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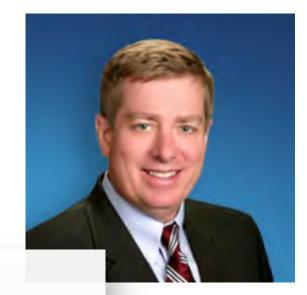
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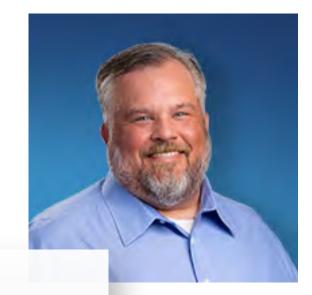


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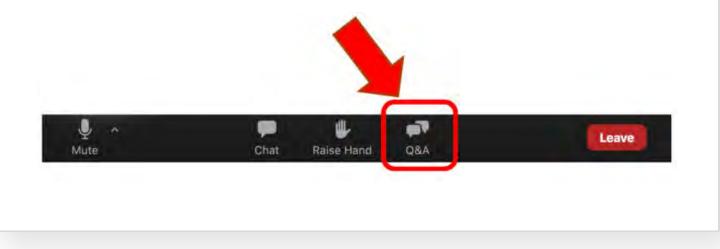


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What is a **DOWC?**

- A DOWC is a Dealer Owned Warranty Company
- Not a reinsurance company, which dealer may also own
- It's directly obligated to perform under the service contract sold
- It's registered as service contract provider in all states in which it will do business and must comply with state licensure/registration laws

- Program is typically administered by a third party administrator (TPA)
- Program can include VSC, TW, PPM, and other non-insurance products capable of being issued by a service contract provider
- Products are typically insured via a failure to perform or excess of loss insurance policy provided by highly rated third-party insurer (not first dollar insurance)

- Minimum capital may be higher than other DOR and NCFC reinsurance programs (typically \$10,000 to \$500,000 – FL 634 company)
- Formation costs are less than reinsurance, but state registration fees run between \$500 to \$1,500 per state

Streamlined States

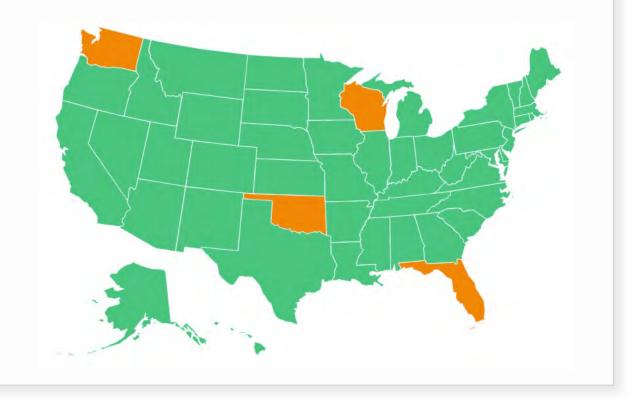
Majority of states, but still must:

30 - 90 DAYS

Time frame generally needed to get regulatory approval



- Apply for licensure/registration
- Arrange for solvency, but no net worth
- File and gain form approval
- Ongoing obligations



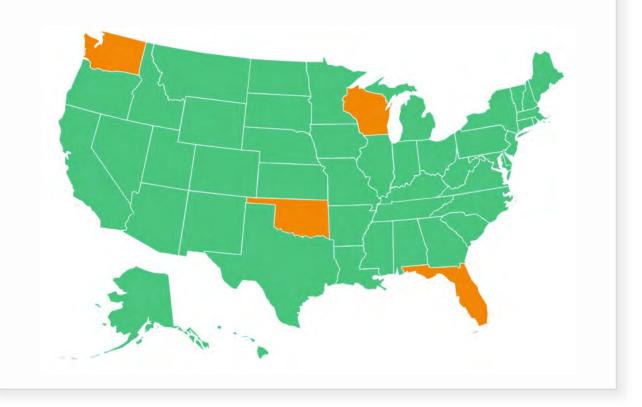
Tough States

Florida, Oklahoma, Washington, Wisconsin can require:



- Net worth
- Fingerprints, etc.
- And can take much longer than 90 days to get licensure approval

90+ DAYS Time frame generally needed to get regulatory approval



Program Agreements

Administration/ Management Agreement

between TPA/program administrator and DOWC to provide administrative services for the program (premium processing, claims adjudication, reporting, etc.)

