# Professional Indemnity for Surveyors



# **Proposal Form**

#### Please read the following carefully before completing this proposal form. To present a clear and unambiguous picture and to ensure that underwriters understand the nature of your risk:

- An Individual or a Partner, Principal or Director of the Firm/Company must complete the proposal form in ink.
- Where a question is not applicable to your particular circumstances, please write N/A
- If there is insufficient space to answer questions please use an additional sheet and attach it to this proposal form
- Completing and signing this proposal form does not bind you, or insurers, to complete this contract of insurance.
- Any material contained in the Proposers website is not deemed to form part of this proposal apart from any information attached to the proposal in hard copy form.
- If this proposal relates to a new business or venture, please complete the questions as far as possible, giving estimated income and information about your anticipated activities.
  - Please ensure that all relevant sections of the Proposal are completed
- 1. Name under which Practice is conducted: (i.e. The Proposer) including previous and subsidiary practices requiring cover.
- 2. a) Addresses of main office (including telephone number)

Other Locations:

b)Does every office have at least one Partner/Director/Principal/Member?

If 'No' please advise how these offices are supervised.

c) Email address

d) Website address

- 3. Commencement Date of Firm
- 4. a) During the past 6 years, has the name of the Proposer been changed or has any amalgamation, acquisition or take-over taken place or have any Principals departed, retired or dead?

If '**yes'**, please provide details below



b) Give a description of the general nature of the work undertaken by the Propose including any areas of specialisation

c) Give details below of any predecessor firms for which cover is required.

#### 5. Give details below of:

#### A) Partners/Directors/Principals/Members

Full Name A	ge Qualifications	Date Qualified	Number of years in this capacity with the Proposer
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#### B) Consultants under a contract of service with the Proposer

Full Name Age	Qualifications	Date Qualified	Number of years in this capacity with the Proposer
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#### 6. Where the Proposer is a sole principal, give details of the arrangements for office supervision when the Proposer is absent

#### 7. State number of other permanent staff

a) Qualified		b) All Others	
Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time

8. Do any Partner/Director/Principal/Member or Employee undertake Valuations? Yes No If 'Yes', state:

 9. Do you now and in the past always complied with the RICS manual of Valuations Guidance

 Notes / The Statement of Asset Valuations Practice and Guidance Notes and RICS Appraisal and
 Yes
 No

 Valuation manual in preparing valuations?

#### 10. Is cover required for Partners' Previous Business in respect of any partner named in 5a?

Yes

Name of Partner/Director/ Principal/Member/Employee	Name of Previous Practice	Date Leaving

# 11. Is or has the proposer been a member of a consortium, joint venture, group practice or similar organisation? Yes No

If 'yes' please provide details.

#### 12. State gross fees (including those paid to sub-contractors) for work undertaken. For new ventures please provide estimates.

Please state your Financial Year End

Clients Domiciled In	Previous Year - Actual (€)	Last Year - Actual (€)	Forthcoming Year - Estimate (
a) In Ireland			
b) In the UK/Channel Islands/Isle of Man			
c) The USA, its territories and possessions and Canada			
d) Elsewhere			
Total of (a) to (d) above			

Average fee from any client in the last year  $(\mathbf{\xi})$ 

Largest fee from any client in the last 3 years (provide details below)

If gross fees are paid by clients in 'c' & 'd' above please give full details of the nature of the work undertaken and state the countries.

13.	Is any work undertaken by the Proposer where the ultimate construction/installation is carried out outside of Ireland?	Yes	No
14.	Does the Proposer enter into any contracts where the jurisdiction or applicable law is other than Ireland?	Yes	No

15. Please list by activity the approximate percentage of work carried out in each instance of gross fees received during the past year?

	%	%
Architectural	Rent / Lease Reviews	
Asbestos Surveys	Setting Out	
Building Surveying	Surveying / Valuing – RESIDENTIAL	
Auctioneering:		
a) Property	a) Full Structural Surveys	
b) Livestock	b) Home Buyers Reports	
c) Fine Art	c) Mortgage Valuations	
d) Other (please specify)	d) Non lending Valuations	
Building Society Agency	Surveying / Valuing – COMMERCIAL	
Insurance Commissions:		
a) General	a) Structural Surveys	
b) Life / Pensions / Endowments	b) Mortgage Valuations	
c) Mortgage Broking	c) Non Lending Valuations	
Estate Agency:	Property Management	
a) Residential	a) Residential	
b) Commercial	b) Commercial	
c) Land / Agricultural	c) Estate Management	
Contaminated Land / Environmental Surveying	Planning / Development Consultancy	
Expert Witness	Planning Supervision under CDM Regulations	
Feasibility Studies	Project Co-ordination	
Hydrographic Surveying	Quantity Surveying	
Land Surveying	All Other work (please provide details):	
Loss Assessing/Adjusting		
Mineral Surveying		

