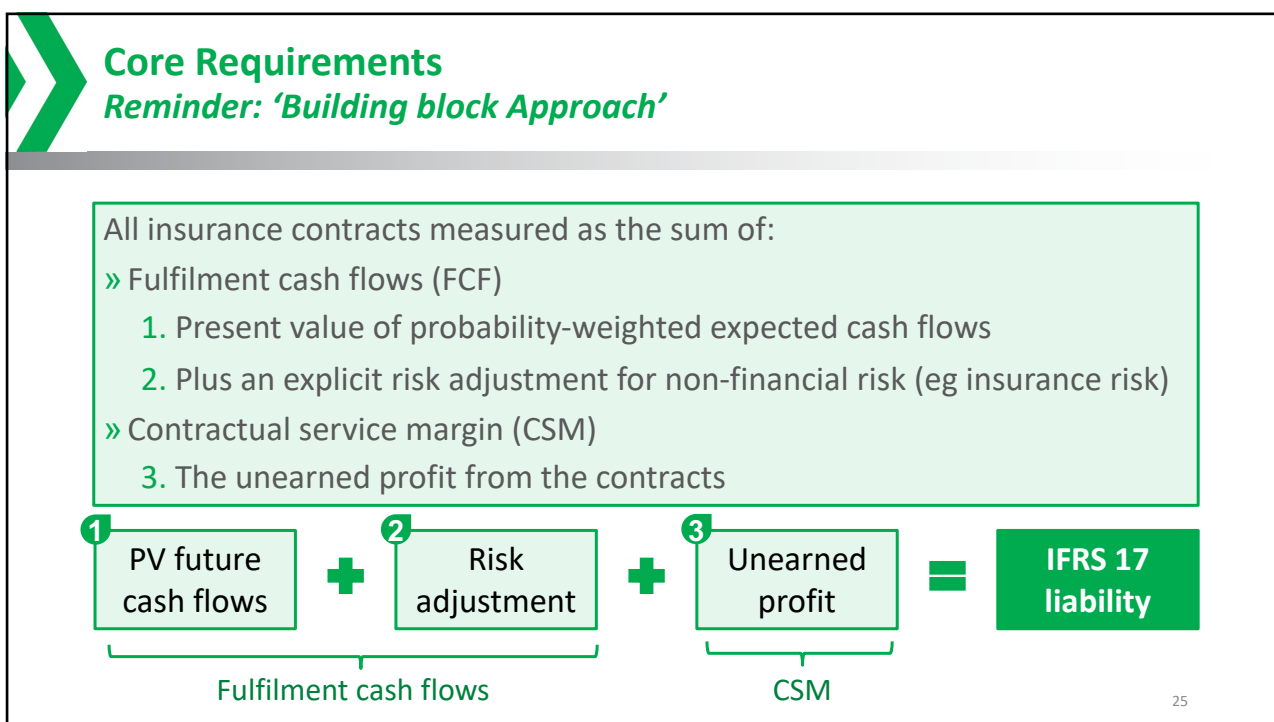
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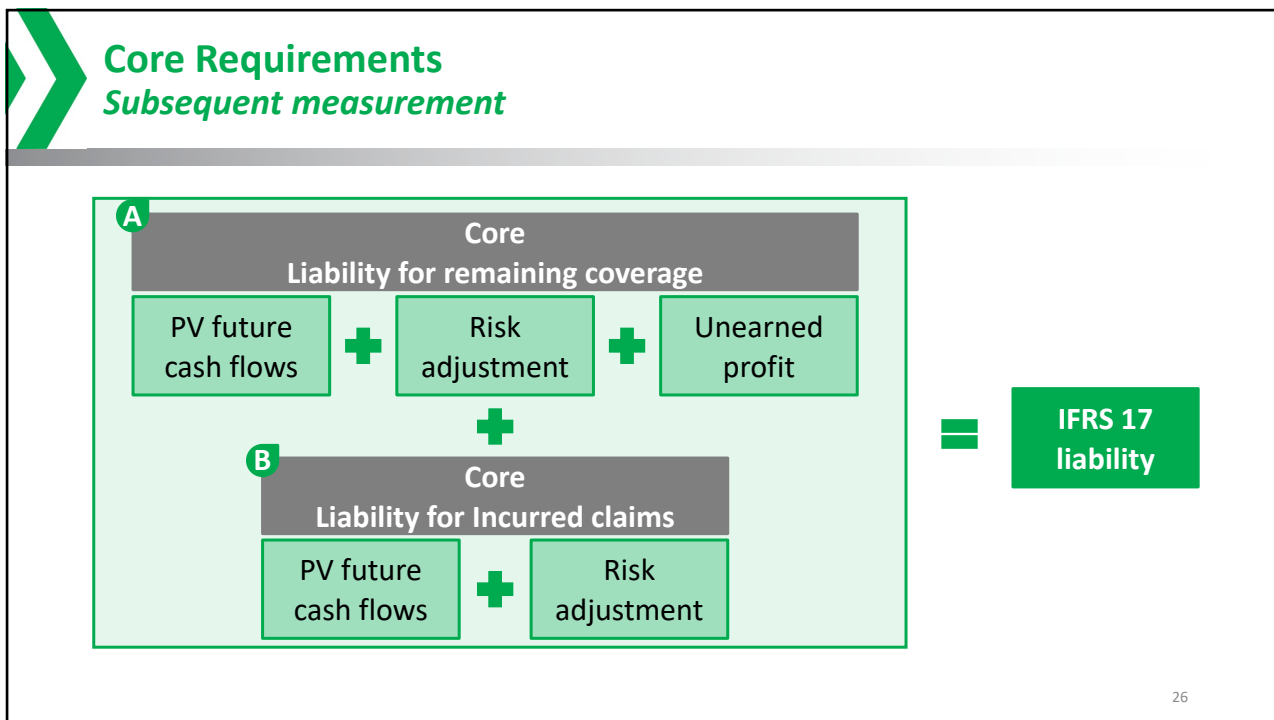
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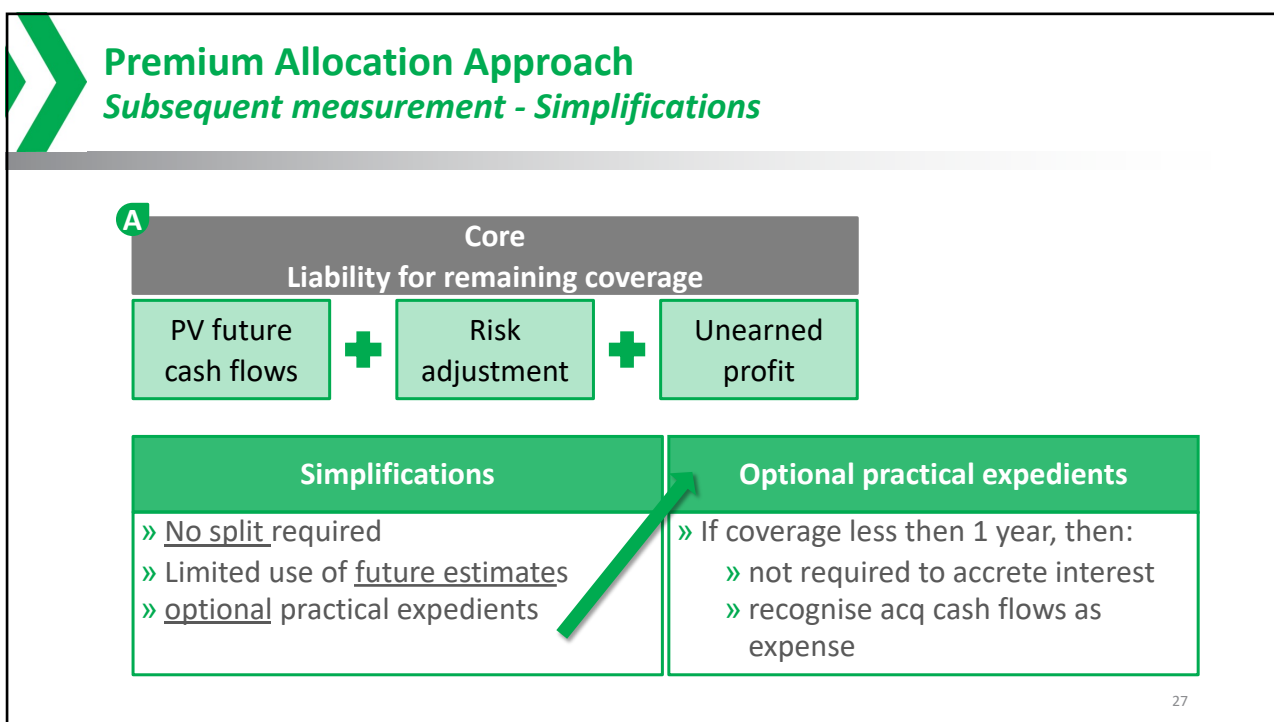
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Recognition

