

## **MARKET BULLETIN**

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LLOYD'S NEW CENTRAL FUND 2012 CONTRIBUTIONS
To advise Managing Agents that the 2012 New Central Fund contributions, which were included in MB Y4519 issued on 27 September 2011, will be collected on 2
April 2012. All collections will be made via the Lloyd's Central Accounting System.
Scheduled
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16 March 2012

The principal New Central Fund contribution rates for 2012 are:

	Members	New	New	New
	(other than	Corporate	Corporate	Corporate
	New	Members	Members	Members
	Corporate	(Joining in	(Joining in	(Joining in
	Members as	2010)	2011)	2012)
	defined below)			
New Central Fund Contributions	0.50%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Total Rate Applicable	0.50%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%

## **New Central Fund Contributions**

The annual New Central Fund contribution rate payable by all members, other than new corporate members underwriting on new syndicates, for the 2012 year of account is 0.50%. New corporate members who joined in 2010 and 2011 will continue to pay the increased rate of 2% for their second and third years of operation at Lloyd's.

New corporate members for 2012 will pay 2.0% for each of their first three years of operations. It should be noted that if a member writes on a mix of existing and new

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syndicates, then the higher rate will only be payable in respect of its participations on new syndicates.

Within the category of new corporate members the increased charges do not apply to:

- Conversion vehicles which meet the current definition of a "successor corporate
  member" in the Membership (Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions) Byelaw i.e.
  in broad terms, any vehicle which is 85% owned by converting Names.
- New corporate members which only participate on existing syndicates.

Initial payment of contributions on account will be based on the written premium forecast within the syndicate business forecasts and subsequently adjusted to written premiums. For the purposes of charging, written premiums for a year of account will be finally determined by the audited annual syndicate returns.

Separate arrangements apply for RITC only syndicates, who will continue to be charged no more than the annual run off charge.

## **Settlement Arrangements**

As advised in MB Y4519, syndicates have the option to settle their New Central Fund contributions in sterling or US dollars.

Please notify <u>carolyn.smith@lloyds.com</u> by **16 March 2012** if the New Central Fund is to be paid in US dollars. It should be noted that all settlements for the 2012 year will be made in the currencies selected now. This arrangement can be changed for 2013. For those wishing to pay in US dollars the amount to be collected will be calculated by reference to the middle closing exchange rate published in the FT on 14 March 2012.

Syndicates deciding to pay in US dollars should note that any subsequent adjustment to New Central Fund contributions will be made at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the adjustment which could give rise to a foreign exchange movement.

In April 2014 the charge will be adjusted to actual written premiums following receipt of audited annual syndicate returns.

## 2010 Adjustment Arrangements

Syndicates were advised in MB Y4315 that the 2010 YOA final adjustment would be adjusted to actual written premiums in April 2012. To assist syndicate cashflow the adjustments will correspond with the 2012 collection. Where the original settlement was in US dollars the adjustment will also be calculated using the middle closing exchange rate published in the FT on 14 March 2012.

Advices detailing the 2012 collection and 2010 final adjustment amounts will be issued by 26 March 2012 for settlement via Central Accounting on 2 April 2012.

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