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### **Introduction**

Thank you for choosing Hiscox. We hope that the language and layout of this policy wording are clear because we want you to understand the insurance we provide as well as the responsibilities we have to each other. Where some words are shown in bold, these are defined in each section of the wording. Please read this document, including the policy schedule, policy summary and statement of fact, and let us know as soon as possible if any of the details are shown incorrectly.

We always try to deliver to the highest standards of service. Your views are important to us, so if you feel that our service is below the standard you would expect, please contact your broker who can work with Hiscox to resolve this.

# Professional insurance portfolio

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## A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

Please read this policy wording, together with any **endorsements** and **your** schedule, very carefully and keep them in a safe place. If anything is incorrect or changes, please notify **us** immediately.

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### Our promise to you

In return for the premium **you** have paid, **we** agree to insure **you** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the **policy**.



**Ben Horton**

Executive Director, Hiscox Underwriting Ltd  
Chief Underwriting Officer, Hiscox UK

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### Complaints procedure

Hiscox aims to ensure that all aspects of **your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times Hiscox are committed to providing **you** with the highest standard of service. If **you** have any concerns about **your policy** or **you** are dissatisfied about the handling of a claim and wish to complain **you** should, in the first instance, contact Hiscox Customer Relations in writing at:

Hiscox Customer Relations  
The Hiscox Building  
Peasholme Green  
York YO1 7PR  
United Kingdom

or by telephone on +44 (0)800 116 4627 or +44 (0)1904 681 198  
or by email at [customer.relations@hiscox.com](mailto:customer.relations@hiscox.com)

Where **you** are not satisfied with the final response from Hiscox, **you** also have the right to refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service to review **your** case. This does not affect **your** legal rights.

Address:  
Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower

London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567 or +44 20 7964 0500 from outside the United Kingdom

Email: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

Website: [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

If you contact them or us, please quote the policy number shown in your policy schedule.

# General terms and conditions

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<b>General definitions</b>	<p><b>We</b> use some words throughout this <b>policy</b> with the same meaning wherever they appear. These are shown in bold type and <b>we</b> explain what they mean below.</p> <p>Any other definitions when used in particular sections of the <b>policy</b> are shown in bold and have the same meaning whenever they appear in that section. <b>We</b> explain what they mean in the 'Special definitions' section of that part of the <b>policy</b>.</p>
<b>Artificial intelligence</b>	<p>Any machine learning, logical, statistical or other algorithm in <b>computer or digital technology</b> that can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. perform tasks or generate outputs, including but not limited to, actions, content, decisions, predictions or recommendations; or</li><li>2. adapt or vary its operation proactively, or in response to inputs.</li></ol>
<b>Asbestos risks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; or</li><li>2. exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; or</li><li>3. the provision of instructions, recommendations, notices, warnings, supervision or advice given, or which should have been given, in connection with asbestos, asbestos fibres or structures or materials containing asbestos.</li></ol>
<b>Business</b>	<p><b>Your</b> business or profession as shown in <b>your</b> schedule.</p>
<b>Civil commotion</b>	<p>Where 12 or more persons are present together, whether in a public or private place, with a common purpose (which may be inferred from conduct):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. to use, or threaten to use, physical force to inflict personal injury on any person or to damage property; or</li><li>2. which causes a person of reasonable firmness, had such person been present at the scene, to fear for their safety. For the purposes of this definition, no person of reasonable firmness need actually be, or be likely to be, present at the scene.</li></ol>
<b>Communicable disease</b>	<p>Any communicable, infectious or contagious disease, including any related variation, strain, virus, complex or syndrome.</p>
<b>Computer or digital technology</b>	<p>Any <b>programs</b>, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.</p>
<b>Computer or digital technology error</b>	<p>Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or</li><li>2. on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of,</li></ol> <p>any <b>computer or digital technology</b>.</p>
<b>Confiscation</b>	<p>Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.</p>
<b>Cyber attack</b>	<p>Any digital attack or interference, whether by a <b>hacker</b> or otherwise, attempting or resulting in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. access to;</li><li>2. extraction of information from;</li><li>3. disruption of access to or the operation of; or</li><li>4. damage to:</li></ol> <p>any data or <b>computer or digital technology</b>, including but not limited to any:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>programs</b> designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or <b>computer or digital technology</b> including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or</li><li>b. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.</li></ol>

