

Real Estate Agents Professional Indemnity Insurance

**Proposal Form** 

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

### **CLAIMS MADE POLICY**

This Proposal is for a policy issued by ProRisk, which includes coverage on a claims made and notified basis. This means that the policy provides cover for claims first made against you during the insurance period. The policy does not provide cover for any claims made against you during the insurance period if at any time prior to the commencement of the insurance period you were aware of facts which might give rise to those claims being made against you.

Section 40(3) of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 provides that where the insured gives notice in writing to the insurer during the insurance period of facts that might give rise to a claim against the insured, the insurer cannot refuse to pay a claim which arises out of those facts, by reason only that the claim is made after the insurance period has expired.

### YOUR DUTY OF DISCLOSURE:

Section 21 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 provides that 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, 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 its business, ought to know;
- as to which compliance with your duty of disclosure is waived by the insurer.

### NON-DISCLOSURE

If you fail to comply with your duty of disclosure, the insurer may be entitled to reduce its 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 inception.

### **RETROACTIVE LIABILITY**

The policy is limited by a retroactive date. The policy does not cover any liability arising from your conduct prior to the retroactive date.

### ALTERATION TO RISK AND DEREGISTRATION

The policy requires you to notify the insurer within thirty days of any material change in the nature of your organisation, or any act of insolvency or bankruptcy. The policy requires you to give immediate notice of the cancellation, suspension, termination or imposition of conditions in respect of your statutory registration. Claims arising following the cancellation, suspension or termination of your statutory registration are excluded from indemnity under the policy.

#### LIMITED LIABILITY

The policy provides that if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity is required to dispose of a claim, the insurer's liability for costs and expenses will be limited to the proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the payment required to dispose of the claim.

### POLICY CANCELLATION

In the event of policy cancellation by the insured, ProRisk's cancellation rates will apply.

#### WAIVER OF RIGHTS OF SUBROGATION

The policy provides that you must not, without our prior written consent, enter into any contract or agreement which excludes, limits or prejudices a right of recovery in respect of any claim covered under the policy. Further, you must not do anything or fail to do anything which excludes, limits or prejudices our rights of subrogation.

### **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

ProRisk is bound by the obligations of the Privacy Act 1988 (as amended) regarding the collection, use, disclosure and handling of personal information. We will protect the privacy of your personal information.

We collect personal information about you to enable us to provide you with relevant products and services, to assess your application for insurance and, if a contract is entered, to enable us to provide, administer, and manage your policy, and to investigate and handle any claims under your policy. We may disclose your information to third parties (who may be located overseas), such as the insurer, lawyers, claims adjusters, and others appointed by ProRisk or by the insurer to assist us and them in providing relevant products and services. We may also disclose your information to people listed as co-insured on your policy and to your agents. By providing your personal information to us, you consent to us making these disclosures.

If you do not provide all or part of the information required, we may not be able to provide you with our products and services, consider your application for insurance, administer your policy, assess or handle claims under your policy, or you may breach your Duty of Disclosure.

When you provide us with personal information about other individuals, we rely upon you to have made them aware of that disclosure, and of the terms of the ProRisk Privacy Statement, and to obtain their consent.

A copy of our Privacy Statement is available from our website www.prorisk.com.au. To request access to or update your personal information, contact the Privacy Officer at ProRisk by email: enquiries@prorisk.com.au or by mail at the address shown on this Proposal.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

- Please answer all questions in full. Where appropriate, please tick the Yes or No box that best indicates your reply.
- If there is insufficient space, please provide further details on your letterhead.
- All attached documents form part of this Proposal.

### **Applicant's Details**

 Name(s) of the Proposed Policyholder: (Please include the name of all entities, businesses and trading names, which are not subsidiaries of the ultimate of the proposed Policyholder. References to the Applicant are references to the Proposed Policyholder throughout)

2. ABN
3. Website address(s)
4. Principal business address

- 5. Date of commencement of business
- 6. Names and qualifications of principals / directors:

		QUALIFICATIONS AND DATE QUALIFIED; PERIOD AS PRI	PRINCIPAL	
NAME	AGE	OR DETAIL EXPERIENCE	THIS PRACTICE	PREVIOUS PRACTICE

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

#### 7. Staff numbers

STAFF	NUMBER
Directors, Partners or Proprietors	
Full time employees (excluding the above)	
Part time and casual employees	
Independent contractors	
Voluntary workers, secondees and interns	
Total	

If Yes, please provide details:

9.		he Applicant, including any Directors, connected or associated (financially or otherwise) h any other entity or business?	ſes
	If Ye	es, please provide details:	
10.	a)	Has the name of the your business ever changed?	ſes
	b)	Have you ever carried on your business under a different corporate entity?	ſes
	c)	Has any other business or practice amalgamated or merged with your business?	ſes
	d)	Have you purchased any other business or practice?	ſes

If Yes to any of questions 10 a) to d), please provide details in an attachment.

