# **Proposal Form** Professional Indemnity Insurance

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# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### Please read the following before proceeding to complete this proposal form

Your Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy is issued on a CLAIMS MADE and NOTIFIED basis. This means that this Policy responds to Claims first made against you during the policy period and notified to the Insurer during that policy period, providing that you were not aware at any time prior to the Policy inception of circumstances which would have put a reasonable person in your position on notice that a Claim may be made against you.

When the Policy expires, no new notification generally can be made on the expired policy even though the event giving rise to a Claim against you may have occurred during the policy period. You will not be entitled to indemnity under your new policy in respect of any Claim arising out of circumstances of which you were aware at any time prior to policy inception which would have put a reasonable person in your position on notice that a Claim may be made against you.

When completing this Proposal Form you are obliged to report and provide full details of all circumstances which have become known to you and which would put a reasonable person in your position on notice that a Claim may be made against you. This is important to ensure that you make proper disclosure in order that your entitlement to full indemnity under your new policy is not placed in jeopardy.

#### **Your Duty of Disclosure**

Before you enter into a contract of general insurance with an Insurer, you have a duty to disclose to the Insurer every matter that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know about yourself and others to be insured, is relevant to the Insurer's decision whether to accept the risk of the insurance and, if so, upon what terms. You have the same duty to disclose those matters to the Insurer before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate a contract of general insurance.

Your duty however, does not require disclosure of matter:

- that diminishes the risk to be undertaken by the Insurer;
- that is of common knowledge;
- that your Insurer knows or, in the ordinary course of his business, ought to know;
- as to which compliance with your duty is waived by their Insurer.

(It should be noted that this duty continues after the Proposal Form has been completed up until the time the Policy is entered into.)

#### **Non-Disclosure**

If you fail to comply with your duty of disclosure, the Insurer may be entitled to reduce their liability under the contract in respect of a Claim or may cancel the contract. If your non-disclosure is fraudulent, the Insurer may also have the option of avoiding the contract from its beginning. It is therefore vital that you make sufficient enquiries BEFORE you complete your Proposal Form and BEFORE you sign any declaration that there has been no change in the information proposed.

If you fail to comply with your duty of disclosure, we may be entitled to avoid the contract altogether, and so decline to pay any Claim. We will respond reasonably in relation to what you did not disclose.

#### Jurisdiction

Except to the extent otherwise provided in any subsequently issued policy, the content and use of this form and any agreement entered into pursuant to this form or any dealing in relation to or arising from this are governed by the laws of New Zealand and in relation to those matters, the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of New Zealand.

#### Surrender or Waiver of any Right of Contribution or Indemnity

Where another person or company would be liable to compensate you or hold you harmless for part or all or any loss or damage otherwise covered by the Policy, but you have agreed with that person either before or after the inception of the Policy that you would not seek to recover any loss or damage from that person, you are NOT covered under the Policy for any such loss or damage.

#### **Notice of Circumstances or Events**

If during the period of this Policy, the Insured becomes aware of any circumstances which may give rise to a Claim under the policy and gives written notice to the Insurer of such circumstances, any Claim which may be subsequently made arising out of the circumstances of which notification has been given shall be deemed to be a Claim made during the period of this Policy whenever such Claim may actually be made.

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#### **Contract by the Insured Affecting Rights of Subrogation**

If the proposed contract of insurance includes a provision which excludes or limits the Insurer's liability in respect of any loss because you are a party to an agreement which excludes or limits your rights to recover damages from a third party in respect of that loss, you are hereby notified that signing any such agreement may place your indemnity under the proposed contract of insurance at risk.

#### When Completing this Proposal Form

- Please answer all questions giving honest, complete, up to date and relevant answers.
- It is the duty of the Proposer to provide all information that is requested in the proposal form as well as to add additional relevant fact.

Note: A relevant fact is such known fact and/or circumstance that may influence in the evaluation of the risk by the Insurer. If you have any doubts about what a relevant fact is, please do not hesitate to contact your broker or Insurer.

- If the space provided on the Proposal Form is insufficient, please use a separate signed and dated sheet in order to provide a complete answer to any question.
- The Proposal Form must be completed, signed and dated by a person, who must be of legal capacity and authorised for the purpose of requesting Professional Indemnity insurance for the organisation who acts as a Proposer.

You or your insurance broker must tell us about any changes to your contact details.

#### This proposal form DOES NOT BIND the Applicant or the Insurer to complete the insurance but will form part of any insurance.

#### **Privacy Collection Statement**

At DUAL New Zealand, we are committed to protecting your privacy and complying with the Privacy Act 2020 (NZ) (Privacy Act).

We use your information to assess the risk of providing you with insurance, provide quotations, issue policies and assess claims, on behalf of the insurers we represent. We also use your information to administer any policies we have issued to you and may do so by mail or electronically, unless you tell us that you do not wish to receive electronic communications. If you do not provide us with full information, we may not be able to provide insurance or assess a claim. If you provide us with information about someone else, you must obtain their consent to do so.

We provide your personal information to the insurer we represent when we issue and administer your insurance. When providing a quotation or insurance terms, we will tell you if the insurer is overseas and if so, where they are. We may also provide your information to your broker and our contracted third-party service providers (e.g. claims management companies). We are part of Howden Group Holdings Limited and may provide your information to UK based Group entities who provide us with business support services. If a recipient is not regulated by laws which protect your information in a way that is similar to the Privacy Act, we will take reasonable steps to ensure that they protect your information in the same way we do or seek your consent before disclosing your information to them. We do not trade, rent or sell your information.

