

THE MALAYSIAN BAR PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE SCHEME EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR YEAR 2016		
[This note is based on the rating structure agreed between the Bar Council and the Insurer, Pacific & Orient Insurance Co. Berhad]		
No.	Item	Description
1.	Base Premium	For the Policy Year 2016, where Firm has NO Claim Paid: -
		<ul> <li>The Base Premium of RM1,140 per practitioner will apply and the same will apply to newly established practices.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>For a Practitioner who was a Partner or a Sole Proprietor in their previous Firm and paid a separate past practice claims load in 2015, the Base Premium of RM1,140 per practitioner will apply UNLESS payment has been made by Insurers on a claim.</li> </ul>
2.	Mandatory Limit, Sub Limit and Base	The Mandatory Limit, Sub - Limit and Base Excess of a Firm is based on the number of Legal Practitioners in the Firm.
	Excess	<ul> <li>The minimum Mandatory Limit is RM250,000 for a single practitioner Firm and the maximum Limit is RM2,000,000 for a Firm of 36 Practitioners and above.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>A sub - limit for Misconduct of Principal and/or Employee of RM350,000 or the Firm's Limit of Indemnity whichever is lower applies</li> <li>The Base Excess is the amount that each Firm has to bear in respect of payments made by the Insurer to a claimant or defence cost.</li> </ul>
		All Firms will have the option to lower their Base Excess by 50%, subject to additional premium payable. Notwithstanding this, provisions of Clause 10 (a), (b) & (c) of the Certificate of Insurance will apply.
3.	Claims Loading For 2016	<ol> <li>Applicable to ALL claims notified to Insurers on or after 1-1-2011 where the Insurer have made a payment in respect of the claim over and above the Base Excess amount;</li> <li>Calculated as <i>EITHER</i> 5% of claims paid by Insurers <i>OR</i> 5 x 2016 Base Premium, whichever is lower.</li> <li>Further subject to maximum cap of 25% of amount paid by Insurers for that particular claim.</li> <li>25% Cap to apply over 5 years from the date of notification</li> </ol>
		Example:
		Firm A has 100 Practitioners and a notification in 2011 is settled in 2013 for RM2 million. Firm A's Base Premium is = RM1,140 x 100 = RM114,000.
		<ul> <li>2016 Claims Loading: <i>Either</i> 5% of RM2million = RM100,000 <i>OR</i> 5 x RM114,000 = RM570,000; whichever is lower.</li> <li>For 2016, the applicable claims loading is RM 100,000 as it is the lower amount; AND</li> <li>The maximum claims loading payable for the RM 2 million claim paid is RM500,000.00 over the period of 5 years. The 5 years run from 2011 to 2016.</li> <li>The claims loading is added to the Firm's Base Premium</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Calculation:</li> <li>Claims loading for 2016 is RM100,000;</li> <li>Firm A's Base Premium is = RM114,000</li> <li>Total premium payable for 2016 is RM214,000 + GST</li> </ul>
4.	Notification of Claims and/or Circumstance	Firms MUST notify JLT when they become aware of any Circumstance that may lead to a claim or a Claim or a Letter of Demand. The Firm's premium will not be affected until and unless a payment has been made by Insurers on that Notification. Firms are required to comply with the COI and notify claims/circumstances to JLT as soon as practicable BUT
		<ul> <li>No later than 60 days from date of awareness</li> </ul>
		Refer to Clause 13 of the 2016 COI