- » Insurance contracts are recognised from the earliest of:
 - » beginning of coverage period of first contract in group
 - » date when first payment from a policyholder becomes due, or
 - » for onerous contracts, when the group becomes onerous (facts and circumstances)
- » If no contractual due date, then date received
- » Acquisition cash flow asset or liability is recognised when incurred, and derecognised when the group of insurance contracts to which the cash flows are allocated is recognised

IFRS 17.25 to 28

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Premium allocation approach *Simplifications - initial measurement*

Premiums (if any)
received at
initial
recognition

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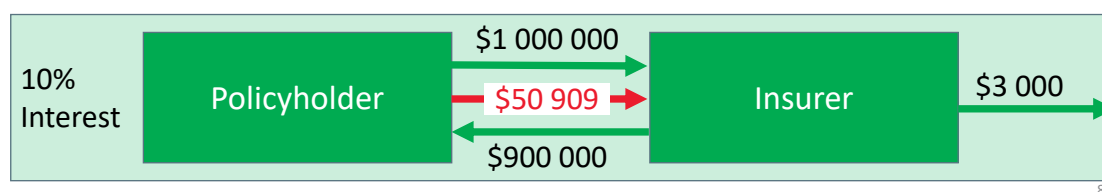
Cash premium
received at initial
recognition
creates/increases
liability

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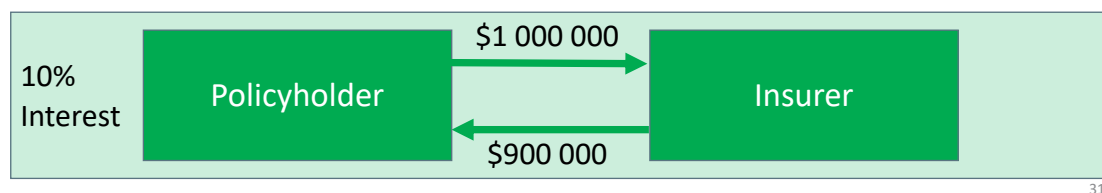


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Example One year contract

- » Expects premium of \$1 million (2 Jan 2022), and claims of \$75 000 per month (\$900 000 for year) at end of each month

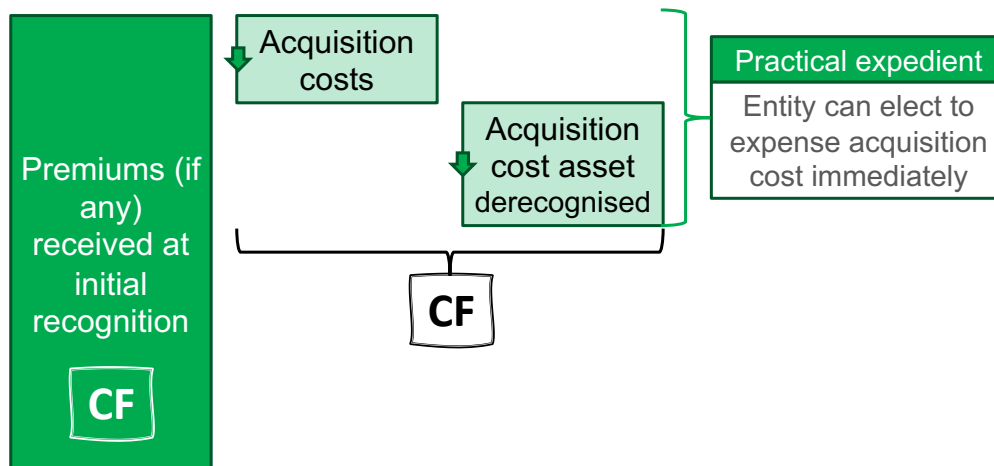
No journal required until cash flows happen



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Premium allocation approach

Simplifications - initial measurement



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Example

One year contract

» Expects premium of \$1 million (2 Jan 2022), and claims of \$900 000, pays \$3 000 in car inspection costs on 1 January

	Debit	Credit
Acquisition cost expense (1 January)	3 000	
Cash		3 000

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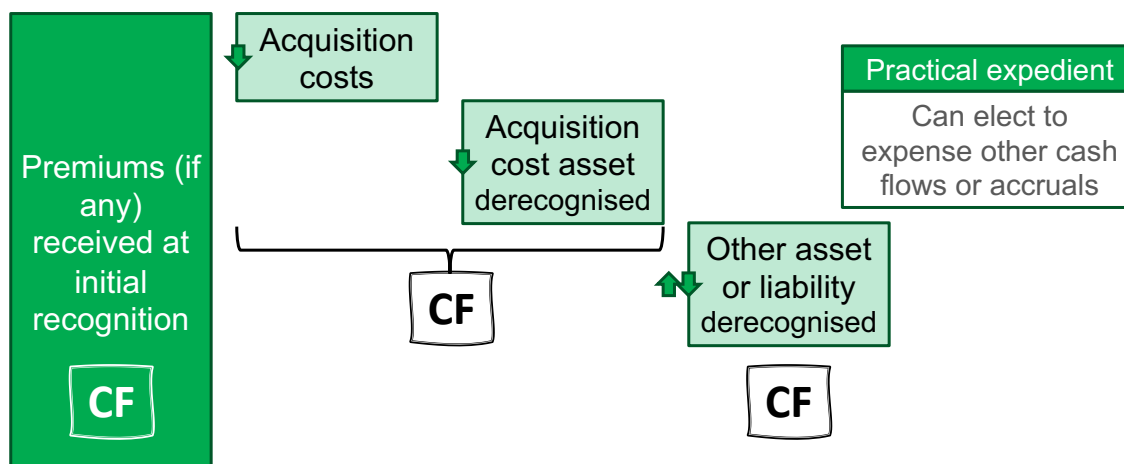
Acquisition cost asset (1 January)	3 000	
Cash		3 000
Insurance contract liability (2 January)	3 000	
Acquisition cost asset		3 000