## **Your Business**

11. Please provide a detailed description of your business below.

	Attach any relevant brochures, capability statements, or other documentation to describe your activities.
12.	Does the business operate as a franchise?
	If <b>Yes</b> , please state the franchise name
13.	Does the Applicant provide construction, repair, installation or maintenance services?
14.	Has the Applicant ever taken an equity stake in a project, or does the Applicant anticipate taking an equity stake in a project that they also provide a professional, investment, development or construction service for?
	If Yes to question 13 or 14, please provide details:
15.	Is the Applicant licensed or accredited in order to carry out the business? No
16.	Has the Applicant's license been in force at all times?
	If <b>No</b> to question <b>15 or 16,</b> please explain why below.

17. Please provide the Applicant's total fee income for each financial year from client's based in:

	LAST FINANCIAL YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (PLAN)	NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR (PROJECTION)
Financial year ended	/20	/20	/20
Australia			
USA or Canada			
Elsewhere			
Total fee income			

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If fee income declared from <b>Elsewhere</b> , please provide a list of the countries / locations.
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18.	For	the last fi	nancial ye	ear, ple	ease provide	e a breakdowr	n of tl	ne Applican <sup>.</sup>	t's gross fee i	ncom	ne by state:		
	VIC			%	NT		%	QLD		%	Overseas		%
	SA			%	ACT		%	TAS		%	Total		%
	NSV	V		%	WA		%						
19.	If ind	come is g	generated	in NS	W, please ar	nswer the follo	owing	g additional	questions.				
	a)		•	•		small busines Tax Assessm			-		[	No	Yes
	b)	which is	carrying	on a b	business, an	dividual, partn d the busines	s has	an aggreg	ated turnover			No	Yes
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- 20. What is the Applicant's largest transaction, and the average transaction for the last year?Largest transaction last year \$Average transaction last year \$
- 21. Please allocate below, as a percentage of a total of 100%, the split in fees/income between the following activities:

ACTIVITIES	LAST FINANCIAL YEAR %	CURRENT / PROJECTED FINANCIAL YEAR	HAVE PERFORMED IN THE PAST
Residential Sales – Metro (off the plan)	%	%	Yes
Residential Sales – Metro (existing/resale)	%	%	Yes
Residential Sales – Non Metro (off the plan)	%	%	Yes
Residential Sales – Non Metro (existing/resale)	%	%	Yes
Development Sales	%	%	Yes
Business Broking	%	%	Yes
Residential Property Management	%	%	Yes
Commercial Property Management (Not shopping centers)	%	%	Yes
Shopping Center Property Management	%	%	Yes
Auctioneering	%	%	Yes
Mortgage Broking	%	%	Yes
Mortgage / Finance referral service	%	%	Yes
Valuations	%	%	Yes
Stock and Station Agent	%	%	Yes
Buyers Agent	%	%	Yes
Strata/Facilities Management	%	%	Yes
Other - please specify:	%	%	Yes
Total	100%	100%	

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- 22. If you have indicated you undertake Business Broking Activities, please answer the following additional questions:
  - With respect to Business Broking activities, what types of businesses have you acted as Business Broker for? a)

	b)	What is the maximum value any one business sold over previous 5 years? \$
	c)	How many businesses have you sold in the last 12 months?
	d)	What was the average and highest sale price for businesses sold in the past 12 months?   Average sale price \$   Highest sale price \$
	e)	Do you always advise the purchaser to seek independent legal and financial advice? No
	f)	Where do you receive your business leads / referrals? Please describe below.
23.	Doe	s the Applicant provide Property Management, Strata or Facilities Management?
	lf <b>Ye</b>	es, please complete questions a) to d) below.
	lf No	<b>b</b> , skip to question <b>24</b> .
	a)	Does the Applicant use standard Property Management and/or Strata Management agreements as recommended by the Real Estate Institutes?
	b)	Does the Applicant ensure that all Property Managers are suitably qualified and experienced before appointing them to a portfolio?
	c)	Does the Applicant maintain a Complaints / Repairs register to record all maintenance reports, issues or grievances for properties the Applicant is managing?
	d)	Does the Applicant carry out a full condition / inspection reports prior to leasing (or renewing the lease) a property? No
	e)	Does the Applicant report any issues from the condition / inspection reports to Landlords and request they be rectified, prior to the tenant moving in?
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24.	After making appropriate enquires, are there any facts or circumstances of which the Applicant, or any principal, employee or consultant are aware that may give risk to a claim against the Applicant, or any principal, employee or consultant, including the Applicant's predecessors in business?	vo	Yes
25.	After making appropriate enquiries, has the Applicant, or any principal, employee or consultant ever been subject to external disciplinary proceedings, including the Applicant's predecessors in business?	No	Yes
26.	After making enquiries, has the Applicant discovered any losses from employee dishonesty, burglary, robbery, disappearances, destruction or forgery or other criminal or dishonest act in the last five years?	No	Yes
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide details in an attachment	ils p	rovided

27.	After making enquiry, has the Applicant been audited or been the subject of a Risk Review by the		
	Australian Taxation Office, any State or Territory Revenue Office, or any other official body authorised to investigate the taxation paid or payable by the Applicant within the last five years?	No	Yes
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide details in an attachment	Details p	provided

28.	After enquiry, is the Applicant aware of any facts or circumstances, which might afford valid		
	grounds for any future investigations, inquiries, regulatory proceedings, or other claims,		
	which may be covered by us, under any coverage for which it has applied?	No	Yes
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide details in an attachment	🗌 Details p	orovided

**29.** After making appropriate enquiries, are there any claims of which the Applicant, or any principal, employee or consultant are aware that may give risk to a claim against the Applicant, or any principal, employee or consultant, including the Applicant's predecessors in business?