<b>Endorsement</b>	A change to the terms of the <b>policy</b> .
<b>Excess</b>	The amount <b>you</b> must bear as the first part of each agreed claim or loss.
<b>Geographical limits</b>	The geographical area shown in <b>your</b> schedule.
<b>Hacker</b>	Any <b>artificial intelligence</b> , entity or person, including any employee of <b>yours</b> , who gains or attempts to gain unauthorised access to or use of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>computer or digital technology</b>; or</li> <li>2. data held electronically by <b>you</b> or on <b>your</b> behalf.</li> </ol>
<b>Nuclear risks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;</li> <li>2. any products or services which include, involve or relate in any way to anything in a. above, or the storage, handling or disposal of anything in a. above;</li> <li>3. all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in a. or b. above is located.</li> </ol>
<b>Period of insurance</b>	The time for which this <b>policy</b> is in force as shown in <b>your</b> schedule.
<b>Personal data</b>	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.
<b>Policy</b>	This insurance document and <b>your</b> schedule, including any <b>endorsements</b> .
<b>Program(s)</b>	Code or instructions which tell <b>computer or digital technology</b> how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment, systems or devices.
<b>Social engineering communication</b>	Any request directed to <b>you</b> or someone on <b>your</b> behalf by any <b>artificial intelligence</b> , entity or person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property to which such third-party is not entitled.
<b>Solar weather</b>	Solar flares, solar eruptions or bursts including plasma bubbles or ejections, magnetic field or magnetosphere fluctuations or disruptions.
<b>Terrorism</b>	An act, or the threat of an act, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. is committed for political, religious, ideological, racial or similar purposes; and</li> <li>2. is intended to influence any government or an international governmental organisation or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. involves violence against one or more persons; or</li> <li>b. involves damage to property; or</li> <li>c. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or</li> <li>d. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or</li> <li>e. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>War</b>	War (whether declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.
<b>We/us/our</b>	The insurers named in <b>your</b> schedule.
<b>You/your</b>	The insured named in the schedule.
<b>General conditions</b>	The following conditions apply to the whole of this <b>policy</b> . Any other conditions are shown in the section to which they apply.
Presentation of the risk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In agreeing to insure <b>you</b> and in setting the terms and premium, <b>we</b> have relied on the information <b>you</b> have given <b>us</b>. <b>You</b> must provide a fair presentation of the risk and must take care when answering any questions <b>we</b> ask by ensuring that all information provided is true, accurate and complete. A fair presentation is one which clearly discloses in a reasonably clear and accessible manner all material facts which <b>you</b> (including <b>your</b> senior management and those responsible for arranging this insurance) know or ought to know following a reasonable search.</li> </ol>

- If you fail to make a fair presentation
2. a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to present the risk to **us** fairly, **we** may treat this **policy** as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** and **we** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
- b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to present the risk to **us** fairly but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** made a fair presentation of the risk, as follows:
- i. if **we** would not have provided this **policy**, **we** may treat it as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us**. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid; or
- ii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** on different terms (other than as to premium), **we** will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the start of the **period of insurance**. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss. **You** must reimburse any payment made by **us** that **we** would not have paid if such terms had been in effect.
- Change of circumstances
3. **You** must tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible of any change in circumstances during the **period of insurance** which may materially affect this **policy** (a material fact or circumstance is one which might affect **our** decision to provide insurance or the conditions of that insurance). **We** may then change the terms and conditions of this **policy** or cancel it in accordance with the cancellation condition.
- If you fail to notify us of a change of circumstances
4. a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to:
- i. notify **us** of a change of circumstances which may materially affect the **policy**; or
- ii. comply with the obligation in 1. above to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing us with information in relation to a change of circumstances;
- we** may treat this **policy** as if it no longer existed from the date of such change of circumstances and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
- b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to notify **us** of a change of circumstances or to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing **us** with information in relation to a change of circumstances, but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** fairly presented the change of circumstances to **us**, as follows:
- i. if **we** would have cancelled this **policy**, **we** may treat it as cancelled from the date that such cancellation would have been effective and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any incident occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse any payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid in respect of any period after the date when cancellation would have been effective; or
- ii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** on different terms (other than as to premium), **we** will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the date when **your** circumstances changed. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss.
- Reasonable precautions
5. **You** must take reasonable steps to prevent accident or injury and to protect **your** property against loss or damage. **You** must keep any property insured under this **policy** in good condition and repair. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** in respect of any incident occurring whilst **you** are not in compliance with this condition unless **you** can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss, damage, accident or injury occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.
- Premium payment
6. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** until **you** have paid the premium.
- Cancellation
7. **You** or **we** can cancel the **policy** by giving 30 days' written notice. **We** will give **you** a pro-rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of the **period of insurance** after the effective date of cancellation for which **you** have already paid. However, **we** will not refund any premium:
- a. under £20; or
- b. if **we** have accepted any notification of any claim, potential claim or loss before the cancellation takes effect.

