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# DOWNING PROTECTED VCT VIII PLC DOWNING PROTECTED VCT IX PLC Application Form

Reservation Number  
(if applicable)

Make your cheque or bankers' draft out to "Downing Protected VCT VIII plc" and crossed "A/C Payee only" and return this form as soon as possible to Downing Corporate Finance Limited, Kings Scholars House, 230 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1AU.

# 1

Title and Name in Full  
Permanent Address

Postcode	Daytime Tel
E-Mail Address	
Date of Birth (day/month/year)	National Insurance No.

# 2

I am applying for:

2007/08 Offer  
(income tax year 2007/08)

 Shares

# A

2008/09 Offer  
(income tax year 2008/09)

 Shares

# B

TOTAL (A + B)

 Shares

# C

Or such lesser sum for which this application may be accepted on the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in Part VI of this document dated 17 October 2007. Please send me a certificate(s) confirming my entitlement to venture capital trust tax reliefs.

# 3

The total amount I am paying for the Shares is  
(at £1 per Share)

 £ Min £5,000

BY SIGNING THIS FORM I HEREBY DECLARE THAT: (i) I have had an opportunity to receive the Prospectus dated 17 October 2007 and to read the terms and conditions of application therein; (ii) I will be the beneficial owner of the Shares in Downing Protected VCT VIII plc or Downing Protected VCT IX plc issued to me pursuant to the Offers; (iii) to the best of my knowledge and belief, the particulars I have given to Downing Protected VCT VIII plc and Downing Protected VCT IX plc are correct; and (iv) I acknowledge that my application for Shares will be allocated in the manner described under the heading "The Offers and Minimum and Maximum Subscription" in Part I of this document.

# 4

Please tick this box if you would like to receive progress updates from the Protected VCTs by email (approximately one email every two months)

**HM Revenue & Customs may inspect this application form. It is a serious offence to make a false declaration.**

# 5

Signature

Date

### For Official Use Only

Less than £9,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of Introduction	<input type="checkbox"/>
List A <input type="checkbox"/>	List B <input type="checkbox"/>
Money Laundering Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>

### DATA PROTECTION ACT

The Companies and/or Downing may use the information you give for administration, research and/or statistical purposes. Your details may be used by the Companies and/or Downing (but will not be sold to third parties) to send you information on other potential investment opportunities (maximum six communications per annum). If you would prefer not to receive such information, please tick this box.

### Authorised financial advisers should stamp and complete this box

Firm Name  
Contact Name  
FSA No.  
Address  
Postcode  
Tel  
E-Mail Address

Initial commission waived as extra shares (number of shares)

Due completion of the agent's box indicates that the agent is duly authorised to transact investments of this type under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.



# Notes on Application Form

**Before making an application to acquire Shares you are strongly recommended to consult an appropriate financial adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.** It is essential that you complete all parts of the Application Form in accordance with the instructions in these notes. Please send the completed Application Form, together with your cheque or bankers' draft by post, or deliver it by hand, to Downing Corporate Finance Limited, Kings Scholars House, 230 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1AU. If you have any questions on how to complete the Application Form please contact Downing Corporate Finance Limited on 020 7416 7780 or your financial adviser.

The following notes should be read in conjunction with the Application Form and the Terms and Conditions of Application.

**1**

Insert in Box 1 in BLOCK CAPITALS your full name, permanent address, daytime telephone number, date of birth, National Insurance Number and, if you have one, your email address. Joint applications are not permitted.

**2**

Insert (in figures) the number of Shares you are applying for in the 2007/08 Offer in Box A (state nil if appropriate). Insert (in figures) the number of Shares you are applying for in the 2008/09 Offer in Box B (state nil if appropriate). You may post-date your cheque to 6 April 2008 in respect of the sum in Box B. Insert (in figures) the total of Boxes A and B in Box C. Your application must be for a minimum of 5,000 Shares.

**3**

Insert (in figures) in Box 3 the amount you wish to invest under the Offers (which is equivalent to the same number of Shares at £1 per Share). For each £1 invested you will be allocated one Ordinary Share at a price of 99.9p and one A Share at a price of 0.1p. The share subscriptions will be adjusted to reflect any commission waived (by agents) as extra shares or Additional Shares issued for early subscriptions.

**Please note that the minimum investment is £5,000.** The maximum investment, on which tax reliefs on investments in VCTs are available, is £200,000 in each of the 2007/08 and 2008/09 tax years.

Attach your cheque or bankers' draft to the Application Form for the exact amount shown in Box 3. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "**Downing Protected VCT VIII plc**" and crossed "**A/C Payee only**". Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

## Money Laundering Regulations 2003 – Important note for applications of £9,000 or more

If the value of the shares applied for is £9,000 or more (or is one of a series of linked applications, the value of which exceeds that amount) payment should be made by means of a cheque drawn on an account in the name of the Applicant. If this is not practicable and you use a cheque drawn by a third party or a building society cheque or bankers' draft, you should write the name, address and date of birth of the Applicant on the back of the cheque or bankers' draft and:

- (a) if a building society cheque or bankers' draft is used, the building society or bank must also endorse on the cheque or draft the name and account number of the person whose account is being debited; or
- (b) if a cheque is drawn by a third party, you must ensure that one item from each of List A and List B (see below) is enclosed with the form.

Alternatively, verification of the Applicant's identity may be provided by means of a "Letter of Introduction" in the prescribed form from a UK or European Economic Area financial institution (such as a bank or stockbroker) or other regulated person (such as a solicitor, accountant or appropriate financial adviser) who is required to comply with the ML Regulations. The relevant financial institution or regulated person will be familiar with the requirements and the relevant form.

## For Applications of £9,000 or more and subscription by way of a cheque drawn by a third party (one item from List A AND one item from List B)

### List A (Verification of Identity)

Current signed passport  
Current UK Driving Licence  
HM Revenue and Customs Tax Notification  
Firearms Certificate

### List B (Verification of Address)

Recent\* utility bill (but not a mobile telephone bill)  
Recent\* local authority tax bill  
Recent\* bank or building society statement  
Recent\* mortgage statement from a recognised lender

Please send original (not passport or driving licence) or certified copies of the documents. Certified as a true copy of the original by a UK lawyer, banker, authorised financial intermediary (e.g. financial adviser or an FSA authorised mortgage broker), accountant, teacher, doctor, minister of religion, postmaster or sub-postmaster. The person certifying the document should state that the copy is a true copy of the original, print their name, address, telephone number and profession and sign and date the copy.

\*"Recent" means within the last three months.

**No Money Laundering verification is required to be enclosed if the application is for less than £9,000 or if payment is by means of a cheque drawn on an account in the name of the Applicant** (provided that (a) the cheque includes details of the Applicant's bank account or building society account (as applicable) and (b) the cheque is drawn on a UK or European Union authorised bank or credit institution). Please note, however, that Downing may, in its absolute discretion, require Money Laundering verification and that Money Laundering verification will be required by introducing financial advisers.

**4**

Please tick this box if you would like to receive email updates from the Protected VCTs, approximately one email every two months.

**5**

**Read the declaration and sign and date the Application Form in Box 5.** If someone other than the Applicant named in Box 1 signs on such Applicant's behalf, such signatory must ensure that the declaration given on behalf of such Applicant is correct.

Agents who are entitled to receive commission should stamp and complete the agent's box, giving their full name and address, telephone number and details of their authorisation under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The right is reserved to withhold payment of commission if the Company is not, at its sole discretion, satisfied that the agent is so authorised.

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged only by email to both Applicants and their Advisers.