

Note: Expiry and settlement of index options and index LEPOs

Please note that from the September 2002 expiry the expiry date and settlement method of index options and index LEPOs will change.

The expiry and settlement conventions for index options and index LEPOs expiring in September 2002 or later will be as follows:

Expiry date

The third Friday of the expiry month, provided this is a trading day. If the third Friday is not a trading day, the expiry date will be the previous business day.

Last trading day

The business day preceding the expiry date.

Settlement

Index option and index LEPO contracts remaining open at expiry will still be cash-settled, however the method of calculating the settlement price will change. The settlement price used will be the ASX Opening Price Index Calculation (OPIC). The OPIC is based on the first traded price of each constituent stock in the index on the expiry day. If a constituent stock does not trade on expiry day, the last traded price from the previous trading day will be used.

The OPIC calculation is completed using these prices. The settlement amount is then paid or received net of margins on the next business day.

Note that for index options and index LEPOs expiring in March 2002 or June 2002, the expiry date/last trade date remains unchanged. However the settlement price will be based upon the OPIC of the underlying S&P/ASX200 Index on the expiry day.