

Job Role	Underwriter
Employment Hours	Full time (35 hours per week)
Work Location	London
Business Function	Underwriting
Team	PI within the Financial Lines team
About Optio	<p>Optio Group brings together the expertise and specialisms of Optio Underwriting, Optio Re MENA, Brockwell Capital, Northcourt Limited, Cove Programs, Ascent Underwriting, Optio Re MENA Ltd, and Optio Europe to provide comprehensive insurance products, underwriting and broking services.</p> <p>Optio develops products, services and solutions that have a positive impact on the insurance sector. By bringing together smart technology and market specialists, we are able to innovate across speciality insurance products, underwriting services and broking, and build strong relationships with our business partners.</p>
Role Definition	The PI Underwriter will underwrite UK, European and International Professional Indemnity business in line with our governance framework – this includes our own rules, principles and business strategy as well as the underwriting authorities and guidelines as set out by our capacity partners
Responsibility & Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow the book sustainably and profitably with focus on achieving targets laid out by management team • Assist the Head of Financial Lines in developing strategies, business plans, opportunities and products • Develop and maintain good working relationships with brokers and clients to establish Optio as a preferred market for PI business • To assist with the development of more junior Underwriting staff • To ensure that complete and accurate underwriting records are maintained, and contract certainty is achieved on all accounts at time of inception • To promote a culture where client’s needs are placed at the heart of underwriting decision-making and business is conducted in a manner that meets Optio’s internal standards and FCA guidelines • To ensure that the workplace environment is fair, equitable, collaborative, supportive, and respectful and one which encourages and increases the participation and contribution of all employees, irrespective of difference
Skill and Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust experience as an Underwriter or relevant equivalent in the Professional Indemnity sector

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<p>Education and qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CII or other Insurance Industry qualifications desirable