16.	Do you anticipate any major changes in these activities in the forthcoming 12 months?	Yes	No
	If ' <b>Yes</b> ', please provide details.	162	NO

#### 17. In respect of the following work undertaken in the past 3 years please advise:

Architecture	
Average total single project value of job undertaken:	
Details of largest contract undertaken:	
i) Total Contract Value	
ii) Free Income	
Commercial Estate Agency	
Average individual property value handled	
Highest individual property value handled	
Quantity Surveying	
Highest total single project value of an individual job	
Highest own single project value of an individual job	
Average own total single project value of jobs undertaken	
Project Co-ordination (no responsibility for appointment of contractors / professionals)	
Average total single project value of jobs undertaken	
Highest total single project value of an individual job	
Highest own single project value of an individual job	
Project Management (responsible for appointment of contractors / professionals)	
Average total single project value of jobs undertaken	
Highest total single project value of an individual job	
Highest own single project value of an individual job	

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#### b) Residential Surveys/Valuations

	Current Year	Last Year	Previous Year
Average annual number of reports			
Maximum single property valuation			
Average single property valuation			
Highest portfolio valuation			
Average portfolio valuation			

## c) Please advise your 3 largest clients

Name	Annual Fee
Name	Annual Fee
Name	Annual Fee

#### d) Commercial Surveys / Valuations for Lending purposes

	Current Year	Last Year	Previous Year
Average annual number of reports			
Maximum single property valuation			
Average single property valuation			
Highest portfolio valuation			
Average portfolio valuation			

#### e) Other Commercial Surveys / Valuation

Valuation Size	Client	Client
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18.	. Do you undertake drive-by or desk-top valuation?	Yes	No
	i) Are they only undertaken under instruction from your client?	Yes	No
	ii) Are they only undertaken for re-mortgage or further advances?	Yes	No

If 'No' to i) or ii) above please provide details:

19.	Do you utilise sub-contractors or consultants?	Yes	No

If 'Yes' please advise:

i) The percentage of your gross fess to be paid to sub-contractors or consultants in the current financial year?

The nature of work for which they are used?

Details of selection and management criteria?

## 20. Do you undertake any contract which involves:

a) Manufacture, construction, installation, maintenance, repair, alteration or treatment?	Yes	No
b) The sale or supply of goods or products?	Yes	No
If 'Yes' please provide full details including percentage of fees relating to such contracts.		

#### 21. Risk Management

a) Is the practice accredited to (or in the process of accreditation to) IS EN ISO 9000 Quality Systems or subject to a similar form of external assessment?	Yes	No
b) Do you operate a diary system covering the whole practice in order that deadlines are met and critical dates are not missed?	Yes	No
c) Does the practice works to a professional code of practice. If ' <b>Yes</b> ', which one?	Yes	No
d) Are written contract conditions are used in every case?	Yes	No
e) Are contracts always drafted by legal professionals or vetted by legal advisors?	Yes	No
f) Are contract or terms or terms of acceptance including any changes evidenced in writing specifying the work to be undertaken and the extent of your responsibility?	Yes	No
g)Prior to contracts being accepted does the practice check that contract specifications and customer requirements can be met by ensuring that they have the technical ability to under take the contract, the resources and time?	Yes	No
h) Have you standard procedures for regular review of ongoing contracts internally and with clients?	Yes	No
i) Does the practice have written work instructions or checklists for the services provided?	Yes	No
j) Are working papers including records of all contracts, letters of engagement, subsequent amendments, client meetings and telephone calls retained for at least 5 years?	Yes	No
k) Do Management review working procedures at least every twelve months to ensure their continuing stability?	Yes	No
I) Is work done by staff regularly reviewed by a Partner/Director/Principal/Member or qualified manager?	Yes	No
m) Are all offices under day to day control and supervision of a principal and arrangements in place for the office supervision in the event of a principals absence?	Yes	No
n) Are Regular file reviews and audits are conducted at least once every 12 months for all fee earners, including Partners/Directors/Principals/Members?	Yes	No
o) Do all cheques over <b>€30,000</b> require two signatures?	Yes	No
p) Are cash books, receipts, counterfoils and bank statements checked independently by a Partner/Director/ Principal/Member at least monthly?	Yes	No
<ul><li>q) In respect of property management work</li><li>i) Are deposit cheques always required ?</li></ul>	Yes	No
ii) Is it made clear as to whom are responsible for issuing notices?	Yes	No
r) Do staff and principals have training and development plans in place (e.g. participation in a Continued Professional Development programme)?	Yes	No
s) Do recruitment procedures include:		
i) Obtaining written references	Yes	No
ii) Verifying qualifications and previous experience	Yes	No
iii) Checking for any previous Professional Indemnity claims or circumstances?	Yes	No