Our Privacy Policy contains more information about how to access and correct the information we hold about you and how to make a privacy related complaint, including how we will deal with it. By providing us with your personal information, you consent to its collection and use as outlined above and in our Privacy Policy. Ask us for a copy of our Privacy Policy via email at <u>privacy@dualnewzealand.co.nz</u> or access it via our website using the following <u>link</u>.

#### **Fair Insurance Code**

Our policies are Insurance Council of New Zealand's Fair Insurance Code of Practice compliant, apart from any claims adjusted outside New Zealand. Underwriters at Lloyd's and DUAL New Zealand proudly support the Fair Insurance Code. The purpose of the Code is to raise standards of practice and service in the general insurance industry. A copy of this Code is available by contacting DUAL New Zealand on +64 09 973 0190 or from the Insurance Council of New Zealand's website at <u>www.icnz.org.nz</u>.

Section 1	Details of Applicant
Insured Name:	
	Telephone:
Mobile:	Web Address:
Date established	(dd/mm/yy): Country State of Registration:
Company Number	: NZBN:
Address of all oth	er locations (if any) from which the Insured operates:

# Section 2 Professional Business

1. Please provide a detailed description of your professional business which is required to be covered by this policy. You should attach any brochures or promotional material that may provide greater clarity in respect to your professional business.

Section 3	Insurance History		
1. Does the Com	apany have operations outside of New Zealand?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
If YES, does the Co	ompany have operations in the USA/Canada?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
If YES, please pro	vide further details:		
-	ms been made against the Company for professional negligence, sion in the last 5 years?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
If YES, please pro	vide further details of the Claim, the Claim amount and any payments:		
3. Is the Proposi rise to a Clain	er aware, after enquiry, of any circumstances or incidents, which may give n?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
If YES, please pro	vide further details:		
4. Do you have a	any Professional Indemnity Insurance Cover currently in place?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
If YES, please prov	vide full details:		
Name of the Insu	rer:		
Limit of Indemnity	/: Deductible:		
Expiry Date of the	Policy: Retroactivite Date:		

### Section 4 Income Details

1. Please provide a breakdown of your gross fees/income by Professional Business for the last financial year and the current financial year, either by stating the whole amounts in New Zealand (\$) or the percentage: (Should your profession be an accountant, architect, engineer, surveyor or in the property industry, please complete the relevant Addendum Questionnaire).

Professional Business	Percentage Breakdown (%)	Last Financial Year's Gross Fees	Current Financial Year's Gross Fees
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

2. Please provide details of the 5 largest contracts or projects undertaken by the Insured:

Project Description/Contract	Fees/Income	Project Value	Date Completed (dd/mm/yy)
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	

# Section 5 Employee Information

1. Please state the following:

Total number of employees: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Principals, Partners, Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of qualified employees: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please provide the following details for each of the Insured's Principals, Partners or Directors:

Name	Age	Qualifications	Date Qualified	No. Years of this Practise	Total Years Practising

#### 3. If Previous Business Cover is required, please complete the following:

Name of Principal, Director or Partner requiring this cover	Date left previous business	Are you aware of any claims of previous business? If YES,	
4. Was the Professional Business conducted mentioned in Section 2: Professional Bus		as per the details	Yes [ ] No [ ]
If NO, please provide further details of your	Professional Busine	ss while working at the previous f	irm:
5. Are you covered under the previous busi	ness policy?	Y	Yes [ ] No [ ]
If YES, please provide further details:			
Section 6 Limit Of Indemnity R	equired		
1. Please indicate cover required:			
\$250,000 [ ] \$500,000 [ ]	\$750,000 [	] \$1,000,000 [ ]	\$2,000,000 [ ]
\$4,000,000 [ ] \$5,000,000 [ ]	\$10,000,000	[ ] Other\$ [ ]	

#### SIGNING THIS PROPOSAL FORM DOES NOT BIND THE PROPOSER OR THE INSURER TO COMPLETE THIS INSURANCE

The undersigned declares that the statement and particulars in this Proposal Form are true and that no material facts have been misstated or suppressed after enquiry. The undersigned agree(s) that should any of the information given by us alter between the date of this Proposal and the inception date of the insurance to which this Proposal relates, the undersigned will give immediate notice thereof. The undersigned agrees that the Underwriters may use and disclose our personal information in accordance with the "Privacy Collection Statement" at the beginning of this Proposal. The undersigned agrees that this Proposal, together with any other information supplied by us shall form the basis of any contract of insurance effected thereon.

The undersigned acknowledges that they have read the policy wording and associated endorsements and are satisfied with the coverage provided, including the limitations and restrictions on coverage.

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Declaration

Section 7

#### TO BE SIGNED BY THE INSURED FOR WHOM THIS INSURANCE IS INTENDED FOR

Full Name:			
Position:			
Signature:	Date:	/	/

## IT IS IMPORTANT THE UNDERSIGNED OF THE DECLARATION ABOVE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INSURANCE SO THAT THESE QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED CORRECTLY. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT THE BROKER OR AGENT, SINCE NON-DISCLOSURE MAY AFFECT AN INSURED'S RIGHT OF RECOVERY UNDER THE POLICY

DUAL New Zealand recommends that you keep a record of all information supplied for the purpose of entering into an insurance contract (including copies of this Proposal Form and correspondence).

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