

Avant Practitioner Indemnity Insurance

Acceptance of Offer Form

for members of the MDU



Membership with Avant Mutual Group Limited ABN 58 123 154 898.

Practitioner Indemnity Insurance with Avant Insurance Limited ABN 82 003 707 471 AFSL 238765.

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This is an Acceptance of Offer Form for Membership and a Practitioner Indemnity Insurance Policy for practitioners that satisfy the selection criteria. This membership and policy applies only to members residing in Australia and for use in Australia. This is a legal document, which will form: (a) the basis of the contract of insurance between the insured (you) and Avant Insurance Limited (Avant Insurance); and (b) the basis of your contract of Membership with Avant Mutual Group Limited (Avant). When reading this document a reference to 'we', 'our' and 'us' will mean Avant Insurance. 'You' and 'your' will mean the insured.

Your duty of disclosure:

Before you enter into an insurance contract, you have a duty to tell us anything that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know, may affect our decision to insure you and on what terms. You have this duty until we agree to insure you. You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate an insurance contract. You do not need to tell us anything that:

- reduces the risk we insure you for; or
- is common knowledge; or
- we know or should know as an insurer; or
- we waive your duty to tell us about.

If you do not tell us anything you are required to, we may cancel your contract or reduce the amount we will pay you if you make a claim, or both. If your failure to tell us is fraudulent, we may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed. Please read the Practitioner Indemnity Insurance Policy, complete this form, and accept the declarations. You can find the Practitioner Indemnity Insurance Policy wording online at avant.org.au. Please contact us on 1800 128 268 with any questions.

This Acceptance of Offer Form only applies if you meet all the following selection criteria:

1. You must be an internationally qualified medical practitioner and have gotten your Ahpra registration number for the first time within the last 2 years.
2. You must hold professional registration from the Medical Board of Australia.
3. You must be employer indemnified and not generating billings from private patients (e.g. patients who are self-funded or funded via their private health insurance).
4. You must be a current paying member of the Medical Defence Union (the MDU) in the UK and agree to maintain your membership with them for the period of at least 2 years from the start of your Avant policy. If you placed your MDU membership on hold before you came to Australia, you can contact them to restart your paying membership.
5. You have answered 'no' to all of the questions asked in the "Claims, Complaints, Incidents or Proceedings" section of this form. Where you have answered yes, we may require additional information prior to finalising your policy.

If you fall outside of the selection criteria this Acceptance of Offer Form does not apply to you and we will contact you for further information.

Contact information Please write clearly in BLOCK letters

Title		First name		Last name	
Gender*	☐ Male ☐ Female	Date of birth		Mobile	
*Supporting our gender diverse community. We are currently reviewing our gender and sex at birth options to ensure our products and services provide appropriate terminology and selections in line with the diversity of our community.					
Email					
Residential address in Australia					
Your membership number with the MDU					

Qualifications and registration information Please list your medical qualifications

Qualification		Year awarded	
University / Institution		Country	
Qualification		Year awarded	
University / Institution		Country	
Do you require a temporary visa to work in Australia?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If YES please attach a copy if you have this	
Please provide your Ahpra registration details			
Registration number		First year of registration	