22.	Has any Partner/Principal/Director/Member/Consultant/Employee or any Person under contract of service with the Practice ever been the subject to any complaint or disciplinary proceedings, enquiries or investigation by any association or professional body within the last 5 years?	Yes	No
	If ' <b>No</b> ' to any of the above, give details below.		
23.	Has the Proposer suffered any loss during the past five years through fraud or dishonesty of any Partner/Director/Principal/Member or Employee?	Yes	No
	If 'Yes', state date, circumstances, amount and steps taken to prevent recurrence		

#### 24. During the past 10 years has any insurer of this type of insurance in respect of the firm, its current Partners/Directors/ Principals/Member and/or Predecessors in business ever:

a) Declined to insure?	Yes	No
b) Imposed special terms or conditions?	Yes	No
c) Cancelled or voided a policy?	Yes	No
d) Requested the withdrawal of a claim?	Yes	No

#### 25. Current Insurance details

a) Current renewal date of policy (if any)	
b) Name of Insurer	
c) Excess d) Premium	

26.	Please indicate the Limit of Indemnity required				
	€500,000	€650,000	€1,300,000	€2,600,000	Other, please specify

#### 27. Please indicate the level of excess the Proposer requires

€1,500	€2,500	€5,000	Other, please specify

28.	Does the practice undertake work for any firm, company or organisation in which any Principal holds a position whereby he or she is able to make major policy decisions on behalf of such firm, company or organisation?	Yes	No
	If 'yes', state date, circumstances, amount and steps taken to prevent recurrence.		

#### 29. Has any person for whom this insurance is proposed:

a) Ever been convicted of or charged with (but not yet tried in respect of) a criminal offence other than a motoring offence?	Yes	No
b) Ever been declared bankrupt?	Yes	No
c) been the subject of investigation (e.g. following a complaint) by an Ombudsman? c) Ever been a principal of a business which has gone into insolvent liquidation or been the subject of a receivership or an administrative order?	Yes	No

If 'yes' state date, circumstances, amount and steps taken to prevent recurrence.

30.	30. a) Has any claim been made or has anyone threatened to bring such a claim against the Proposer or any Partner/Director/Principal, consultant or employee during the last 10 years in respect of the risks to which this proposal relates?		No
	Ever been declared bankrupt?	Yes	No

If 'yes', to above please provide details (by separate note if preferred).

Date of Claim	e of Claim Brief details of each claim	Cost (if any) of claim	Estimated
Date of Claim		paid	outstanding cost

#### b) What actions/procedures have been taken to prevent a recurrence of the situation which gave rise to each claim?

#### 31. Is any Partner/Director/Principal/Member/Consultant or Employee, after enquiry, aware of any circumstances which may:

a) give rise to a claim against the Proposer or any predecessors in business or any present or former Partner/ Director / Principal/Member?	Yes	No
b) result in the Proposer or any predecessors in business or any present or former Partner/ Director / Principal/ Member incurring any losses or expenses which might be covered under the terms of this insurance?	Yes	No
c) otherwise affect the Company's consideration of this insurance?	Yes	No

If 'Yes', give details including maximum potential cost (by separate note if preferred)

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Declaration By The Proposer	
I/We declare that the foregoing statement and particulars are true and material facts and that this Proposal shall form the basis of the contrac	•
I/We agree that if any information has been given by any person other t proposal has been completed by any person other than myself/ourselve purpose.	
I/We agree to accept a contract of insurance subject to the terms and conditions of the Insurers Contract(s) and that the insurance(s) will not be in force until the proposal has been accepted by the Insurers except to the extent of any official Cover Note which they may issue.	
Signed:	Position:
Date:	

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#### **Data Protection**

#### Who we are

KennCo Underwriting Ltd is a data controller in relation to personal information held about you for the purpose of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) & the Data Protection Acts 1988 - 2018. The information that you provide and any other information provided by any third party in connection with or in relation to your application will be held by us on a computer database and/or in any other way.

#### What personal data do we collect

We collect and may continue to collect certain information about you or any individuals connected to your Policy ('data subjects') in the course of conducting our relationship with you. This information includes details such as your name, address and contact details and any other information that we collect about you in connection with the insurance cover from which you benefit. This information may include more sensitive details such as information about your health and any criminal convictions you may have.

#### Why we collect & who we share your personal data with

This information will be processed for the purpose of underwriting and managing your insurance policy, administering claims and preventing fraud. It may also be used in compliance with regulatory legal and tax laws and for participation in internal or market-level statistical exercises. For this purpose, information may be shared in confidence with third parties both inside and outside the European Economic Area, such as trustees, professional advisers and reputable external agencies, service providers, regulatory bodies and authorities, private investigators, other insurance and financial services companies (directly or via a central register) and as required by law. We will ensure that transfers of data are lawful and that your information is kept securely and only used for the purposes for which it is provided. We will only disclose your personal information in connection with the insurance cover that we provide and to the extent required or permitted by law.