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Premium allocation approach

Simplifications - initial measurement



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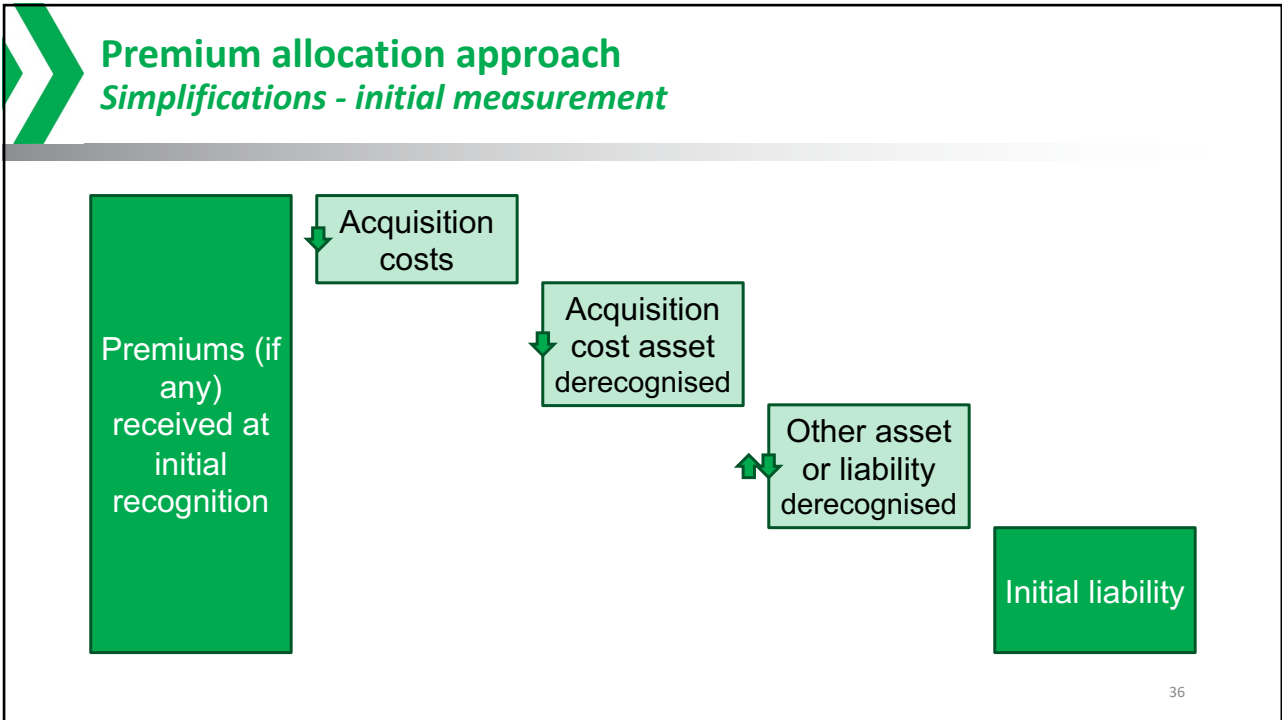
Other assets or liabilities

- » Other assets or liabilities recognised applying other IFRSs
 - » For example, if insurer pays annually a lawyer an annual retainer in advance for claims management; or
 - » Incurs but does not pay a liability eg for printing of blank contracts
- » The journal would be similar as for acquisition expenses:

	Debit	Credit
Prepaid expense asset (retainer) – 1 January	3 000	
Cash		3 000
Insurance contract liability (2 January)	3 000	
Prepaid expense asset		3 000

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Example

Balance sheet at 2 January 2022

Dr/(cr)	Cash	Acq asset	Insure liab.
Acquisition cost paid	-3 000	3 000	
Premium received	1 000 000		-1 000 000
Acquisition cost subsumed		-3 000	3 000
2 January Total	997 000	0	-997 000

