



SOMPO INTERNATIONAL

Commercial Surety Underwriter Trainee

Sompo International is the trade name for the global specialty property and casualty insurance and reinsurance operations of Sompo Holdings, Inc. ("Sompo"), established in March 2017 as the result of Sompo's acquisition of Sompo International Specialty Holdings Ltd.

Sompo is a financial services holding company organized under the laws of Japan whose shares are listed and posted for trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Sompo, through various operating subsidiaries, is one of the top three insurers in Japan and is engaged in the provision of insurance services as well as other related services through its global network of businesses operating in 32 countries around the world.

Sompo International is the international operation of Sompo and, through its operating subsidiaries, writes agriculture, casualty and other specialty, professional lines, property, marine/energy and aviation lines of insurance and catastrophe, property, casualty, professional lines, and specialty lines of reinsurance.

One of the 10 largest surety companies in the U.S. marketplace, Sompo International utilizes a nationwide network of independent agents and brokers and our surety products are available in 50 states, Washington D.C., Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. We offer a full suite of surety products which we will continue to expand upon and offer the financial strength of a Group rating of A+ (Superior) from A.M. Best (XV size category) and U.S. Treasury listed carrier with a US Treasury combined underwriting limitation over \$175 Million.

As a leading global provider of insurance and reinsurance, we recognize that our success is derived directly from those whose contributions matter most: our people. Sompo International's headquarters is in Bermuda and we currently have offices in the United States, the United Kingdom, Continental Europe, and Asia. A shared commitment to integrity, accountability, collaboration, and agility define our culture, and we strive to create exceptional value for our clients and shareholders and maintain Sompo International as a desirable place to work.

The **Sompo International Underwriter Development Program (UDP)** is an **18-24 month** training program designed to give participants the business and technical skills they need to build a successful career in surety underwriting. **Underwriter Trainees work** alongside the most experienced underwriters in the industry to gain in-depth knowledge of our business units and underwriting philosophy. Through on-the-job learning, workplace mentoring and directed self-study, this program prepares trainees to earn underwriting authority at Sompo International.

UDP participants work directly on their accounts, building relationships with agents and brokers and identifying customers' needs. This rigorous curriculum also includes training in credit analysis, sales and marketing, negotiation, and risk analysis.

Sompo International's UDP is a foundation for career advancement at Sompo International and can lead to managing a business territory or overseeing staff or processes.

We are seeking an **Underwriter Trainee for our US Commercial Surety team in Houston, TX.**

What can I expect as an Underwriter Trainee?

- **ON-THE-JOB LEARNING**

Surety underwriting requires a high degree of experience and expertise – something you can't learn in the classroom. Sompo International underwriter trainees are immersed in the day-to-day activities of underwriting new business and renewal accounts. They are given a rare opportunity to work alongside experts in the field to review submissions, analyze risks and expand their overall knowledge.



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- **DIRECTED SELF-STUDY**

Professional designation courses give new underwriters technical knowledge of surety operations and industry practices. Sompo International supports employees pursuing continuing education opportunities by covering the cost for fees and textbooks, offering time off work to take exams, and providing additional compensation for successful completion of many courses.

- **CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

At Sompo International, we are committed to developing our people. We encourage employees to strengthen their skills and expand their understanding of the business. Sompo International underwriter trainees receive professional development training on topics such as communication/negotiation, self-awareness and sales and marketing to help them build successful careers.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

Sompo International underwriters are some of the best and brightest in the industry. When recruiting the next generation of underwriters, we consider recent college graduates or college graduates with experience in credit and financial services.

Additional requirements include:

- Solid understanding of financial statements
- Critical thinking ability & analytical skills
- Strong written & oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and collaborate with others
- Integrity and reliability
- Technical accuracy and highly proficient with MS Word, Excel, Outlook

Required Education:

Four-year degree desired, preferably in finance or accounting.

Sompo International offers a competitive compensation and benefits package commensurate with experience. For consideration; please e-mail your resume to: bkohlmeier@sompo-intl.com

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