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About this Publication:

Modern Insurance Law in South Africa explains the basic principles of insurance law in plain language, given the complicated legal framework within which insurance operates. The statutory framework for insurance law consists of three Acts: the Long-term Insurance Act 52 of 1998, the Short-term Insurance Act 53 of 1998, and the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002. While the former two Acts regulate insurers and insurance products, the latter Act regulates intermediaries and advisors for financial products, of which insurance is an important part. An added complication is that many aspects of insurance are still regulated by common law. Modern Insurance Law will assist students and practitioners alike in navigating this terrain. The publication is also an excellent resource for intermediaries and representatives who have to prepare for their regulatory examinations.

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