If **we** have agreed that **you** can pay **us** the premium by instalments and **we** have not received an instalment 14 days after the due date, **we** may cancel the **policy**. In this event, the **period of insurance** will equate to the period for which premium instalments

have been paid to **us**. **We** will confirm the cancellation and amended **period of insurance** to **you** in writing.

- Multiple insureds 8. The most **we** will pay is the relevant amount shown in **your** schedule.  
If more than one insured is named in **your** schedule, the total amount **we** will pay will not exceed the amount **we** would be liable to pay to any one of **you**.  
**You** agree that the insured named in **your** schedule, or if there is more than one insured named in **your** schedule the first of them, is authorised to receive all notices and agree any amendments to the **policy**.
- Aggregate limit 9. Where a section of this **policy** specifies an aggregate limit, this means **our** maximum payment for all relevant claims or losses covered under that section of **your policy** during the **period of insurance**.
- Rights of third parties 10. **You** and **we** are the only parties to this **policy**. Nothing in this **policy** is intended to give any person any right to enforce any term of this **policy** which that person would not have had but for the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- Other insurance 11. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** where **you** would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if this **policy** did not exist except in respect of any amount in excess of the amount that would have been payable under such other insurance had this **policy** not been effected. If such other insurance is provided by **us** the most **we** will pay under this **policy** will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.
- Cover under multiple sections 12. Where **you**, including anyone within the meaning of 'you' or 'insured person' in any section of the **policy**, are entitled to cover under more than one section of the **policy** in respect of the same claim or loss, or any part of a claim or loss, **we** shall only provide cover under one section of the **policy**, being the section that provides the most advantageous cover to **you** or the party entitled to cover.
- Governing law 13. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this **policy** will be governed by the laws of England.
- Arbitration 14. Any dispute arising out of or relating to this insurance, including over its construction, application and validity, will be referred to a single arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Act then in force.
- Non-admitted 15. This **policy** is negotiated and made in the United Kingdom between **you** and **us**. **We** are authorised to conduct insurance business in the United Kingdom and in certain other jurisdictions. **You** acknowledge that no solicitation for the **policy** has been made by **us** outside of the United Kingdom, that unless otherwise agreed in writing the **policy** is subject to English Law and jurisdiction and that claims are payable in the United Kingdom. **You** acknowledge that any applicable local taxes outside of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area, or other jurisdiction in which **we** have informed **you** that **we** are authorised to conduct insurance business, will be paid by **you** directly to the appropriate authority.
- Several liability 16. This clause applies if more than one insurer and/or a Lloyd's syndicate is party to this **policy**.  
The liability of an insurer or syndicate under this **policy** is several and not joint with any other insurers or syndicates party to this **policy**. An insurer is liable only for the proportion of liability it has underwritten. **We** will provide **you**, on request, with details of the insurers/syndicates who are party to this **policy** and the proportions of liability they have underwritten.
- Sanctions 17. **We** shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or loss or provide any benefit under this **policy** to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or loss or provision of such benefit would expose **us**, or would in **our** reasonable view give rise to any appreciable risk of exposing **us**, to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom, United States of America, or of any other relevant jurisdiction.

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**General claims conditions** The following claims conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. **You** must also comply with the conditions shown in each section of the **policy** under the heading **Your obligations**.

- Your obligations 1. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** unless **you**:



- a. give **us** prompt notice of anything which is likely to give rise to a claim under this **policy** in accordance with the terms of each section; and
  - b. give **us**, at **your** expense, any information which **we** may reasonably require and co-operate fully in the investigation of any claim under this **policy**.
2. **You** must:
- a. make every reasonable effort to minimise any loss, damage or liability and take appropriate emergency measures immediately if they are required to reduce any claim; and
  - b. give us all assistance which **we** may reasonably require to pursue recovery of amounts **we** may become legally liable to pay under this **policy**, in **your** name but at **our** expense.

If **you** fail to do so, **you** shall be liable to **us** for an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result of **your** failure to comply with this obligation, which **we** may deduct from any payment **we** make under this **policy**.

Fraud

3. If **you** or anyone entitled to cover in respect of any claim or loss, or anyone on behalf of you or such other person, tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy** then:
- a. **we** shall be entitled to give **you** notice of termination of the **policy** with effect from the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
  - b. **we** shall be entitled to refuse to make any payment under the **policy** in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
  - c. **you** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information; and
  - d. **we** shall be entitled to retain all premiums paid.

This does not affect **your** rights in relation to any claim made or loss occurring before the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information.

4. Where this **policy** provides cover for any individual who, or entity that, is not a party to the **policy**, and where such an individual or entity (or anyone on their behalf) tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy**, **our** rights set out in 3. above apply only to any individual or entity that gave the false information or made the fraudulent claim.

