

## ACCOUNTANTS PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY PROPOSAL FORM

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THIS PROPOSAL

When completing the proposal you are obliged to report and provide full details of all circumstances of which you are aware and which a reasonable person in your position would consider may give rise to a claim.

It is important that you make proper disclosure (see Duty of Disclosure, below) so that your cover under any new policy with us is not compromised. Pursuant to the Insurance Contracts Act your duty to disclose all relevant information is set out below.

#### A. Your Duty of Disclosure

Before you enter into an insurance contract, you have a duty to tell us anything that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know that may affect our decision to insure you and on what terms.

You have this duty until we agree to insure you.

You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate an insurance contract.

You do not need to tell us anything that:

- reduces the risk we insure you for; or
- is common knowledge; or
- we know or should know as an insurer; or
- we waive your duty to tell us about.

#### If you do not tell us something

If you do not tell us anything you are required to, we may cancel your contract or reduce the amount we will pay you if you make a claim, or both.

If your failure to tell us is fraudulent, we may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

#### B. Claims Made and Notified Policy

This proposal form is for Professional Indemnity Insurance on a “Claims made and Notified” basis. This means that the policy covers you for claims made against you and notified to the insurer during the period of cover. It does not provide cover for:

- claims arising from an event which occurred before the policy’s “retroactive date” where such a date is specified in the schedule;
- claims made after the period of cover expires (even where the event giving rise to the claim occurred during the period of cover);
- claims made, threatened or intimated before the period of cover commenced;
- claims arising from facts or circumstances of which you first became aware before commencement of the policy and which you knew or ought reasonably to have known, had the potential to give rise to a claim under the policy or any previous policy;
- claims arising from circumstances noted on the proposal form or any previous proposal form.

By operation of section 40(3) of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth), where the insured gives notice in writing to the insurer of facts that might give rise to a claim against the insured as soon as reasonably practicable after the insured became aware of those facts but before the insurance cover provided by the contract expired, the insurer is not relieved of liability under the contract in respect of the claim, when made, by reason only that it was made after the expiration of the period of insurance cover provided by the contract.

### C. Subrogation Agreements

Where another person would be liable to compensate you for any loss or damage otherwise covered by the insurance, but you have agreed with that person either before or after the loss or damage occurred that you would not seek to recover any monies from that person, the Insurer will not cover you under the insurance for such loss or damage.

### D. Privacy Statement

Berkley Insurance Australia handles your personal information in a responsible manner and in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

#### Consent

By requesting us to provide you with insurance and insurance related services, you consent to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information you have provided to us for the purposes set out in our Privacy Policy.

#### How we collect your personal information

Generally we collect personal information from you or your agents. Personal information may also be collected by us from our agents and service providers; other insurers and insurance reference bureaus; third parties who may claim under your policies; service providers who assist us in investigating, processing and settling claims; third parties who may be arranging cover for a group that you are part of; statutory, regulatory and law enforcement bodies and from publicly available sources.

#### Why we collect personal information

The personal information we collect enables us to provide our products and services. This may include processing and settling claims; offering products and services that may be of interest to you and conducting market research for products and services that may be relevant to you.

You can choose not to receive product or service offering from us by calling (02) 92758500 Eastern Standard Time 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday inclusive. For further information, you can access our Privacy Policy at [www.berkleyinaus.com.au](http://www.berkleyinaus.com.au)

#### Who we disclose your personal information to

Your personal information may be disclosed to other parties with whom we have business arrangements for purposes set out in the paragraph above. These parties may include insurers, intermediaries, reinsurers, related companies, our advisers and parties involved in claims assessment, processing, investigation and settlement. Where required by law, we may also disclose information to government, law enforcement, dispute resolution and statutory or regulatory bodies.

#### Personal information about others

Where you provide personal information about others, you represent to us that you have made them aware that you will do so, the types of third parties we may disclose it to together with the purposes we and our third parties use it for, how they can access such information and how complaints can be made

Where you provide sensitive information about others, you represent to us that you have obtained their consent. If you have not, and will not do so, you must tell us before you provide the sensitive information.

### Overseas Disclosure

Your personal information may be disclosed to other companies in the Berkley group, reinsurers and service providers that may be located in Australia and overseas. The countries this information may be disclosed may vary from time to time but may include the United States of America and other countries where the Berkley group has a presence.

Any information disclosed may only be used for the purposes detailed above.

### Accessing your personal information and dealing with complaints

You may request access to the personal information we hold about you by calling us at any time.

Our Privacy Policy details how you can make a complaint about a breach of the privacy principles as set out in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and our complaints process.

Our Privacy Policy is available at [www.berkleyinaus.com.au](http://www.berkleyinaus.com.au)

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## SECTION 1 – GENERAL DETAILS

1. Please provide the following details:

Name of proposer(s) to be covered	ABN	Date established

2. Main address of the proposer and any other addresses:

Principal address:

Other addresses:

Email address:

Website address:

3. Individual, partner, principal, director, consultants details:

Name	Age	Qualifications	Date(s) Qualified	Length of Service	
				This practice	Previous practice

Please attach CV where the proposer has been established less than 3 years and/or where any individual has no relevant qualifications.