#### Queries regarding your personal data

We abide by the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) & the Data Protection Acts 1988 - 2018 and if you have any queries with regards to how we use your personal data you may contact our Data Protection Officer at compliance@kennco.ie or alternatively the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, Canal House, Station Road, Portarlington, Co. Laois, Ireland, Tel +353 57 868 4800.

For full details of our data privacy policy, please visit our website: www.kennco.ie/privacy-statement

#### **Rights of Customers**

You have the right of access to the personal data held about you by Ergo and KennCo by sending a written request to the Data Protection Unit, KennCo Underwriting Ltd, Suites 5-7, Grange Road Office Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. You also have the right to require Ergo and/or KennCo to correct any inaccuracies in the information we hold about you.

#### Sharing of Information

We shall not disclose personal information without the consent of the individual to which it relates except in limited circumstances as permitted or required by law. We may share personal information with agents or service providers in connection with providing, administering and servicing the products you have purchased from us or in the course of handling third party claims. Where we choose to have certain services provided by third parties, we do so in accordance with the applicable law and take reasonable precautions regarding the practices employed by the service provider to protect personal information.

#### Insurance-Link

Where you make a claim, we will pass details of the event to the Insurance-Link Central Register maintained by insurance companies under the aegis of the Irish Insurance Federation. The information will be shared with other insurance companies to safeguard against non-disclosure and help prevent fraudulent claims. Where there are reasonable grounds for suspicion, information may be passed to relevant enforcement agencies.

#### Other

If you decide to proceed or have any other communication with Ergo and/or KennCo through or in relation to their products and services you accept the use by Ergo and/or KennCo of your personal data as indicated.

# **Insurance Compensation Fund**

The Insurance Compensation Fund (ICF) protects consumers of authorised non-life insurance companies that go into liquidation and are unable to pay insurance claims. These could be claims made by the policyholders or third parties. A non-life insurance policy is typically a general household insurance policy like car or home insurance, and excludes life insurance or health insurance. The maximum compensation amount paid by the ICF is 65% of the cost of the insurance claim or €825,000 whichever is lower. However, in the case of third party motor insurance claims, where an insurer is in liquidation the Fund will make a payment of 100% of an award.

A sum due to a commercial policyholder may not be paid out of the Fund unless the sum is due in respect of a liability to an individual. In addition, not all policyholder liabilities are covered by the Fund and excluded risks include health, dental and life policies.

The ICF doesn't refund the cost of insurance premiums that may have already been paid by the policyholder. It also only covers payments in respect of sums due under policies issued by non-life insurers authorised in Ireland or in other EU Member States. For full details on the ICF please visit the Central Bank of Ireland's website at www.centralbank.ie

# **ERGO Complaints Procedure**

If you have any questions or concerns about your Policy or the handling of a claim you should, in the first instance, please contact the Broker who arranged your insurance policy.

If your Broker is unable to resolve the complaint to your satisfaction by close of business the following day, then you should contact:

The Complaints Manager KennCo Underwriting Ltd Suites 5 - 7 Grange Road Office Park Grange Road Rathfarnham Dublin 16 Phone: (01) 4994600, Fax: (01) 4954627 E-mail: complaints@kennco.ie

Your complaint will be acknowledged within 5 (five) business days of the complaint being made. You will also be informed of the name of one or more individuals that will be your point of contact regarding your complaint until the complaint is resolved or cannot be progressed any further. You will be provided with an update on the progress of the investigation of your complaint, in writing, within twenty business days of the complaint being made.

A decision on your complaint will be provided to you, in writing, within 40 (forty) business days of the complaint being made. Should you remain dissatisfied with the final response or if you have not received a final response within 40 (forty) business days of the complaint being made, you may be eligible to refer your complaint to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO). This option is only applicable to individuals or incorporated bodies with an annual turnover of  $\in$ 3M or less however. The FSPO contact details are as follows:

Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Lincoln House Lincoln Place Dublin 2 D02 VH29 Republic of Ireland

Tel: +353 1 6 567 7000 E-mail: info@fspo.ie Website: www.fspo.ie

If you have purchased your contract online you may also make a complaint via the EU's online dispute resolution (ODR) platform. The website for the ODR platform is www.ec.europa.eu/odr.

The complaints handling arrangements above are without prejudice to your right to commence a legal action or an alternative dispute resolution proceeding in accordance with your contractual rights.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Use this space to provide further information in support of answers given to questions in this Proposal. Please state question number clearly.