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**General exclusions**

The exclusions set out below apply to each and every section of this **policy** and shall not be varied by any other provision in this **policy**. Where the exclusions below are not consistent with any other provision in this **policy**, these exclusions apply and shall override the inconsistent provision.

In addition, other exclusions apply to this **policy** and these are included in the particular sections of the **policy** to which they apply.

1. We will not make any payment for any damage, loss, cost, expense or claim directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with:
  - a. **solar weather**;
  - b. any fear or threat of 1.a.; or
  - c. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 1.a.

# Professional indemnity

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The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

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### Special definitions for this section

<b>Advertising or branding</b>	Advertising, branding, including your company name, trading name and any web domain name, publicity or promotion in or of those of <b>your</b> products or services that expressly fall within <b>your business activity</b> .
<b>Applicable courts</b>	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
<b>Business activity</b>	The activities stated in the schedule, which <b>you</b> perform in the course of <b>your business</b> .
<b>Client</b>	Any person or entity with whom <b>you</b> have engaged or contracted to provide services or deliverables that expressly fall within <b>your business activity</b> .
<b>Computer or digital technology</b>	Any <b>programs</b> , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
<b>Computer or digital technology error</b>	Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or</li><li>2. on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of;</li></ol> any <b>computer or digital technology</b> .
<b>Cyber attack</b>	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a <b>hacker</b> or otherwise, designed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. gain access to;</li><li>2. extract information from;</li><li>3. disrupt access to or the operation of; or</li><li>4. cause damage to:</li></ol> any data or <b>computer or digital technology</b> , including but not limited to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>programs</b> designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or <b>computer or digital technology</b> including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or</li><li>b. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.</li></ol>
<b>Defence costs</b>	Costs incurred with <b>our</b> prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against <b>you</b> .
<b>Hacker</b>	Anyone, including an employee of <b>yours</b> , who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>computer or digital technology</b>; or</li><li>2. data held electronically by <b>you</b> or on <b>your</b> behalf.</li></ol>
<b>Personal data</b>	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.
<b>Pollution</b>	Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.
<b>Retroactive date</b>	The date stated as the retroactive date in the schedule.

<b>Social engineering communication</b>	Any request directed to <b>you</b> or someone on <b>your</b> behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
<b>You/your</b>	Also includes any person who was, is or during the <b>period of insurance</b> becomes <b>your</b> partner or director or senior manager in actual control of <b>your</b> operations.

**What is covered**

A.

**Claims against you**

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for a **client** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a claim, including any injunctive proceedings, against **you** for:

Negligence

a. negligence or breach of a duty of care;

Negligent misstatement

b. negligent misstatement or negligent misrepresentation;

Intellectual property infringement

c. infringement of intellectual property rights including copyright, trademark or moral rights or any act of passing-off;

Breach of confidentiality

d. breach of confidence or misuse of any information, which is either confidential or subject to statutory restrictions on its use;

Defamation

e. defamation;

Dishonesty

f. dishonesty of **your** individual partners, directors or employees, or sub-contractors or outsourcers directly contracted to **you** and under **your** supervision; or

Other civil liability

g. any other civil liability,

unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

**We** will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Sub-contractors or outsourcers

**We** will indemnify **you** against any claim falling within the scope of **What is covered**, A. Claims against you, which is brought as a result of any **business activity** undertaken on **your** behalf by any sub-contractor or outsourcer.

Avoiding a potential claim against you

If:

- your client** has reasonable grounds for being dissatisfied with the work **you** have done or which has been done on **your** behalf and refuses to pay for any or all of it, including amounts **you** legally owe to sub-contractors or outsourcers at the date of the refusal;
- your client** threatens to bring a claim against **you** for more than the amount owed and **we** are satisfied that the threatened claim has reasonable prospects of success; and
- we** believe that it may be possible to settle the dispute with the **client** by **your** agreeing not to press for the disputed amount,

**we** may, in **our** discretion, pay **you** the amount owed to **you** over and above the **excess**. If **we** do, **you** must agree not to press **your client** for the disputed amount.

Alternatively, if it is not possible to reach agreement with the **client** on this basis but **we** still believe that by not pressing for the disputed amount **you** will avoid a legitimate claim or counterclaim for a greater amount, **we** may pay the amount owed to **you** at that time, over and above the **excess**.

If a claim is still brought, **we** will deal with it but **our** total payment, including what **we** have already paid **you** or on **your** behalf, will not exceed the applicable limit of indemnity stated in the schedule. **You** must return the amount **we** have paid if **you** eventually recover the debt, less **your** reasonable expenses.

Once **we** agree to make any payment above, **you** will assign to **us** such rights as **you** have in relation to the amounts owed to **you**.

**We** will not make any payment for any money owed to **you** if the claim or threatened claim, or part of the claim or threatened claim, is not covered by this section.

