

LICENSING/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A SEGREGATED CELL COMPANY UNDER SECTION 356 OF THE COMPANIES ACT

The Process

Under section 6 of the Financial Services Commission Act, no person shall operate any insurance business without first applying to the Commission to be registered or obtain a licence.

Step 1.

To become registered or obtain a licence, you will need to complete the application form that is applicable to your type of business. The application form can be completed on line, or delivered to the Financial Services Commission.

Step 2.

On receipt, your application form is assessed, along with the supporting documents. If necessary, we will ask for clarification of any issues. If the application is successful, you will be notified in writing, or where appropriate granted permission to incorporate the company.

Step 3.

If the application is unsuccessful, you will be informed in writing, and notified of your right to a review of the decision to refuse your application, as provided under section 177 of the Insurance Act Cap 310.

A Segregated Cell Company (SCC) can be established as an exempt insurance or a qualifying insurance company, under Section 356 of the Companies Act of Barbados. The requirements for establishing a segregated cell company are as follows:

- The submission of a completed application form (**Form A** – Application for a license to engage in exempt insurance business); or (**Form A1** – Application for registration by an insurance company)
- The inclusion of “SCC” following the name of the company
- A detailed business plan which includes financial projections - three years for general insurance and five years for long term insurance. Please note that the business plan must be amended when a new cell is added
- A participation agreement
- Three copies of the company’s draft articles of incorporation
- A list of directors indicating for each director the full name, permanent address, country of birth, nationality, date of birth, business experience and other directorships
- The submission of character references on the behalf shareholders, directors and officers
- A letter of acceptance of responsibility by a person resident in Barbados on whom documents may be served
- The name and address of any actuary appointed by the company
- An exempt management company, unless the captive insurance company will be self-managed
- An auditor’s certificate with respect to paid-up capital or contributed reserves
- A certified copy of the balance sheet

In order to ensure the **efficient processing** of applications, it is recommended that an accountant or attorney-at-law in Barbados is appointed to prepare the application for submission to the Financial Services Commission.

The application and license fees are set out in the **Fee schedule**.