If **Yes** to question **29**, please provide details of all professional indemnity claims against you, your principals, employees, or consultants in the last 5 years.

YEAR	INSURER	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	TOTAL INCURRED	DESCRIPTION

If matters are listed, a claims report on Insurer letterhead must be provided with the submission.

**30.** Please state what steps or actions have been taken to prevent a recurrence of the situation which gave rise to each claim listed in **29**.

### **Risk Management**

a)	Does the Applicant have an accredited risk management / quality control system?	0	Yes
b)	Does the Applicant engage in any form of Continued Professional Development?	o [	Yes
c)	Does the Applicant engage outside consultants / sub-contractors?	0	Yes
	If <b>Yes</b> , does the Applicant ensure they hold their own Professional Indemnity policy?	ο [	Yes

Yes

No

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### **Insurance History**

31.	Are you currently insured?		No		Yes
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If **Yes**, please provide details.

	EXPIRY DATE	INSURER	LIMIT	EXCESS	PREMIUM
Professional Indemnity			\$	\$	\$
Public & Products Liability / General Liability			\$	\$	Ş
Management Liability			\$	\$	\$
Cyber			\$	\$	\$

**32.** Have you ever had a professional indemnity insurer:

a)	Impose special terms?	No	Yes
b)	Decline to renew your insurance?	No	Yes
c)	Cancel your insurance?	No	Yes

If Yes to any of questions 32 a), b) or c), please provide details below.

### **Prior Business**

### If not seeking prior business cover, please skip to question 35.

33.	. Are you applying for cover for a prior corporate entity through which you previously carried on your business?					
	If <b>Yes</b> , please state:					
	Full name of the entity     ABN of the entity					
34.	4. Are you applying for cover for a principal's prior business?					
	a) b)	i ii iii Is th		r business ness e same professional discipline as the business?	No	
	c)	Plea	ase state the activities of the Princ	cipal's prior dusiness, delow.		

d) Please state the estimate gross fee income for the two financial years ended immediately prior to the principal leaving the prior business:

YEAR	G	GROSS FEE INCOME	\$
YEAR	G	GROSS FEE INCOME	\$

- e) To the best of your knowledge, does the principal's prior business have its own professional indemnity cover in place?
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If **Yes**, please provide details below.

### **Coverage required**

lf no	ot se	eking fidelity cover, please skip to question 37.		
35.	Doy	you wish to apply for fidelity cover?	Ves	No
	lf Ye			
	lf <b>N</b>	o, please skip to question 37.		
	a)	Has your business ever sustained loss through fraud or dishonesty of any employee?		
		If <b>Yes</b> , please provide details below.		
	b)	When engaging employees, are satisfactory reference required and obtained directly from their former employer?	Yes	No
	c)	Are employees who are responsible for financial and accounting functions and computer programming operations required to take two weeks uninterrupted leave each year?	Yes	No
	d)	Are duties segregated so that one employee can open a bank account, handle cash or transferable documents or sign cheques without referral to others?	Yes	No
	e)	Are bank accounts independently reconciled on a monthly basis by persons not authorised to deposit or withdraw funds from accounts?	Yes	No
		If <b>No to any of questions 35 b) to e)</b> , please provide details below.		

36.	What limit of fidelity cover are	you applying for?							
37.	Are you applying for cover for your liability in a joint venture?								
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide details (a separate attachment can be included if you run out of space).								
38.	Please advise limit(s) required	for Professional Indemnity.							
	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$10,000,000						
	\$1,500,000	\$5,000,000	Other - Please specify \$						
	\$2,000,000	\$7,500,000							
39.	Please advise excess(es) pref	erred.							
	\$1,000	\$7,500	\$20,000						
	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$25,000						
	\$5,000	\$15,000	Other - Please specify \$						

### Declaration

After making appropriate enquiries, I declare that:

- I am authorised on behalf of the Applicant(s) to complete this Proposal.
- I have read and understood the Important Notices accompanying this Proposal.
- Where I have provided information about another individual, I declare that the individual has been made aware of that fact and of the ProRisk Privacy Statement.
- I authorise ProRisk to collect or disclose any personal information relating to this insurance to or from other insurers or insurance or credit reference services.
- I confirm that the statements and information in this Proposal are true and complete.
- I understand that, until a contract of insurance is entered into, I am under a continuing obligation to immediately inform ProRisk of any change to the information contained in this Proposal.
- I acknowledge that, if a contract of insurance is entered into, this Proposal and any accompanying documents will form the basis of the contract.

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Position:			
Name:			

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