B.

#### Advertising claims

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your advertising or branding** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a claim, including any injunctive proceedings, against **you** for:

1. infringement of copyright or moral rights; or
2. Defamation;

unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

**We** will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

#### Your own losses

##### Loss of documents

If during the **period of insurance** any tangible document of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business activity** is physically lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it. The most **we** will pay for the total of all such expenses is the relevant amount stated in the schedule.

#### Additional cover

##### Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you**, or any employee of **yours**, has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** the amount stated in the schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**. The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendances is the amount stated in the schedule.

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#### What is not covered

A. **We** will not make any payment for any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:

##### Investments

1. any investment advice, financial advice, investment of **client** funds or any activity regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Prudential Regulation Authority or any other similar or successor regulatory body.

##### Survey and valuation

2. any survey or valuation of physical property or any construction or erection work, other than heating, lighting, electrical, venting and other work normally undertaken by a building services engineer.

##### Pension schemes

3. any operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund, or the sale or purchase of or dealing in any stocks, shares or securities or the misuse of any information relating to them, or any breach of any legislation or regulation related to these activities.

##### Taxation and competition

4. any liability for any breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation.

##### Pollution

5. **pollution.**

##### Cyber incident

6. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:

a. **cyber attack;**

b. **hacker;**

c. **social engineering communication;**

d. any fear or threat of 6.a. to 6.c. above;

e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 6.a. to 6.d. above.

##### Discrimination and harassment

7. any discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment, unless arising directly from **your** breach of a duty of care in the performance of a **business activity**.

##### Injury

8. the death of or any bodily or mental injury or disease suffered by anyone, unless arising directly from **your** breach of a duty of care in the performance of a **business activity**.

##### Land, animals and vehicles

9. the ownership, possession or use of any land or building, any animal, any aircraft, any watercraft or any motor vehicle.

Property damage	10. the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property unless arising directly from <b>your</b> breach of a duty of care in the performance of a <b>business activity</b> . This clause does not apply to <b>your</b> own loss under the Loss of documents cover in <b>What is covered</b> .
Negotiable instruments	11. the loss, damage or destruction of any bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.
Computer or digital technology error	12. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any <b>computer or digital technology error</b> .
Directors and officers' liability	13. any personal liability incurred by a director or officer of <b>yours</b> when acting in that capacity or managing <b>your business</b> , or a breach of any fiduciary duty, other than when performing a <b>business activity</b> for a <b>client</b> , or any statement, representation or information concerning <b>you</b> or <b>your business</b> contained in <b>your</b> accounts, reports or financial statements.
Product liability	14. any supply, manufacture, sale, installation or maintenance of any product.
Defamatory statements	15. any statement <b>you</b> knew, or ought reasonably to have known, was defamatory at the time of publication.
Deliberate, reckless or dishonest acts	16. any act, breach, omission or infringement <b>you</b> deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly commit, condone or ignore. This does not apply to any claim under the dishonesty cover in <b>What is covered</b> , A. Claims against you, but <b>we</b> will not in any event provide cover to any party who actually commits, condones or ignores any dishonesty.
Pre-existing problems	17. anything, including any actual or alleged shortcoming in <b>your</b> work, likely to lead to a claim against <b>you</b> or <b>your</b> own loss, which <b>you</b> knew or ought reasonably to have known about before <b>we</b> agreed to insure <b>you</b> .
Date recognition	18. <b>date recognition</b> .
War, terrorism and nuclear	19. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>terrorism</b>;</li> <li>b. <b>war</b>;</li> <li>c. <b>nuclear risks</b>;</li> <li>d. fear or threat of 19.a. to 19.c. above; or</li> <li>e. any action taken in controlling preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 19.a. to 19.d. above.</li> </ul> <p>If there is any dispute between <b>you</b> and <b>us</b> over the application of clause 19.a. above, it will be for <b>you</b> to show that the clause does not apply.</p>
Asbestos	20. <b>asbestos risks</b> .
Contractual liability	21. any liability under any contract which is greater than the liability <b>you</b> would have at law without the contract.
Employees	22. anyone's employment with or work for <b>you</b> , or any breach of an obligation owed by <b>you</b> as an employer.
Supplied personnel	23. the work of any personnel supplied by <b>you</b> to a <b>client</b> , unless <b>you</b> have breached a duty of care in supplying them.
Patent/trade secret	24. any infringement, use, or disclosure of a patent, or any use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret.
Infrastructure failure	25. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any failure or interruption of service provided by an internet service provider, telecommunications provider, utilities supplier or other infrastructure provider.
Trademarks and false advertising	26. any actual or alleged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. act of passing-off, unauthorised use of another's trademark, name or logo; or</li> <li>b. false or misleading advertising</li> </ul> <p>in relation to <b>your advertising or branding</b>.</p> <p>B. <b>We</b> will not make any payment for:</p>

