

Assigned Risks Pool review

Consultation questionnaire form

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Question 1 – Proposal 1

Do you agree that the ARP should cease to provide ARP policies, save to firms already covered by the ARP?

(If this measure is introduced on 1 October 2010, firms that are already covered by the ARP as at 30 September 2010 will be able to renew cover with the ARP but only for as long as those firms remain eligible for an ARP policy).

Yes

No

Comments

Question 2 – Proposal 1

Do you agree that the Qualifying Insurance in existence as at 30 September should be extended for one month for firms that have not obtained Qualifying Insurance in the market as at 1 October?

Yes

No

Comments

But those already in it should be allowed an extension longer than 1 month.

Question 3 – Proposal 1

Do you agree that if the firm fails to effect Qualifying Insurance, or closes without successor practice, on or after 1 October, the previous year's Qualifying Insurer would be required to provide the balance of the 6 years run-off cover starting on that 1 October?

Yes

No

Comments

Question 4 – Proposal 1

Do you agree that the change should be introduced with effect from 1 October 2010?

Yes

No

Comments

Question 5 – Proposal 2

Do you agree that new firms should not be eligible to be issued with an ARP policy with effect from 1 October 2010?

Yes

No

Comments

Question 6 – Proposal 3

Do you agree that the maximum period a firm can be covered by the ARP should be reduced from 24 months to 12 months with effect from 1 October 2010?

Yes

No

Comments

It follows from the reply to question 4 that this is not applicable if that course is followed. However, if it is not, then the answer to this question is yes.

Question 7 – Equality and diversity

What equality and diversity impacts do you believe the proposed changes will have?

Comments

Since insurability is assessed on professional competence and track records, any impact on such matters will not be as a direct result of the decision.

Question 8 – Options

Which of the following options do you prefer the most?

Option 1 – Proposal 1

Option 2 – Proposal 2

Option 3 – Proposal 3

Option 4 – Proposals 2 and 3

Comments

Thank you for completing the **Consultation questionnaire form**.

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