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#### § 901.0 Scope.

This part contains rules governing the performance of actuarial services under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, hereinafter also referred to as ERISA. Subpart A of this part sets forth definitions and eligibility to perform actuarial services; subpart B of this part sets forth rules

governing the enrollment of actuaries; subpart C of this part sets forth standards of performance to which enrolled actuaries must adhere; subpart D sets forth rules applicable to suspension and termination of enrollment; and subpart E of this part sets forth general provisions.

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### Subpart A—Definitions and Eligibility To Perform Actuarial Services

#### § 901.1 Definitions.

As used in this part, the term:

(a) *Actuarial experience* means the performance of, or the direct supervision of, services involving the application of principles of probability and compound interest to determine the present value of payments to be made upon the fulfillment of certain specified conditions or the occurrence of certain specified events.

(b) *Responsible actuarial experience* means actuarial experience:

(1) Involving participation in making determinations that the methods and assumptions adopted in the procedures followed in actuarial services are appropriate in the light of all pertinent circumstances, and

(2) Demonstrating a thorough understanding of the principles and alternatives involved in such actuarial services.

(c) *Month of responsible actuarial experience* means a month during which the actuary spent a substantial amount of time in responsible actuarial experience.

(d) *Responsible pension actuarial experience* means responsible actuarial experience involving valuations of the liabilities of pension plans, wherein the performance of such valuations requires the application of principles of life contingencies and compound interest in the determination, under one or more standard actuarial cost methods, of such of the following as may be appropriate in the particular case:

- (1) Normal cost.
- (2) Accrued liability.