Claims brought by a related party	1. any claim brought by an insured within the definition of <b>you</b> or any party with a financial, executive or managerial interest in <b>you</b> , including any parent company or any party in which <b>you</b> have a financial, executive or managerial interest, including any subsidiary company. This does not apply to a claim based on a liability to an independent third-party directly arising out of the performance of <b>your business activity</b> .
Restricted recovery rights	2. that part of any claim where <b>your</b> right of recovery is restricted by any contract.
Lost profit and VAT	3. <b>your</b> lost profit, mark-up or liability for VAT or its equivalent.
Trading losses	4. any trading loss or trading liability including those arising from the loss of any <b>client</b> , account or business.
Non-compensatory payments	5. fines and contractual penalties, tax liabilities or debts, aggravated, punitive or exemplary damages, and also additional damages under section 97(2) of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or any statutory successor to that section.
Claims outside the applicable courts	6. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the <b>applicable courts</b> . This applies to proceedings in the <b>applicable courts</b> to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the <b>applicable courts</b> .
Personal data claims	7. any claim or loss relating to the actual or alleged processing, acquisition, storage, destruction, erasure, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to <b>personal data</b> .  However, this does not apply to any covered claim or part of a covered claim made against <b>you</b> by a <b>client</b> which arises directly from <b>your</b> performance of a <b>business activity</b> for that <b>client</b> and which is not otherwise excluded by <b>What is not covered, A. 6. Cyber incidents</b> above. The most we will pay in relation to any such covered claim(s) is the special limit stated in the schedule for personal data claims.

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#### How much we will pay

**We** will pay up to the limit of indemnity for this section stated in the schedule unless limited below or otherwise in the schedule. **We** will also pay for **defence costs**. However, if a payment greater than the applicable limit of indemnity has to be made for a claim **our** liability for **defence costs** will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

All claims and losses which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming in **your** work will be regarded as one claim. This includes such claims and losses arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

#### Special limits

The most **we** will pay for each item below, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, is a single limit of indemnity, which is an aggregate limit, for the total of all claims (including their **defence costs**) brought against **you** arising from:

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| Dishonesty      | 1. the dishonesty of <b>your</b> partners, directors, employees, sub-contractors or outsourcers; |
| Property damage | 2. the physical loss or destruction of or damage to tangible property; and                       |
| Injury          | 3. the death, disease or bodily or mental injury of anyone.                                      |

#### Personal data claims

The most **we** will pay for the total of all claims or parts of claims against **you** by a **client** including **defence costs**, which arise directly from **your** performance of a **business activity** for that **client** relating to **personal data** is the relevant amount stated in the schedule, which is included within, and not in addition to, the overall limit of indemnity for this section.

**You** must pay the relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

#### Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a claim **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will pay **defence costs** already incurred at the date of **our** payment. **We** will then have no further liability for that claim or its **defence costs**.

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## Your obligations

- If a problem arises
1. **We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify **us** of the following promptly and within the **period of insurance**, or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for any problem **you** first become aware of in the seven days before expiry:
    - a. **your** first awareness of anything, including any actual or alleged shortcoming in **your** work, which is likely to lead to a claim against **you**. This includes any criticism of **your** work even though regarded by **you** as unjustifiable.  
  
If **we** accept **your** notification **we** will regard any subsequent claim as notified to this insurance;
    - b. any claim or threatened claim against **you**;
    - c. **your** discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for **your** suspicion, that any partner, director, employee, sub-contractor or outsourcer has acted dishonestly;
  2. When dealing with **your client** or a third party, **you** must not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement. If **you** do, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

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## Control of defence

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any or any part of a claim.

**You** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any claim. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

Appointment of legal representation

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to select and appoint an adjuster, lawyer or any other appropriate person of **our** choosing to deal with the claim.

Partially covered claims

**We** will not pay any part of a claim and its associated costs which is not covered by this section. If a claim is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is brought against **you** and any other party who is not covered under this section, then at the outset of the claim, **we** and **you** agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any claim or associated costs, including **defence costs** on the basis of the relative legal and financial exposures.

Advancement of defence costs

**We** will pay **defence costs** covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim. However, **we** will not pay any **defence costs** in connection with any claim or part of a claim which is not covered under this section. **You** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

Payment of full limit of indemnity

**We** have no further duty to indemnify **you** against any claim where **we** pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity as described in **How much we will pay**, Paying out the limit of indemnity.

Payment of excess

**Our** duty to make any payment under this section arises only after the applicable **excess** is fully paid. The **excess** will only be eroded by the covered parts of a claim.