No entry necessary for Risk margin

10% Interest

Policyholder

Insurer

\$1 000 000

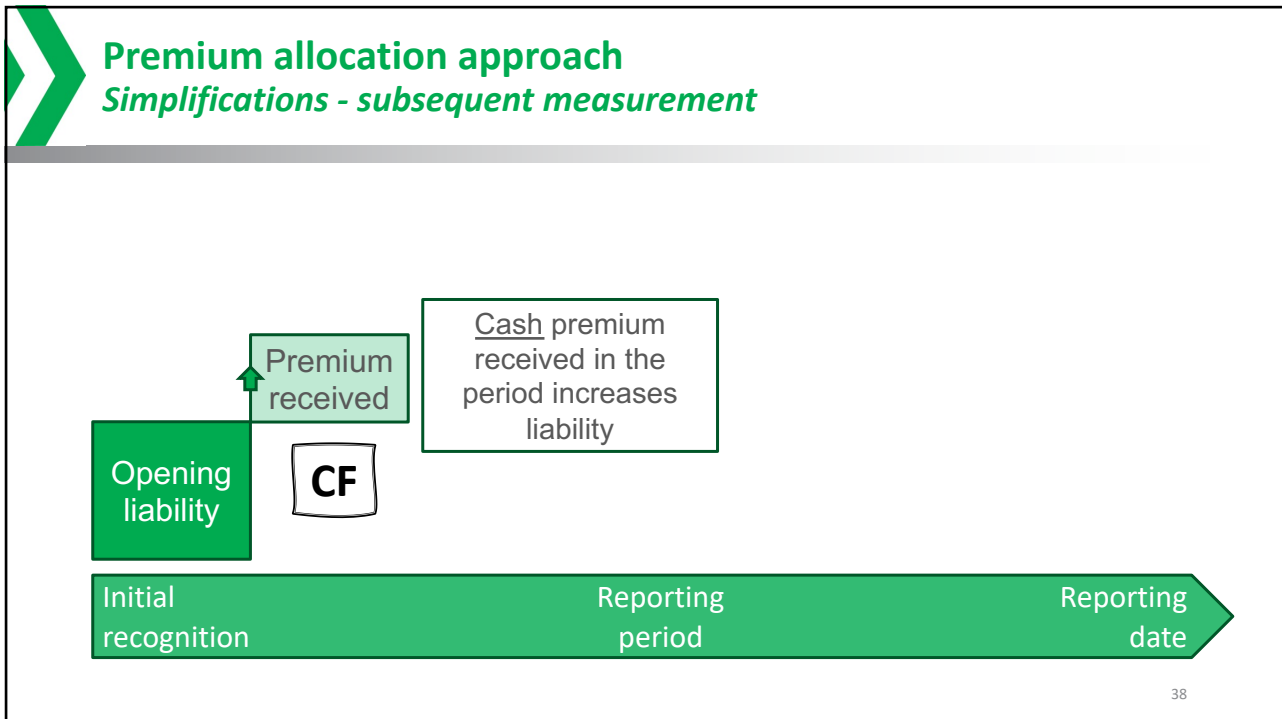
\$50 909

\$900 000

\$3 000

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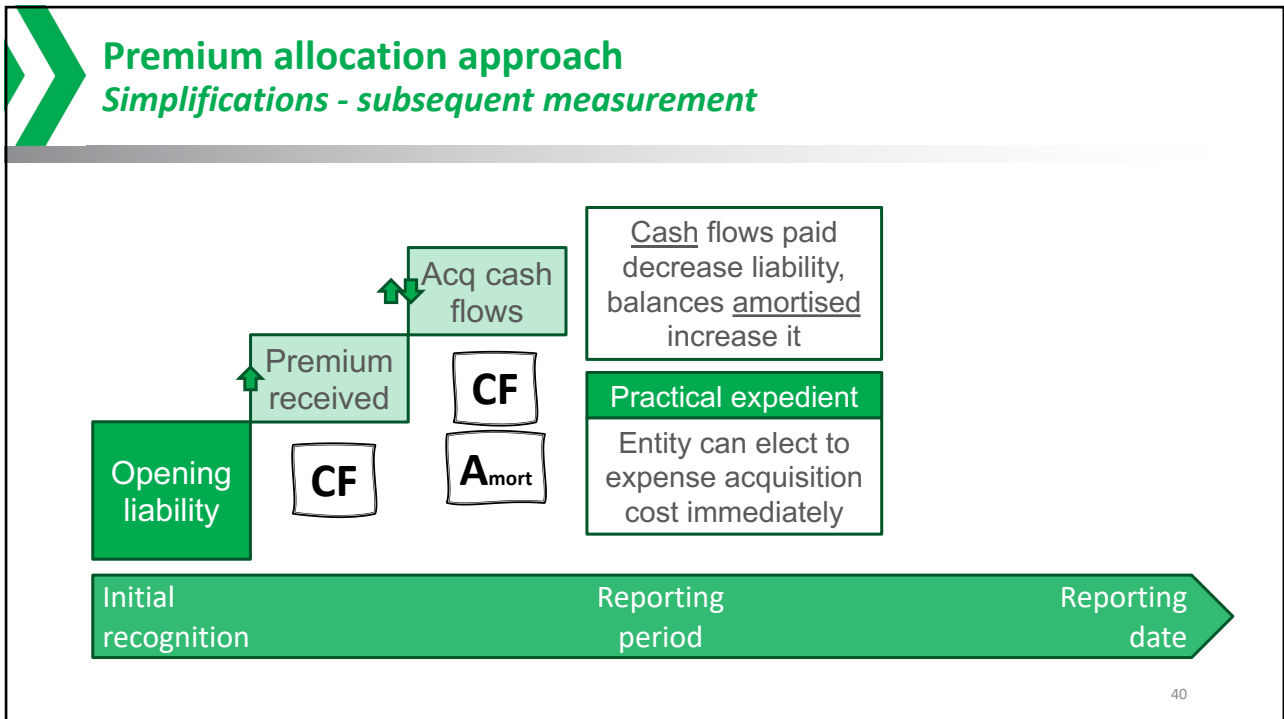
Example

6 months to June on one year contract

- » Receives premium of \$1 million (2 Jan 2022),
Annual premium contract, we have already recognised the premium, no further premiums received
- » What is the journal entry?

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Example

6 months to June on one year contract

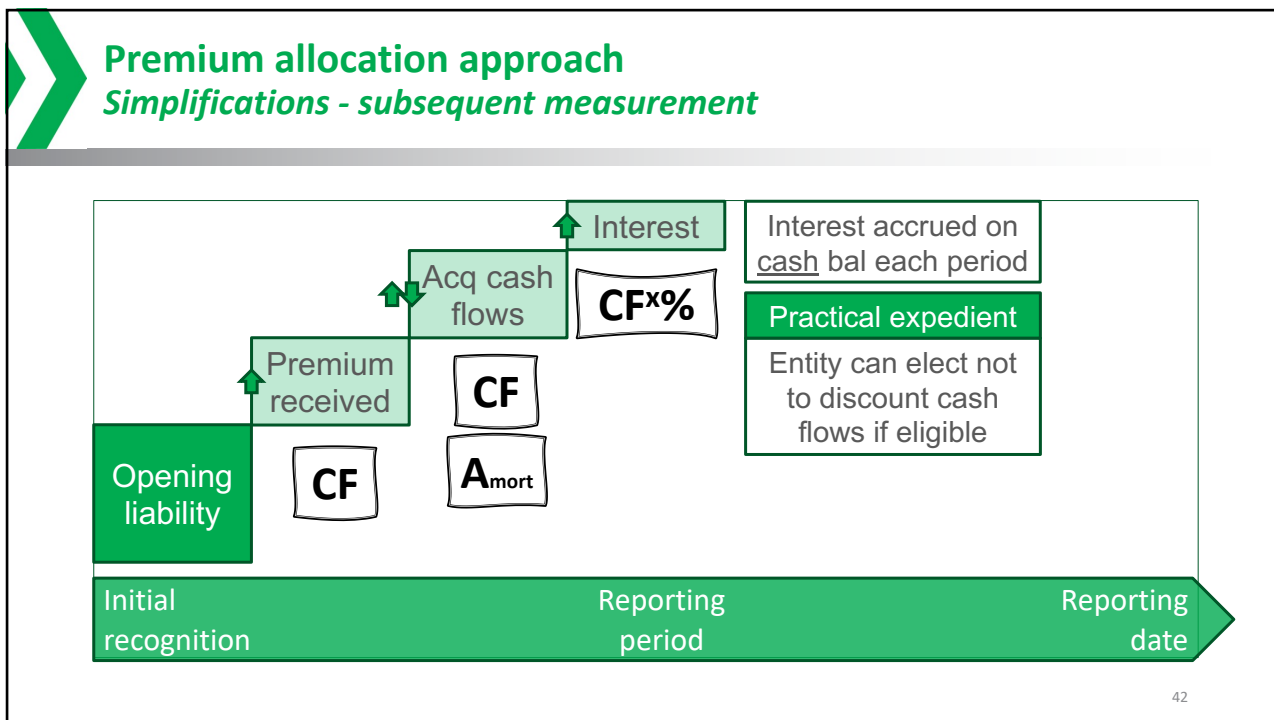
» Expects premium of \$1 million (2 Jan 2022), and claims of \$900 000, allocation of acquisition cost of **\$3 000**

	Debit	Credit
Acquisition cost expense	1 500	
Insurance liability		1 500

» What is the journal entry amount?

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Example

6 months to June on one year contract

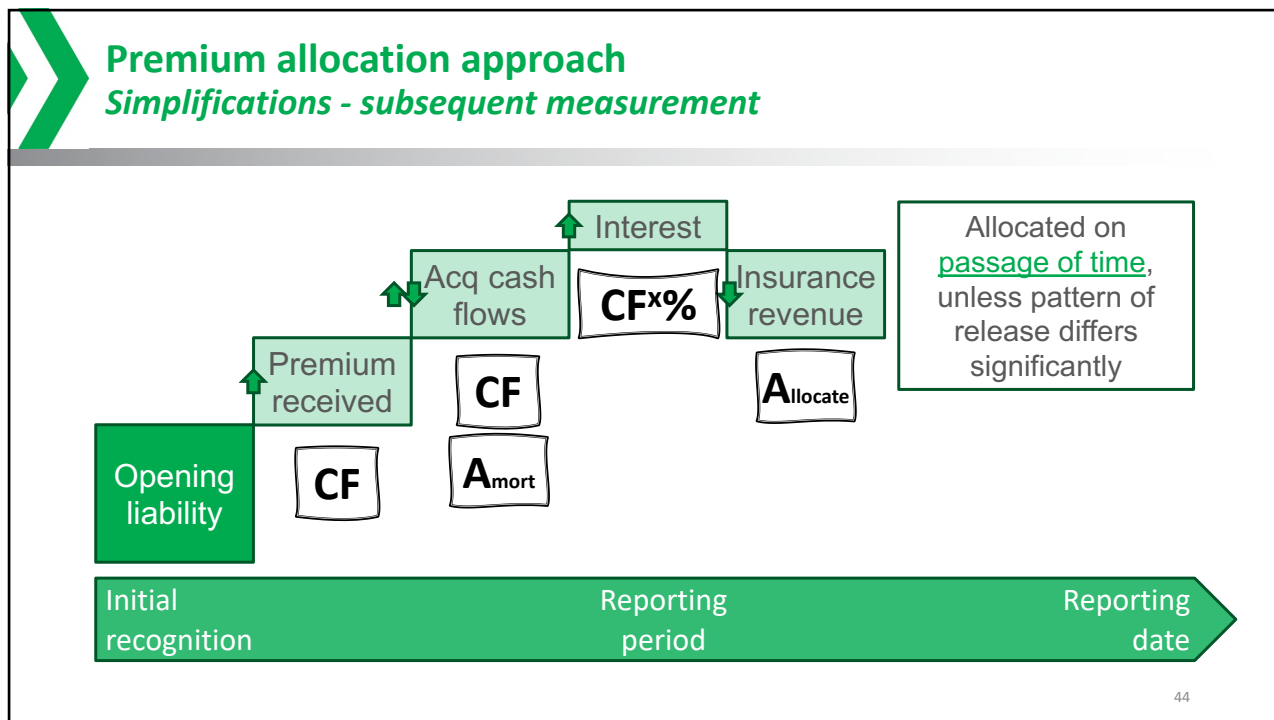
» Interest is at 10%, amounts to \$42 617 for the 6 months

