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Actuarial life cycle Principles-based reserving frameworks raise the bar on assumptions, models and analytics



The Valuation Actuary has a greater opportunity to influence business strategy through close collaboration with other functions, effective communication of the drivers of reserves and by redefining the skills, tools and structure of the actuarial function



Audience poll | Question 1 When do you plan to discuss your principles-based reserving assumption-setting process with your regulator?





Audience poll | Question 2 Under PBR, if you cede on a 100% coinsurance basis, is your net statutory reserve always \$0?





Audience poll | Question 3 Now that VM-31 provides specific guidance, should the valuation actuary only provide what is required?





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- Heather Gordon is an actuary with AIG Life & Retirement located in Houston, TX.
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