Disputes

For the purposes of **control of defence** in this section of the **policy**, **General condition 14**, Arbitration, within the **general terms and conditions** is amended to read as follows:

Any dispute as to whether to settle or to continue the defence of a claim or as to the fair allocation of any partially covered **claim** and its associated costs, will be referred to a single Queen's Counsel (or equivalent in this or any other jurisdiction) to be mutually agreed or in the absence of such agreement to be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England and Wales. The opinion of such Queen's Counsel shall be binding on **you** and **us** in relation to matters referred under this clause. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.



# Public and products liability

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

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## Special definitions for this section

<b>Abuse or molestation</b>	Physical or mental abuse, assault, battery, harassment, voyeurism, invasion of privacy, mistreatment or maltreatment, any act of a sexual nature or any act undertaken with a sexual motive.
<b>Abuse or molestation retroactive date</b>	The date stated as the retroactive date in the abuse or molestation cover in the schedule.
<b>Bodily injury</b>	Death, or any bodily or mental injury or disease of any person.
<b>Computer or digital technology</b>	Any <b>programs</b> , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
<b>Computer or digital technology error</b>	Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or</li><li>2. on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of;</li></ol> any <b>computer or digital technology</b> .
<b>Cyber attack</b>	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a <b>hacker</b> or otherwise, designed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. gain access to;</li><li>2. extract information from;</li><li>3. disrupt access to or the operation of; or</li><li>4. cause damage to:</li></ol> any data or <b>computer or digital technology</b> , including but not limited to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>programs</b> designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or <b>computer or digital technology</b> including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or</li><li>b. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.</li></ol>
<b>Defence costs</b>	Costs incurred with <b>our</b> prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against <b>you</b> .
<b>Denial of access</b>	Nuisance, trespass or interference with any easement or right of air, light, water or way.
<b>Drone</b>	Any remotely controlled un-manned aerial vehicle and any accessories used with such vehicle.
<b>Employee</b>	Any person working for <b>you</b> in connection with <b>your business</b> who is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. employed by <b>you</b> under a contract of service or apprenticeship;</li><li>2. hired to or borrowed by <b>you</b>;</li><li>3. under <b>your</b> control or supervision and is self-employed or working on a labour-only basis;</li><li>4. engaged by labour-only sub-contractors;</li><li>5. a labour master or a person supplied by him;</li><li>6. engaged under a work experience or training scheme;</li><li>7. a voluntary worker engaged with <b>your</b> permission.</li></ol>

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<b>Hacker</b>	Anyone, including an employee of yours, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>computer or digital technology</b>; or</li> <li>data held electronically by <b>you</b> or on <b>your</b> behalf.</li> </ol>
<b>Inefficacy</b>	The failure of any of <b>your products</b> or any service, process or system provided or managed by <b>you</b> to perform the function or serve the purpose for which it was intended.
<b>Personal data</b>	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.
<b>Personal injury</b>	False arrest, detention or imprisonment; malicious prosecution; wrongful entry into, or eviction of a person from, a room, dwelling or premises that they occupy.
<b>Pollution</b>	Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.
<b>Products</b>	Any goods sold, supplied, distributed, manufactured, constructed, erected, installed, altered, tested, serviced, maintained, repaired, cleaned or treated by <b>you</b> .
<b>Property damage</b>	Physical loss of or damage to or destruction of tangible property including the resulting loss of use of such property.
<b>Tool of trade</b>	Mobile plant or equipment being used where insurance or security is not required under the provisions of any road traffic legislation. This does not include <b>drones</b> .
<b>You/your</b>	Also includes any person who was, is or during the <b>period of insurance</b> becomes <b>your</b> director, partner, trustee, committee member, senior manager or officer in actual control of <b>your</b> operations.