	Debit	Credit
Interest paid	0	
Insurance liability		0

What is the Journal for 1st half interest expense?

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Example

6 months to June on one year contract

» Expects premium of \$1 million (2 Jan 2022), claims of \$900 000 spread evenly over the year

	Debit	Credit
Insurance liability	500 000	
Revenue		500 000

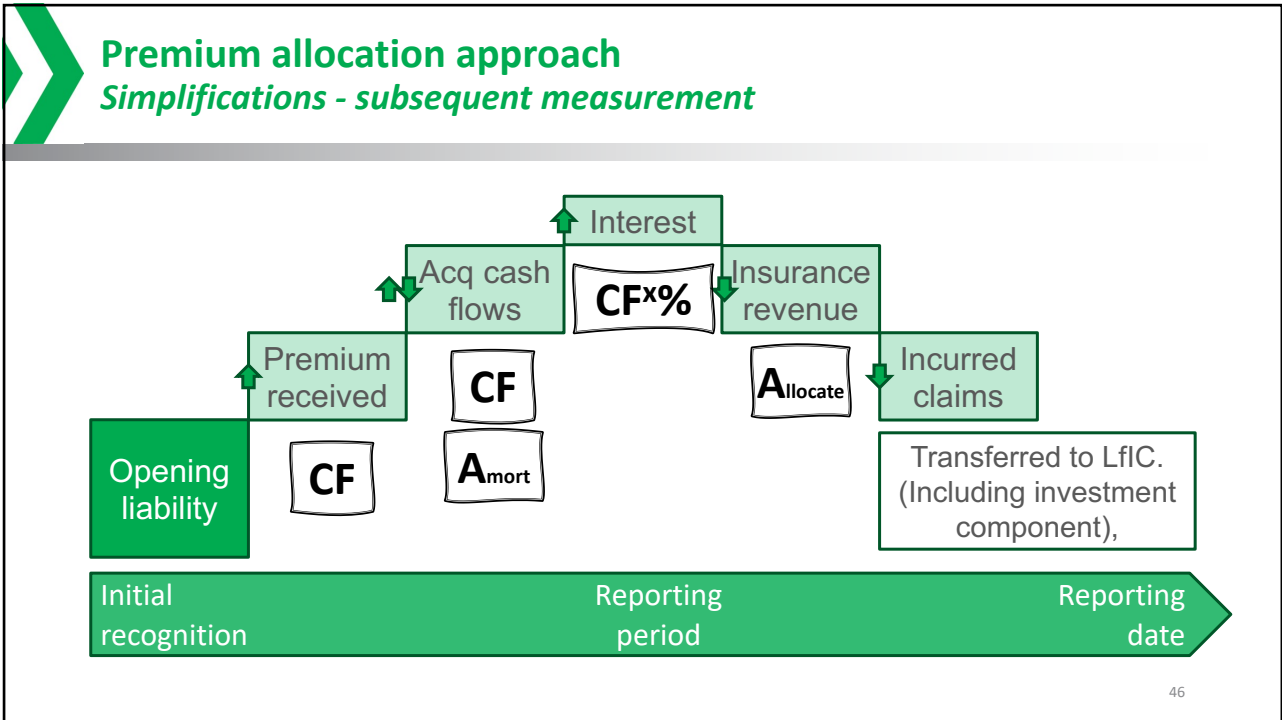
What is the Journal for 1st half revenue?

» Spread annually unless pattern of release is different, for example if pattern of risk release is 1/3 to 2/3 first half on second half, then:

Insurance liability	333 333	
Revenue		333 333

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Example

6 months to June on one year contract

» Received notification of claims of Br450 000, not yet paid

	Debit	Credit
Insurance claims expense	450 000	
Insurance liability (LfIC)		450 000

What is the Journal for claims submitted (not yet paid)?

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Example 6 months to June on one year contract

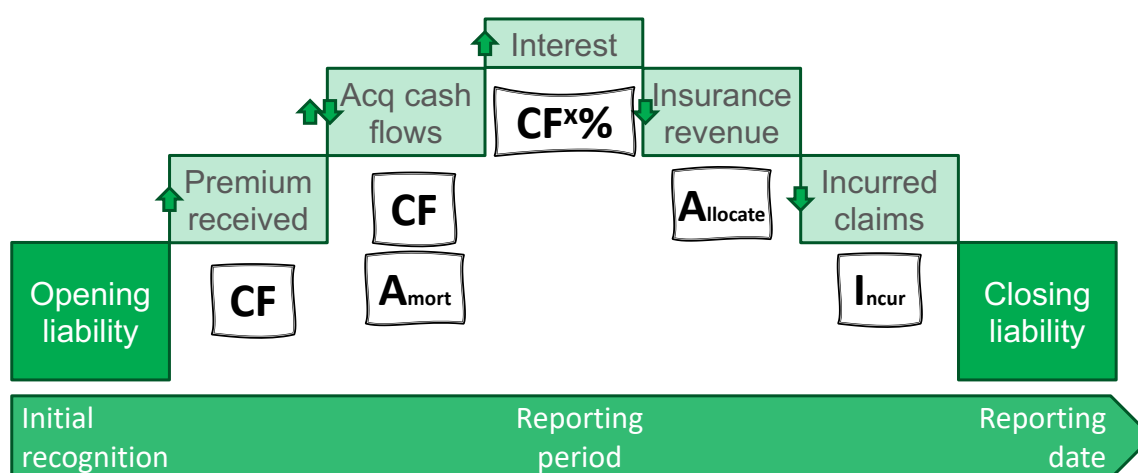
» Paid claims of \$450 000,

	Debit	Credit
Insurance liability (LfIC)	450 000	
Cash		450 000

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Premium allocation approach Simplifications - subsequent measurement



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Example

Balance sheet and P&L at 30 June 2022

Dr/(cr)	Cash	Insure Liab	P&L
Opening balance (2 January)	997 000	-997 000	
Revenue		500 000	-500 000
Claims incurred		-450 000	450 000
Claims paid	-450 000	450 000	
Acquisition costs		-1 500	1 500
30 June Total	547 000	-498 500	-48 500

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Unearned premium reserve

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Comparison

» The **simplified approach** is very **similar** to the existing unearned premium reserve accounting

» The **main differences** are:

Premium Allocation Approach	Existing typical UPR approach
PAA accounts for premiums only when the cash is received	UPR accounts for all premiums receivable, offset against unearned premium
Claims are accounted for when incurred (including applying IBNR) applying the risk adjusted present value approach	Claims are accounted for when incurred (including applying IBNR) applying different approaches
Onerous contracts are accounted for under the core model	Onerous contracts are accounted for applying different approaches

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Comparison *Averaging techniques*

» **Various techniques** exist for **estimating UPR** (method $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{365}$, loss ratio)

» These techniques all **have in common**:

- » Determining **total premium receivable**
- » Estimating **expected pattern of service** (straight line, escalating, declining, bell curve or other)
- » Recognising as **revenue** portion that relates to **service already provided**
- » Recognising as **unearned** portion that relates to **service to be provided**

» These techniques are **usually consistent** with IFRS 17

Some techniques target **prudence** – there are **not** consistent with IFRS

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TRG Example

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- » An entity issues an **insurance contract on 1 July 2023**
- » The coverage period is **1 year** (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024)
- » The **premium charged is \$12 000**
- » Insurance acquisition cash flows of **\$1 800** are paid on 1 July 2023

Assumptions

- Insurance services are provided evenly over the coverage period
- No claims are incurred
- The insurance contract is accounted for as a group

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TRG Example

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Three scenarios for payment of premium:

- » Premium paid up front
- » Premium paid at beginning of coverage period
- » Premium paid at end of coverage period

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TRG Example Existing practice (premium paid upfront)

Reporting Date	01.07.23	31.03.24	30.06.24
Premium receivable	0	0	0
Unearned premium reserve	(12 000)	(3 000)	0
Deferred acquisition cost	1 800	450	0
Sum of insurance line items on balance sheet	(10 200)	(3 450)	0
Revenue for each period (change in UPR)	0	3 000	3 000

Annotations:

- All received on day 1 (pointing to 0 in Premium receivable at 01.07.23)
- No service provided (pointing to (12 000) in Unearned premium reserve at 01.07.23)
- 3 months elapsed (pointing to (3 000) in Unearned premium reserve at 31.03.24)
- Paid on day 1 (pointing to 1 800 in Deferred acquisition cost at 01.07.23)

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TRG Example IFRS 17 (premium paid upfront)

Reporting Date	01.07.23	30.09.23	31.12.23	31.03.24	30.06.24
Opening balance	0	0	(50)	(5 100)	(2 550)
Premium on initial recognition ¹	(12 000)				
Insurance acquisition cash flow ²	1 800				
Premiums received in period ³			0	0	0
Amortisation of acq. cash flow ⁴				(450)	(450)
Insurance revenue applying ⁵		0 000	0 000	3 000	3 000
Closing balance	(10 200)	(10 200)	(10 250)	(10 250)	0

Annotations:

- All received on day 1 (pointing to 0 in Opening balance at 30.09.23)
- Paid on day 1 (pointing to 1 800 in Insurance acquisition cash flow at 01.07.23)
- No service provided (pointing to (10 200) in Closing balance at 01.07.23)
- 3 months elapsed (pointing to (10 250) in Closing balance at 30.09.23)

¹ Paragraph IFRS 17.55(a)(i), ² Para 17.55(a)(ii), ³ Para 17.55(b)(i), ⁴ Para 17.55(b)(iii), ⁵ Para 17.55(b)(v) and 17.B126

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TRG Example Existing versus IFRS 17 (premium paid upfront)

Income statement	31.12.23		31.03.24	
	Existing	IFRS 17	Existing	IFRS 17
Revenue	3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000

Balance sheet				
Unearned premium reserve	(6 000)		(3 000)	
Deferred acquisition cost	900		450	
Insurance contract liability		(5 100)		(2 550)

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TRG Example Existing practice (premium paid monthly)

Reporting Date	01.07.23	30.09.23	31.12.23	31.03.24	30.06.24
Premium receivable	12 000	9 000	6 000	3 000	0
Unearned premium reserve	(12 000)	(9 000)	(6 000)	(3 000)	0
Deferred acquisition cost	1 800	1 350	900	450	0
Sum of insurance line items on balance sheet	1 800	1 350	900	450	0
Revenue for each period (change in UPR)		3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000

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TRG Example IFRS 17 (premium paid monthly)

Reporting Date	01.07.23	30.09.23	31.12.23	31.03.24	30.06.24
Opening balance	0	1 800	1 350	900	450
Premium on initial recognition ¹	0				
Insurance acquisition cash flow ²	1 800				
Premiums received in period ³		(3 000)	(3 000)	(3 000)	(3 000)
Amortisation of acq. cash flow ⁴		(450)	(450)	(450)	(450)
Insurance revenue applying ⁵		3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000
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Revenue	3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000

Balance sheet				
	31.12.23		31.03.24	
	Existing	IFRS 17	Existing	IFRS 17
Premium receivable	6 000		3 000	
Unearned premium reserve	(6 000)		(3 000)	
Deferred acquisition cost	900		450	
Insurance contract liability		900		450

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TRG Example

Existing practice (premium paid at end of period)

Reporting Date	01.07.23	30.09.23	31.12.23	31.03.24	30.06.24
Premium receivable	12 000	12 000	12 000	12 000	0
Unearned premium reserve	(12 000)	(9 000)	(6 000)	(3 000)	0
Deferred acquisition cost	1 800	1 350	900	450	0
Sum of insurance line items on balance sheet	1 800	4 350	6 900	9 450	0
Revenue for each period (change in UPR)		3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000

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TRG Example

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Premiums received in period ³		0	0	0	(12 000)
Amortisation of acq. cash flow ⁴		(450)	(450)	(450)	(450)
Insurance revenue applying ⁵		3 000	3 000	3 000	3 000
Closing balance	1 800	(4 350)	6 900	9 450	0

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Second example

Insurer writes two groups of vehicle insurance contracts:

- » Premium income of \$12 000, either
 - » Group 1: Paid in full in advance, or
 - » Group 2: Paid In 12 monthly payments of \$1 000 per month
- » Service will be **provided evenly** over 12 month period,
- » Expected claims for both groups is \$500 per month, paid on the last day of the month

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Simple Example *IFRS 17 annual premium*

» Annual premium in advance of \$12 000, claims of \$500 end 1st month

		Debit	Credit
Day 1	Cash	12 000	
	Insurance liability		12 000
End of Month 1	Insurance liability	1 000	
	Revenue allocation month 1		1 000
	Insurance liability	500	
	Cash claims month 1		500
	Claims expense allocation	500	
	Insurance liability		500

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Simple Example

UPE annual premium

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	Insurance liability	500	
	Cash claims month 1		500
	Claims expense allocation	500	
	Insurance liability		500

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Example

UPR vs IFRS 17 presentation

» Annual premium in advance of \$12 000, claims of \$500 end 1st month

Income Statement – for month 1	UPR	PAA
Premium/Revenue	-12 000	-1 000
Transfer to UPR	11 000	-
Less claims	500	500
Profit or loss	-500	-500

Balance sheet – end month 1	UPR	PAA
Cash	11 500	11 500
Insurance liability	-11 000	-11 000
Retained income	-500	-500

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Simple Example IFRS 17 monthly premium

» Monthly premium in advance of \$1 000, claims of \$500 end 1st month

		Debit	Credit
Day 1	Cash	1 000	
	Insurance liability		1 000
End of Month 1	Insurance liability	1 000	
	Revenue allocation month 1		1 000
	Insurance liability	500	
	Cash claims month 1		500
	Claims expense allocation	500	
	Insurance liability		500

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Example UPE Method

» Monthly premium in advance of \$1 000, claims of \$500 end 1st month

		Debit	Credit
Day 1	Cash	1 000	
	Premium receivable	11 000	
	Insurance liability		12 000
End of Month 1	Insurance liability	1 000	
	Revenue allocation month 1		1 000
	Insurance liability	500	
	Cash claims month 1		500
	Etc.....		