Medical practice information		
What is your category of practice? Please refer to the Category of Practice Guide to identify the category that covers the healthcare you provide.		
Do you hold a public appointment? E.g. Such as in a state government hospital or area health service	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Do you require cover for the treatment of public patients where you are NOT entitled to indemnity from any other source (including but not limited to a state government, hospital or area health service, another person or your employer)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Claims, complaints, incidents or proceedings		
If you answer YES to any of the following questions, we may contact you for additional information before accepting your application.		
a) Have you ever been the subject of, or involved in, a claim, complaint, investigation inquiry or proceeding, or has there been an incident (including an act or error) which may lead to a claim or complaint in connection with your training or from healthcare provided by you?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b) Have you ever been refused registration, suspended or deregistered in any country, or have there been any conditions or limitations on your registration?	☐ Yes	☐ No
c) Have you ever made a self-notification or been the subject of a voluntary notification to Ahpra or the Medical Board?	☐ Yes	☐ No
d) Have you ever been counselled, disciplined or had authorisations altered by an employer, medical college, statutory or medical board?	☐ Yes	☐ No
e) Have you ever been charged with, convicted or found guilty of a criminal offence?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Membership and insurance offer		
Policy period	Policy details	Amount
From the date I provide in this completed Acceptance of Offer form to Avant Insurance to the following date – within the next 12 months (please select one): ☐ 30 June ☐ 31 December The maximum policy period can not be greater than 12 months.	Avant Practitioner Indemnity Insurance Policy Retroactive cover from the retroactive date you nominate below	There is no cost for members of the MDU for a total of 2 years from the start of your policy. This includes indemnity and membership.
Please note: The offer of free indemnity and membership with Avant will cease: • at the end of the 2 year policy period; • if you cease to be a member of the MDU; and/or • if you require cover for private healthcare.		
Retroactive indemnity		
Retroactive cover (also known as tail cover) is protection for the healthcare you provided after your retroactive cover date and before the start date of your current medical indemnity insurance policy. This is subject to other exclusions in the policy, particularly the exclusion for 'known circumstances' which should have been notified to another insurer. Please nominate a retroactive cover date that covers all healthcare you have provided within Australia. This is usually the date you first registered with Ahpra. For more information on retroactive cover visit avant.org.au/retroactive-cover .		
Nominated retroactive date. (Note that it is a requirement of eligibility that you have no gaps in cover). (DD/MM/YYYY)		
Electronic communications disclosure and consent		
You will receive the product disclosure statement, renewal documentation, Financial Report and Annual Report electronically. If you wish to receive these by post, please email us at memberservices@avant.org.au .		
I consent to Avant contacting me in accordance with Avant's Privacy Policy (including via email and SMS if you have provided your email address and mobile number). I understand that I may alter this consent at any time by contacting Avant on 1800 128 268.		
You will receive the notice of Annual General Meeting and other member communications from Avant electronically to the email address you have nominated. If you wish to receive these by post, please contact us at memberservices@avant.org.au .		
Please ensure that you maintain a current email address with us at all times so that we can ensure the successful delivery of communications to you. If you change address, change practice details or move overseas please let us know.		

Before signing the declarations, please review the information you have provided and ensure that you have answered all sections accurately and to the best of your knowledge and belief.

Application and declaration

I hereby apply for membership with Avant and for a Practitioner Indemnity Insurance Policy from Avant Insurance. I agree to be bound by the Constitution of Avant and the terms of any insurance policy issued to me by Avant Insurance.

I declare that:

- a) the information I have given in this Acceptance of Offer form and in any accompanying documents is true and correct, and I understand that Avant Insurance will rely on this information in deciding whether to provide me with an insurance contract and on what terms and conditions, and that it will form the basis of my policy
- b) the retroactive date I have selected is adequate to cover me for all prior uncovered incidents and I agree to accept all future offers of retroactive cover as set out in the Policy and this application form, unless I otherwise advise Avant Insurance in writing. If I decide not to accept any offer of retroactive cover or future offers of retroactive cover, I may be uninsured for incidents occurring prior to the commencement date of my policy.
- c) I understand my duty of disclosure exists until the contract of insurance is entered into and that I have a continuing obligation to inform Avant Insurance of any material alteration of the risk during the policy period – including any change in the nature or location of my practice or my billings (if any).
- d) I have read and understood the Product Disclosure Statement, Practitioner Indemnity Insurance Policy, Category of Practice Guide and Constitution of Avant and I acknowledge that cover is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the Policy.
- e) I authorise Avant Insurance to discuss and obtain information or documents in relation to insurance matters or claims history from another insurance company, MDO or an insurance reference bureau or similar organisation.
- f) I authorise Avant Insurance to obtain information and documents in relation to my registration, conditions of my registration or any other matter from any Medical Board or other registration body.
- g) I understand I may be required to participate in an audit to verify my category of practice and/or my gross private practice billings (if any) and that I must cooperate and facilitate such an audit. This may include the provision of a Statutory Declaration by me with regard to my gross billings for private practice.
- h) I accept that my membership will start from the date that I provide this completed Acceptance of Offer form to Avant and the cost of my membership will be pro-rated if the period is less than 12 months.
- i) I accept that my membership and contract of insurance will start from the date that I provide this completed Acceptance of Offer form to Avant only if the selection criteria referred to above is satisfied by me. I acknowledge that the contract of insurance will be subject to the terms and conditions of the policy provided to me or as otherwise specifically varied by Avant Insurance and agreed to by me.

Print name			
Signature		Date	

Please return this form to **Avant Insurance Limited PO BOX 746 Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230**, or email **applications@avant.org.au** or contact us on **1800 128 268**.

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