4. Number of employees split between the following:

Principals/Directors 
 Qualified Staff 
 Administrative 
 Other (specify) 
 Total

5. During the past 6 years has the proposer's name been changed, has any other business been purchased and/or has any merger or consolidation taken place?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

## SECTION 2 – THE BUSINESS: WORK UNDERTAKEN

1. Please state the percentage of the Insured's fee income for the last 12 months and the next 12 months that was derived from the following type of work:

Type of work	% last 12 months	% next 12 months	Tick if the insured has done this type of work in the past
Accounts Preparation/Book Keeping			<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit of not for profit organisations			<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit of self-managed superannuation funds			<input type="checkbox"/>
Management Accounting			<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation GST/BAS			<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation for Individuals			<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation for companies with revenue under \$2 million			<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation for companies with revenue over \$2 million			<input type="checkbox"/>
Management Consulting			<input type="checkbox"/>
Forensic Accounting			<input type="checkbox"/>
Computer Consulting			<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit of private companies			<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit of public companies			<input type="checkbox"/>
Audit of Financial Institutions			<input type="checkbox"/>
Insolvency, receivership and liquidation			<input type="checkbox"/>
Mergers & Acquisitions			<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment advice/Investment management/Financial planning/Securities dealing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Business broking			<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance Agency			<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Valuation			<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please detail on a separate sheet)			<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Does the Insured have an Australian Financial Services Licence? No  Yes

If yes, do you want cover under the policy for which you are now applying? No  Yes

3. Is the proposer aware of any change in activity/structure that will occur in the coming financial year?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide full details including nature of work undertaken and income derived.

4. Please provide the proposer's fees/income in each of the financial years derived from clients based in:

	Last Financial Year	Current Financial Year	Coming Financial Year
Financial Year Ending			
Australia			
Elsewhere			
Total			

If fee/income are/is derived from clients based "Elsewhere" please provide details including countries involved and income derived.

5. Please give a **percentage split totalling 100%** of which state(s) generate the proposer's income.

NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	O/S

If income is generated in NSW, please answer the following additional questions:

- Is the proposer a Capital Gains Tax small business entity (within the meaning of section 152-10(1AA) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth))? No  Yes
- Is the proposer a small business individual, partnership, company and/or trust, which is carrying on a business, and the business has an aggregated turnover of less than \$2,000,000? (Aggregated turnover is your Australia wide annual turnover plus the annual turnovers of any business entities that are your affiliates or are connected with you). No  Yes

6. What was the proposer's largest fee earned from one client and the average fee per client in the last year?

Largest:

Average:

7. Please list the proposer's five largest contract assignments undertaken in the last three years

Type of service and country	Fee	Contract value	Date commenced	Date completed
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

8. Is the proposer a member of a consortium or has the proposer entered into a joint venture agreement?

No  Yes

If yes, please provide full details including nature of work undertaken and income derived.

### SECTION 3 – THE BUSINESS: RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Is the proposer a member of any Association or accredited to any quality systems such as the ISO9000?

No  Yes

If yes, please provide details:

2. What are the proposer's procedures in operating a diary system?

3. If the proposer is a sole practitioner, please provide details of arrangements to maintain service and standards in the event of sickness or holiday?

4. Does the proposer have written procedures or checklists for the services performed?

No  Yes

If yes, please provide details:

5. What records are kept by the proposer of telephone conversations and attendance at meetings?

6. Does the proposer subscribe to any form of Continuing Professional Development or Education?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

7. What are the proposer's procedures, such as letters of engagement, to ensure clients' requirements are clearly identified and can be met?

8. Does the proposer always obtain satisfactory written references when engaging employees?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

9. Does the proposer ensure that any outside consultants engaged carry their own Professional Indemnity Insurance?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

## SECTION 4 – CLAIMS INFORMATION

1. After full enquiry has the proposer sustained any loss through the fraud or dishonesty of any person? No  Yes

If yes, please provide details (please attach a separate piece of paper if necessary):



2. After full enquiry is the proposer aware of any fraud, dishonesty, bankruptcy or administration order applicable to any past or present principal, partner or employee?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

3. After full enquiry, has any claim been made against the proposer's business or any principal, partner, director, or employee whilst in this or any other business?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

Date matter notified	Insurer	Claimant (or potential claimant)	Brief description	Amount paid including legal costs	Estimate of liability if not paid	Finalised or open

4. After full enquiry is the proposer aware of any circumstance or incident which has or could result in any claim being made against the proposer's business, or any principal, partner, director, or employee whilst in this or any other business?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

5. After full enquiry has any principal, partner, director or employee been subject to any disciplinary proceedings or actions for professional misconduct whilst in this or any other business?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

## SECTION 5 – INSURANCE COVERAGE

1. Does the proposer currently have Professional Indemnity Insurance in force for the activities for which cover is being sought?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide the following details:

Insurer:	<input type="text"/>
Limit:	<input type="text"/>
Excess:	<input type="text"/>
Renewal date:	<input type="text"/>
Number of years cover has been continuously in force:	<input type="text"/>

2. Has any proposal for similar insurance made on behalf of the proposers business, any predecessor of the business, or any principal, partner or director ever been declined or has such insurance ever been cancelled, renewal refused or any special terms imposed (other than general market increases)?

No  Yes  If yes, please provide details:

## SECTION 6 – INSURANCE REQUIRED

Please indicate the limit of indemnity you require and the excess you would prefer (Note: an excess will apply).

1. Limit of indemnity:

- a) \$1,000,000
- b) \$2,000,000
- c) \$5,000,000
- d) Other (specify)

2. Excess:

- e) \$2,000
- f) \$5,000
- g) \$10,000
- h) Other (specify)

## SECTION 7 – DECLARATION

I declare that I am authorised to complete this Proposal Form (Proposal) on behalf of the Company and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements and particulars in this Proposal are true and correct and no material facts have been omitted or misrepresented. I undertake to inform Berkley Insurance Australia (BIA) of any change to any material fact which occurs before any insurance based on this Proposal is entered into (up to and including the policy inception date).

By completing and signing this Proposal you acknowledge, accept and agree that in underwriting and issuing a policy (including replacement policies) BIA does and will rely on all disclosures, proposals, declarations and representations made by you to BIA.

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Date

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Name of authorised individual/partner/principal/director

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