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Example UPR vs IFRS 17 presentation

» Monthly premium in advance of \$1 000, claims of \$500 end 1st month

Income Statement – for month 1 Br 'thousands	UPR	PAA
Premium receivable/Revenue	-12 000	-1 000
Transfer to UPR	11 000	-
Less claims	500	500
Profit or loss	-500	-500

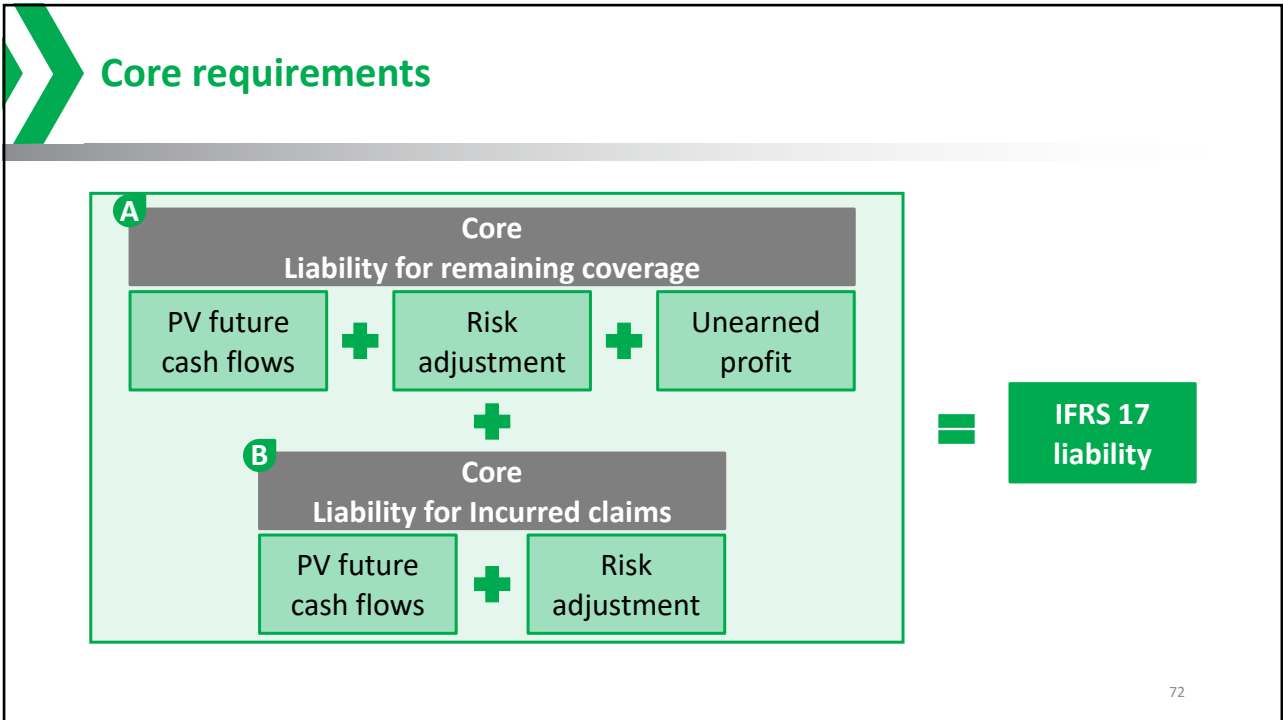
Balance sheet – end month 1 Br 'thousands	UPR	PAA
Cash	500	500
Premium receivable	11 000	-
insurance liability	-11 000	-
Retained income	-500	-500

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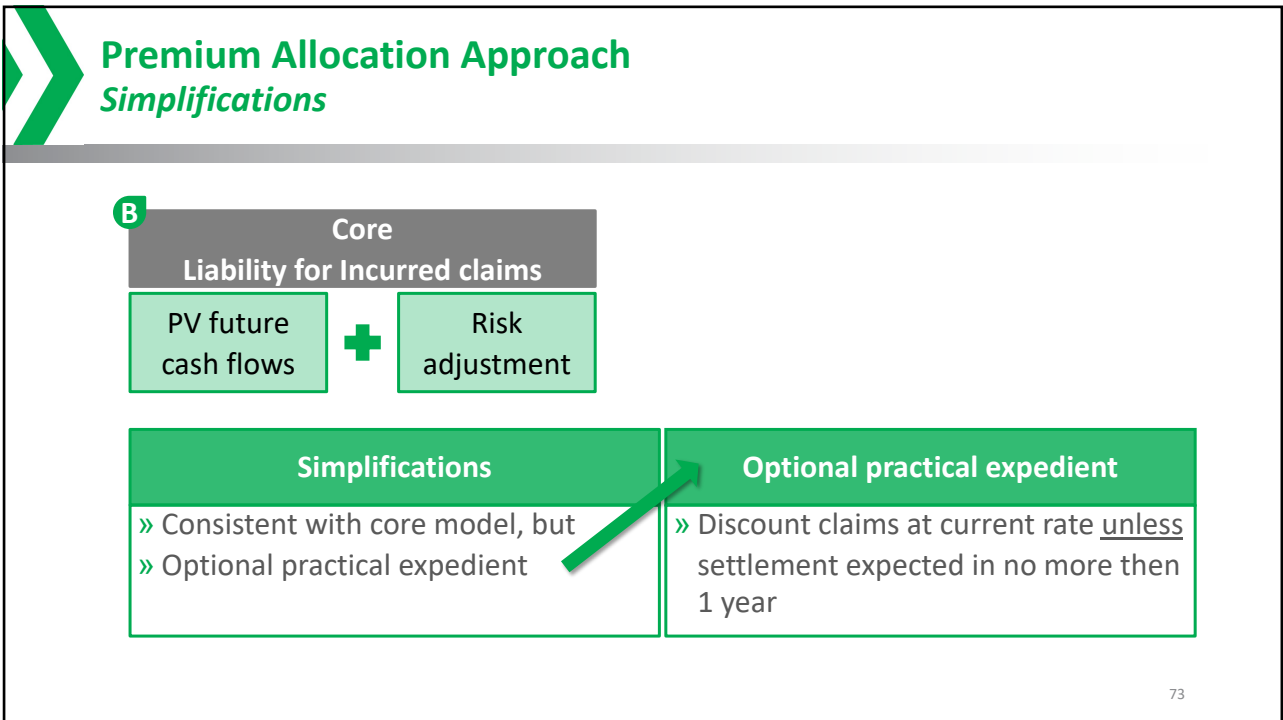


