



**FSRC:**  
**GLOBAL  
LEADER**  
in **Insurance Security  
& Regulatory Strength**





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*Globally recognized standards aligned with the EU, the UK and the USA*

The Caribbean has long been recognized as a premier hub for international insurance and financial services, offering a stable and secure environment for insurance companies seeking to expand their global footprint. Major household names in the insurance world, such as **AIG, AXA, Allianz, MetLife, Zurich Insurance Group, and Chubb**, have chosen the Caribbean for their regional licensing. Their presence speaks volumes about the region's regulatory standards, which offer the same level of safety and security found in leading financial centers worldwide.

With close to **\$50 Billion** in written insurance premiums annually, the Caribbean's regulatory frameworks, such as those in Nevis & St Kitts, are designed to meet the highest international standards, ensuring compliance and transparency. Companies like **Regency Assurance** have trusted the region's well-established legal and financial systems to support their operations, particularly in complex areas like international insurance solutions.

These global leaders have selected the Caribbean for its strategic advantages: a robust regulatory environment, political stability, and strong protections for policyholders and shareholders alike. By following in the footsteps of these industry giants, new entrants can take advantage of the Caribbean's secure, tax-efficient jurisdictions, knowing they are in good company among the world's most trusted brands. The Caribbean isn't just an idyllic location - it's a safe, regulated base for ambitious, internationally focused insurance businesses.

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*Rigorous regulatory  
framework, supported  
by strong margins of  
solvency requirements*”



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## REGENCY ASSURANCE; LONG-TERM LICENSED INSURANCE COMPANY

Regency Assurance is a **fully long-term licensed insurance company**, regulated by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC) in Nevis. This long-term license signifies that Regency Assurance meets stringent regulatory standards for financial stability, solvency, and operational transparency. As a long-term insurer, Regency Assurance is required to maintain **substantial reserves** and demonstrate its ability to fulfill obligations to policyholders over extended periods, even in the face of adverse financial conditions. The FSRC ensures that the company adheres to international best practices, conducts regular financial reporting, and undergoes rigorous stress testing to maintain the solvency margin, further strengthening its commitment to policyholder security and trust.

In addition to its regulatory oversight, Regency Assurance's long-term license comes with elevated requirements compared to general insurance licenses. A long-term license imposes more **stringent financial and operational standards**, including higher solvency margins and greater capital reserves. This ensures that the company is well-positioned to meet long-term commitments to policyholders, offering more security and stability. Regency Assurance operates across a broad range of lines of business, including life insurance, health insurance, and fixed interest savings plans, all designed to provide comprehensive, long-term protection and financial solutions for expatriates and global clients. This elevated license ensures that Regency can provide sustained coverage and **financial security over extended periods**, distinguishing it from general insurers.

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## GLOBAL STANDARD

The regulatory framework in Nevis, governed by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC), ensures that long-term licensed insurance companies operate within a structured, reliable, and globally recognized system. Nevis's regulatory approach is designed to protect policyholders, maintain market stability, and meet **international standards**, making it comparable to major financial hubs like the UK, Europe, and the US.

## RIGOROUS REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

At the core of Nevis's regulatory approach is its rigorous regulatory framework, which is designed to ensure the **stability and integrity** of its insurance sector. The FSRC enforces strict compliance measures, including comprehensive financial reporting, governance assessments, and regular audits. This framework is comparable to regulatory systems in the UK, overseen by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), and the US, regulated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The FSRC regularly evaluates the qualifications of insurance company executives through fit-and-proper assessments, ensuring that only experienced and competent individuals are responsible for managing the companies.

## MARGINS OF SOLVENCY REQUIREMENTS

Aligned with the Solvency II directive in Europe and the NAIC's standards in the US, Nevis enforces strict margins of solvency. This ensures that insurance companies maintain a safe buffer between assets and liabilities, providing a layer of security for policyholders. The margin is calculated as a percentage of net premiums or claims liabilities, ensuring companies remain solvent even under adverse market conditions.

For long-term insurers, the solvency margin is determined based on the company's risk exposure and profile. This ensures that each insurer in Nevis maintains the necessary **financial resilience** to withstand unexpected financial pressures.

## REPORTING AND MONITORING

The FSRC requires insurance companies to submit quarterly and annual financial reports, which include detailed breakdowns of their solvency margins, reserves, and asset-liability matching practices. These reports allow the FSRC to ensure that insurers are **consistently maintaining their required solvency levels** throughout the year.



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In addition to regular reporting, the FSRC mandates stress testing to evaluate the ability of insurers to handle hypothetical adverse market conditions, such as increased claims or economic downturns. These tests are crucial for maintaining financial stability, mirroring the practices seen in the UK's Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the NAIC in the US.



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## CONSUMER PROTECTION AND POLICYHOLDER SECURITY

The FSRC places significant emphasis on consumer protection by ensuring that insurers maintain sufficient claims reserves to meet their obligations to policyholders. This system of reserves provides a **financial safety** net for policyholders, guaranteeing that claims are paid even in difficult financial times. Similar to European and US regulatory approaches, Nevis ensures that companies are financially sound and transparent in their operations, offering peace of mind to policyholders.

## ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

The FSRC adheres to international best practices by aligning its regulations with the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) guidelines. This ensures that Nevis's insurance sector meets **globally recognized standards** for transparency, solvency, and financial integrity. By adopting international standards, Nevis solidifies its position as a reputable jurisdiction for long-term licensed insurance companies, comparable to financial centers in the UK, Europe, and the US.

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## CONCLUSION

Nevis' rigorous regulatory framework, supported by strong margins of solvency requirements, comprehensive reporting and monitoring, and a commitment to consumer protection, ensures that the jurisdiction operates on par with global financial centers. The adoption of international standards by the FSRC further enhances the credibility of Nevis as a secure and trustworthy hub for long-term licensed insurance companies, making it an attractive choice for insurers and policyholders alike.



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