

FORM A - APPLICATION BY SOLE PRACTITIONER OR PARTNERSHIP

All questions must be completed before this application can be accepted by Law Mutual (WA)

1. LAW PRACTICE DETAILS

Name of Legal Entity: _____

(If different to above) Law Practice Trading Name: _____

ABN: _____

Practice Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

Office Contact Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

(If different to above) Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____

State: _____

Postcode: _____

2. FOR NEW PRACTICES

Commencement date of the law practice if after 30 June 2020: _____

**What is your best estimate of gross fee income for the
12 months beginning from your commencement date?:** *(Mandatory)*

3. GROSS FEE INCOME

What was your law practice's actual gross fee income for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019?

If you were not operating for all of this period, please provide your best estimate of your gross fee income for 12 months from the commencement of your practice.

4. EMPLOYEE DETAILS

Names of Sole Practitioners/ Partners who will hold practising certificates as at 1 July 2020 (attach list if insufficient space):

Surname

Given Names

Names of employed solicitors who will hold practising certificates as at 1 July 2020 (excluding those listed above) (attach list if insufficient space):

Surname

Given Names

Full-time: Part-time: Hrs/Wk (P/T):

General Employees (Non-practising employees only) as at 1 March 2020

No. of general employees who are employed more than 20 hours/week:

No. of general employees who are employed less than 20 hours/week:

5. DISCOUNT ENTITLEMENTS

Does your law practice generate 90% or more of its gross fee income from undertaking criminal law work? Yes No

If yes, please note the undertaking in the declaration below.

A Legal Practice (other than a LFE) that derives at least 90% of its legal fees from the practice of criminal law during the 12 month period ending 31 December 2019 is entitled to a 30% Criminal Law discount on the Annual Contribution. A Legal Practice entitled to a Criminal Law discount is not entitled to any other discount.

Does your law practice have a Law Society of Western Australia's Quality Practice Certificate? Yes No

Does your law practice qualify for the Risk Management Discount? Yes No

A Legal Practice will qualify for a 5% discount (the Risk Management Discount) on its Annual Contribution if it has met the training requirements set out below:

- All of the Partners or Practitioner Directors and at least 80% of the employed Practitioners of the Law Practice have attended at least two (2) hours of Law Mutual (WA) approved risk management training in the period 1 March 2019 to 28 February 2020 (for the 2020/21 insurance year).

The approved training for the purpose of the Risk Management Discount is set out below:

- Risk management seminars held by Law Mutual (WA)
- Select CPD seminars held by the Law Society of Western Australia
- External training courses or in-house training approved by Law Mutual (WA)

6. UNDERTAKING, DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I declare that the information that has been provided on this Application is true and correct.

I undertake that the Law Practice will produce, within 7 days of a written request by Law Mutual (WA), documentary proof that it has met any requirements entitling it to the Criminal Law or Risk Management Discount.

I undertake that if such documentary proof is not produced to the satisfaction of Law Mutual (WA), the Law Practice will immediately repay to Law Mutual (WA) the equivalent of the Discount it received together with the GST payable thereon. Further, I acknowledge the Law Practice will not again be entitled to the Discount until it has completed two consecutive years of the relevant requirements.

I undertake I will provide verification of any of the information in the Application if it is required by Law Mutual (WA).

Law Mutual (WA) will not process the Application unless all the required information in the Form and any other information requested has been provided.

If the Law Society determines there has been a breach of the declaration and undertakings, it may make a complaint to the Legal Profession Complaints Committee (LPCC) in accordance with Section 409 of the Legal Profession Act 2008. For example, if the actual gross fee income figure declared is inaccurate, a complaint may be made to the LPCC.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Must be signed by the Sole Practitioner or Partner

Sole Practitioner/Partner: _____

Name of authorised contact of business if different from the above: _____

Authorised contact phone number: _____

TELL US NOW ABOUT ANY CLAIMS OR CIRCUMSTANCES

If the law practice or any practitioners named in this form are aware of any claims, or circumstances which may give rise to a claim, that have not previously been notified to Law Mutual (WA) they should provide full details to Law Mutual (WA) in writing immediately.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Your law practice is entitled to a 5% discount on its Annual Contribution if it has a Law Society of WA Quality Practice Certificate? Contact the Law Society of Western Australia for further details.
- The Law Society of WA provides its members with the opportunity to participate in the Limitation of Liability Scheme. This may limit the quantum of your Law Practice's liability in the event of a successful claim against it. Contact the Law Society of Western Australia for further details.

7. WHERE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM

EMAIL ONLY: applications@lawmutualwa.com.au

ENQUIRIES: (08) 9481 3111

Original copy not required. Please scan and attach a signed copy of the completed form.

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