Contractual Liability Insurance Policy (CLIP)

between DOWC and primary insurer (typically a failure to perform agreement)

Dealer/Producer Agreement

between DOWC and all producing dealerships (program administrator may also be a party to this agreement) to sell DOWC contracts

Trust Account

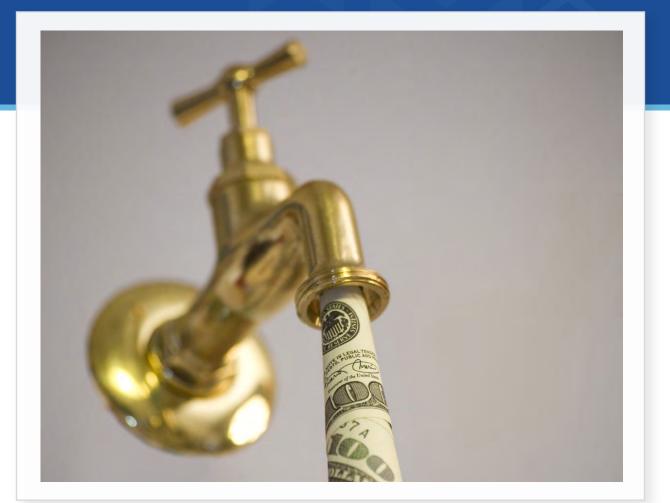
- DOWC program also has trust account FBO CLIP Insurer
- Amount required is typically limited to expected claims and refunds (less than 100%) since insurance is not first dollar (i.e. excess of loss/failure to perform CLIP)



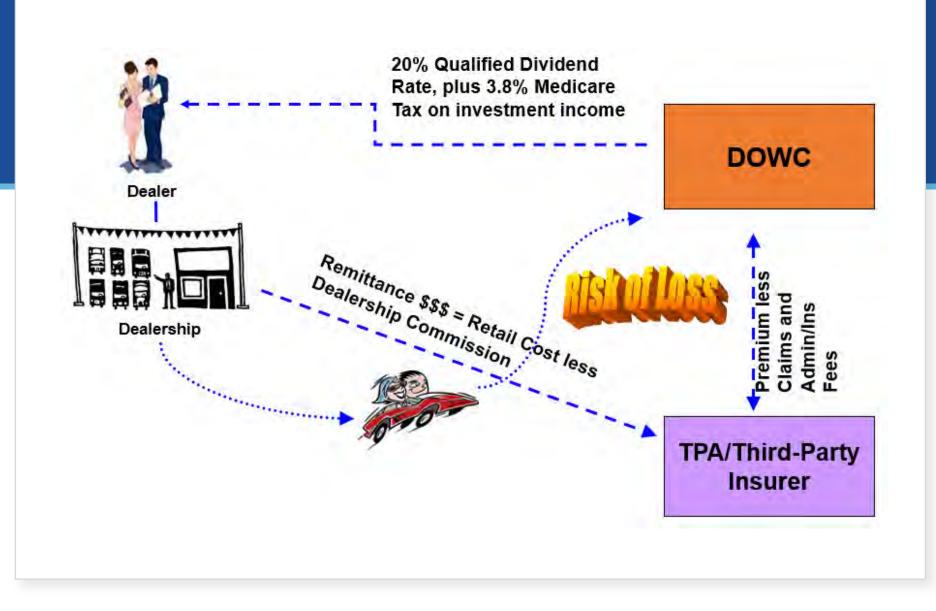
Cash Flow

DOWC programs vary, and they can either:

- Split monthly dealership remittance between Administrator and DOWC (administrator bills for administrative fees, CLIP fee, and claims, with net remittance going into DOWC trust)
- Or handle it similarly to DOR program (administrator receives net remittance and distributes net amount to DOWC trust)



Cash Flow



DOWC Taxation

Income Tax Filing

Company files both State and Federal income tax returns (no premium tax is paid)

Federal Taxation

Federal taxation as a P&C insurance company (TAM 9601001, plus more than 30 PLRs issued subsequent to 1996)