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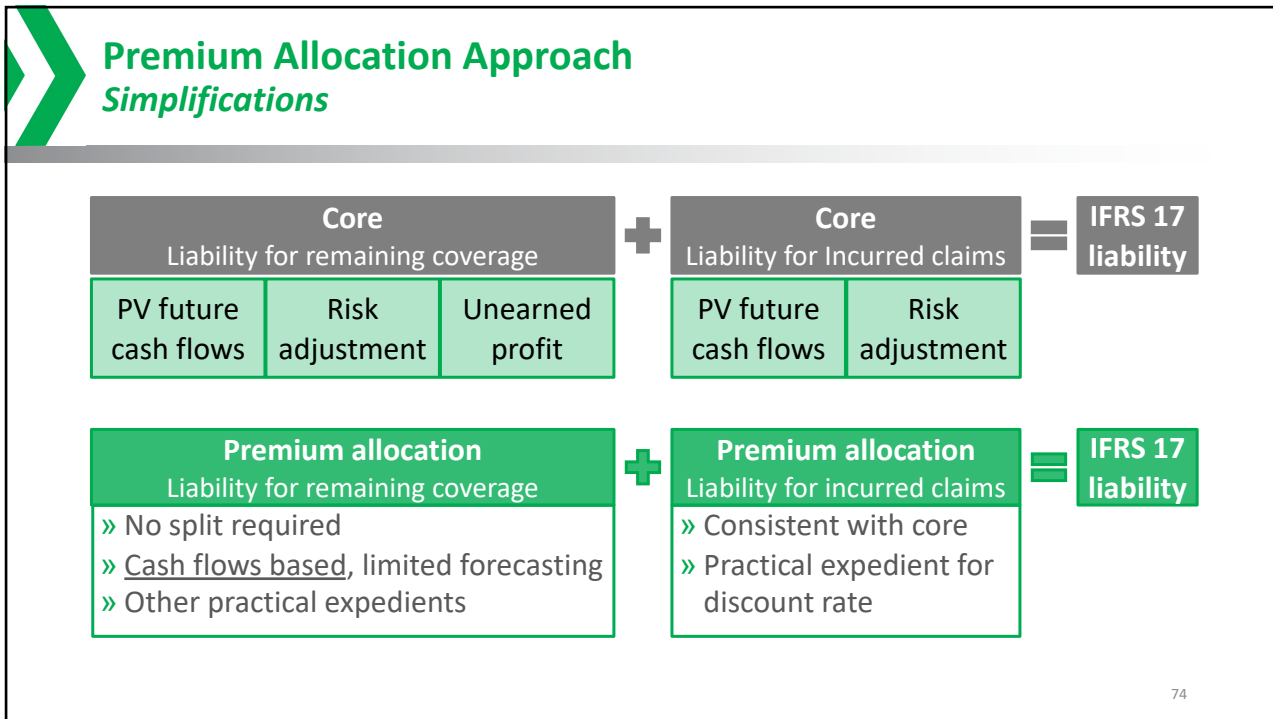
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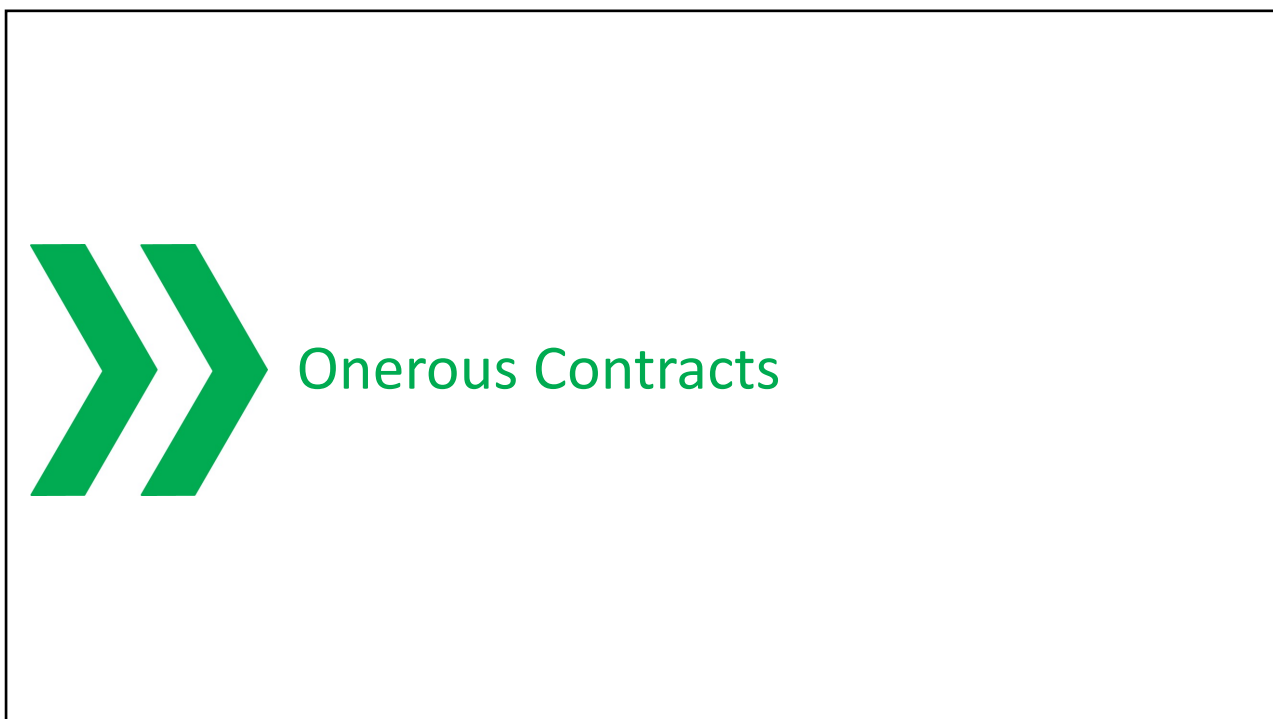
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Onerous contracts

Recognition

- » *If at any time during the coverage period, facts and circumstances indicate that a group of insurance contracts is onerous, an entity shall calculate the difference between:*
 - » The carrying amount determined above and
 - » The fulfilment cash flows calculated applying the core model (ignoring discounting if that is what the entity has elected)
- » Determined:
 - » **Only if** facts and circumstances indicate (don't have to test otherwise)
 - » At a group level
 - » At initial inception or subsequently

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Loss component

- » If a PAA contract is initially or subsequently onerous, entity recognises the expected loss in profit or loss immediately (*loss component*)
- » General requirements of IFRS 17 require establishing, tracking and running-off of a 'loss component'
 - » Loss component is 'amortised' over the life of the contract until it is zero (it must be zero at the end of the contract)
 - » The standard does not specify the pattern for the pattern of recognition.

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Onerous contract example Example

- » Addis issues a 2 year vehicle insurance contract:
 - » Premium in advance of \$24 000,
 - » Expected claims year 1 & year 2 \$12 500,
 - » For simplicity
 - » Interest is zero,
 - » risk margin is zero,

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- » 2 year contract, premium \$24 000, expected claims yr 1 & 2 \$12 500, interest is zero, risk margin is zero, what is the expected loss?

	Cash flow	Present value
Cash inflow (premium)	24 000	
Immediate		24 000
Cash out flow (claims)	-25 000	
Interest rate is zero		-25 000
Risk margin (zero)		0
Expect loss		-1 000

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Example

- » 2 year contract,
- » Immediate premium of \$1 000,
- » Expected claims of \$550 in year 1 and \$550 year 2

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2 yr contract, premium \$1 000, expected claims yr 1 \$550 and yr 2 \$550

Balance sheet	Inception	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Ref
Insurance liability OB	-	-100	-1 100	-600	
Premium received	-	-1 000	-	-	17.55(a)
Revenue recognised	-	-	500	500	17.55(b)
Loss component	-100	-	50	50	17.58
Closing balance	-100	-1 100	-550	-	
Revenue	-	-	-500	-500	
Claims	-	-	550	550	
Loss component	100	-	-50	-50	
Underwriting loss	100	-	-	-	

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