State Taxation

State taxation varies, but most states start with Federal taxable income and adjust for various items (CA does not)

Retail Cost Accounting

Most DOWCs utilize retail cost accounting, which recognizes the retail cost of VSC as premium and expenses dealer commission and administrative fees up front, which generates a large tax loss for first 7 or more years of program

IRC Section 831(b) Election

Company typically does not make IRC Section 831(b) election until it is placed into runoff status (assuming new program is not part of controlled group with runoff DOWC)

Advantages

- High potential for additional profit
- Risk limited to initial capital
- DOWC typically pays no tax in first 5 to 10 years of program due to net operating loss generated by the use of retail cost accounting
- Dealer controls funds, although back-end insurance may require some funds be invested in trust (i.e. expected claims and refunds)
- Potential for deferral of taxation to shareholder
- Potential for preferred shareholder taxation
- No exposure to Forms 8886 or 8938
- Possible access to unearned cash (loan against portion of unearned premium reserve not required to be held in trust)
- Potential for greater investment income earnings due to less restrictive investment limitations of trust

Disadvantages

- Program requires a significant amount of dealer involvement
 compared to reinsurance program
- Program may require higher initial capital required and at risk (up to \$500,000 for a 634 company in FL) than reinsurance
- Company is subject to state income tax
- Program is limited to non-insurance products (no ability to add insurance products like GAP that require reinsurance)
- Limited lifespan of program
- Potential negative tax status once initial tax loss is exhausted
- Uncertain exit strategy
- Program may have hidden costs if dealer decides to change administrators

Considerations

Existing Reinsurance/Insurance programs:

- Does dealer/dealer group have existing reinsurance structure(s)?
- Will new DOWC be part of a controlled group with other insurance/reinsurance programs?
- What impact will new DOWC have on other existing reinsurance/insurance programs?

How committed is dealer to new DOWC program?

- No recapture available if dealer wants to exit the program
- Runoff scenario will last until the last policy earns out



DOWC Program is ideal for large dealers that want the control of a DOR reinsurance program but do not meet criteria to qualify as small P&C company for tax purposes Exit plan should be considered prior to entering into the program New ownership / participation and all controlled group issues should be considered Existing reinsurance program should be considered to make sure DOWC program does not create unintended tax consequences



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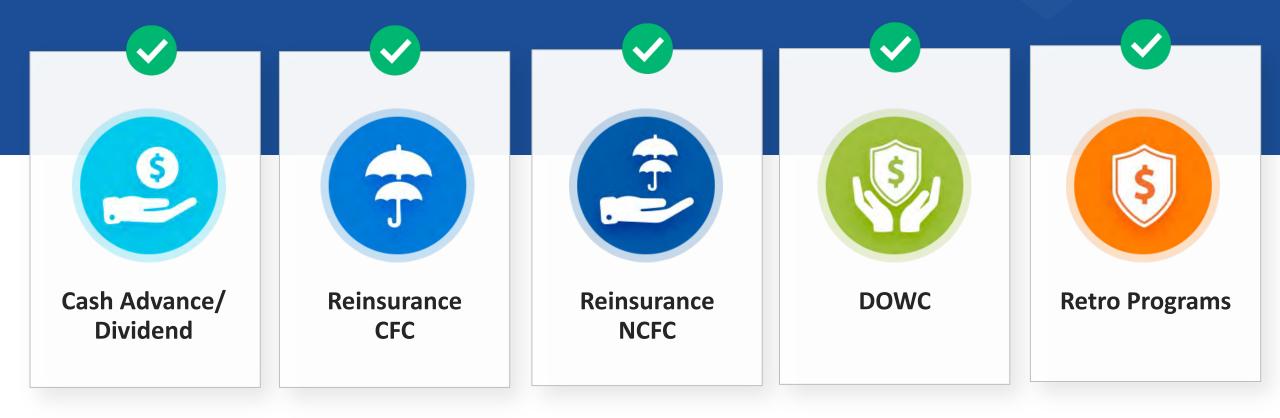
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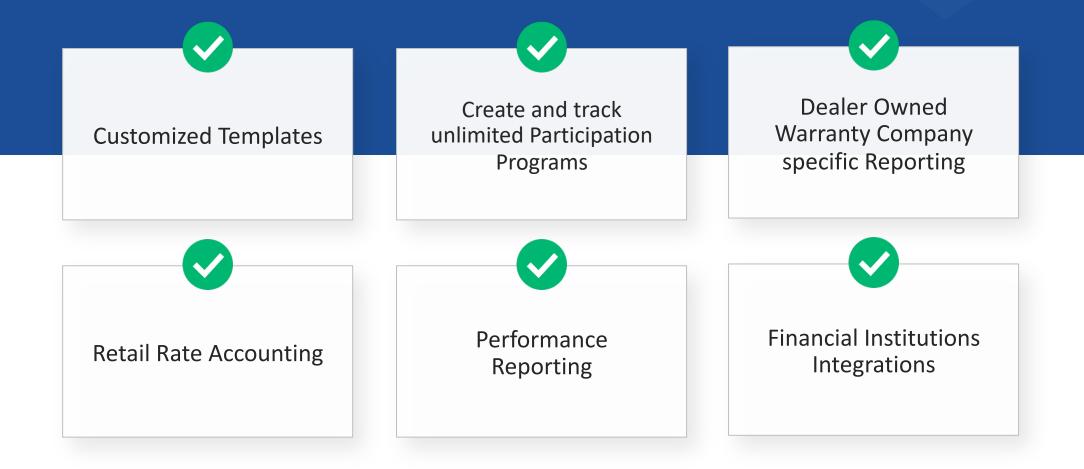
Dealer Participation

- Supports individual dealer and the dealer group
- DOWC, Retro, Dividend Programs, and CFC/NCFC Reinsurance
- Access to timely financial reporting
- Can quote a share across different types
- Flexibility to run multiple programs even within the same group

Participation Programs

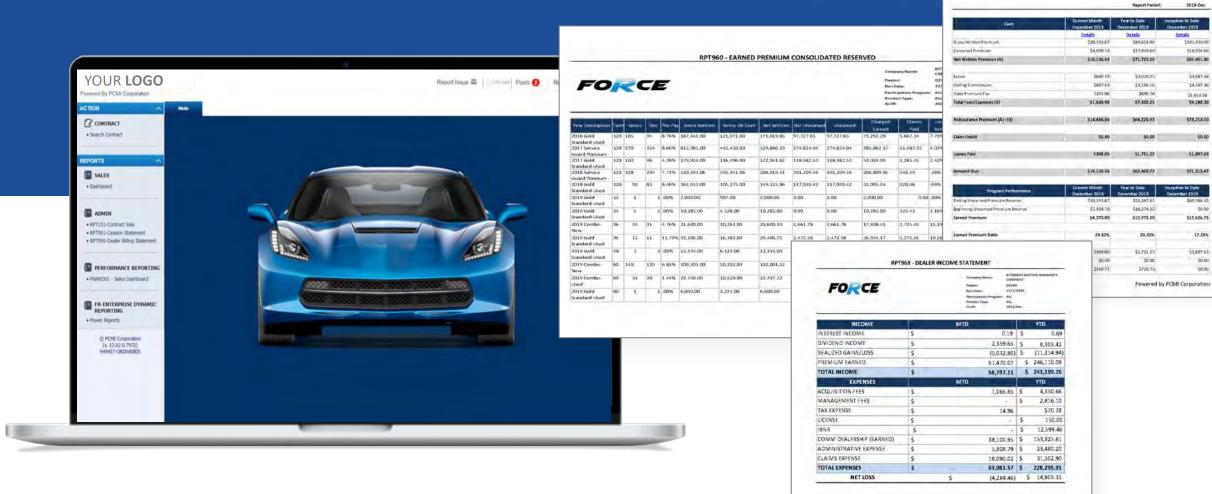


PCRS – Dealer Participation Programs



Dealer Portal

A dealer can login to the online portal and view the reports and statements at any time



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Performance Reporting



- Dashboards and reporting functionality support risk reduction
- Parameter driven reports cover key risk areas that impact profitability
- Allows users to evaluate their entire portfolio
- Users can see reporting on the Participation Programs

Quick Launch

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