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## What is covered

Claims against you	<p>If, as a result of <b>your business</b>, any party brings a claim against <b>you</b> for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>bodily injury</b>, other than <b>abuse or molestation</b>, or <b>property damage</b> occurring during the <b>period of insurance</b>;</li> <li><b>personal injury</b> or <b>denial of access</b> committed during the <b>period of insurance</b>,</li> </ol> <p><b>we</b> will indemnify <b>you</b> against the sums <b>you</b> have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>This includes a claim against any <b>employee</b> when they are acting on <b>your</b> behalf in whatever capacity.</p> <p><b>We</b> will also pay <b>defence costs</b> but <b>we</b> will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Abuse or molestation claims	<p>If, as a result of <b>your business</b>, any party brings a claim against <b>you</b> during the <b>period of insurance</b> for <b>abuse or molestation</b> committed after the <b>abuse or molestation retroactive date</b>, <b>we</b> will indemnify <b>you</b> against the sums <b>you</b> have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>This includes a claim against any <b>employee</b> when they are acting on <b>your</b> behalf in whatever capacity. However, <b>we</b> will not in any event provide cover to any party who commits, condones or ignores any <b>abuse or molestation</b>.</p> <p><b>We</b> will also pay <b>defence costs</b> but <b>we</b> will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Overseas personal liability	<p><b>We</b> will indemnify <b>you</b> and if <b>you</b> so request, any of <b>your</b> directors, partners, trustees, committee members, <b>employees</b> or the spouse of any such person against legal liability as a result of <b>bodily injury</b>, <b>property damage</b> or <b>personal injury</b>, which falls within the scope of <b>What is covered</b>. Claims against you, incurred in a personal capacity whilst temporarily outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man other than where such liability:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>arises out of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any loss of a third-party's key or electronic pass card;</li> <li>any failure to secure a third-party's premises;</li> <li>the ownership or occupation of land or buildings; or</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

b. is covered by any other insurance.

#### Claims against principals

If, as a result of **your business**, any party brings a claim, which falls within the scope of **What is covered**, Claims against you, against any:

- a. party individually stated in the Public and products liability section of the schedule under Named third parties; or
- b. other party with whom **you** have entered into a contract or agreement in connection with **your business**;

and **you** are liable for that claim, **we** will treat such claim as if it had been made against **you** and make the same payment to such party that **we** would have made to **you**, provided that they:

- i. have not, in **our** reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;
- ii. accept that **we** can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the terms of this section;
- iii. have not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before **we** are notified of it;
- iv. give **us** the information and co-operation **we** reasonably require for dealing with the claim.

#### Cross liabilities

If more than one insured is named in the schedule, **we** will deal with any claim as though a separate policy had been issued to each of them provided that **our** liability in the aggregate shall not exceed the applicable limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

#### Criminal proceedings costs

If, during the **period of insurance**, any governmental, administrative or regulatory body brings any criminal or regulatory action or proceedings against **you** or any **employee** directly relating to any actual or potential claim under this section, **we** will pay the costs incurred with **our** prior written consent to defend such an action or proceedings. However, **we** will only pay the costs incurred to defend any allegations of **abuse or molestation** covered under this section up to the date of any judgment or other final adjudication against the **employee** or an admission by the **employee** that an act of **abuse or molestation** did occur.

#### Loss of third-party keys

If, during the **period of insurance** and as a result of **your business**, **you** lose any key or electronic pass card belonging to a third party for which **you** are legally responsible, and that party brings claim against **you**, **we** will pay the reasonable costs to replace the relevant locks, keys or electronic pass cards.

#### Failure to secure third-party premises

If, during the **period of insurance**, **you** fail to secure the premises of a third party where **you** have been carrying out **your business**, and that party brings claim against **you**, **we** will pay the sums **you** have to pay as compensation to such third-party, provided that **you** have taken reasonable steps to secure the premises as required by that third-party.

#### Unauthorised use of third-party telephones by your employees

If, during the **period of insurance** and as a result of **your business**, any of **your employees** uses a third-party's telephone system without authority, including any mobile or internet-based telephone network, and that party brings claim against **you**, **we** will pay the sums **you** have to pay as compensation to such third party, provided that **we** are notified within three months of the unauthorised use.

#### Defective Premises Act

If, during the **period of insurance**, **you** dispose of any premises in connection with **your business** and any party brings a claim against **you** under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972) or Section 5 of the Defective Premises Measure (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, **we** will pay for the sums **you** have to pay as compensation. **We** will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

**We** will not in any event make any payment for any:

- a. liability where **you** are entitled to cover under any other insurance;
- b. costs of remedying any actual or alleged defect, which if not remedied may result in a claim.

#### Additional cover

##### Court attendance compensation

If any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or any other **employee** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **our** solicitor.

<b>What is not covered</b>	A. <b>We</b> will not make any payment for any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
Property for which you are responsible	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. loss of or damage to any property belonging to <b>you</b> or which at the time of the loss or damage is in <b>your</b> care, custody or control. This does not apply to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. vehicles or personal effects belonging to <b>your employees</b> or visitors, while on <b>your</b> premises;</li> <li>b. premises, including their contents, which are not owned or rented by <b>you</b>, where <b>you</b> are temporarily carrying out <b>your business</b>;</li> <li>c. premises rented to <b>you</b>, for loss or damage not insurable under property insurance policies and for which <b>you</b> would not be liable other than by the lease or other agreement;</li> <li>d. loss of a third-party's keys or electronic pass cards.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. the ownership, possession, maintenance or use by <b>you</b> or on <b>your</b> behalf of any aircraft or other aerial device, <b>drone</b>, hovercraft, self-balancing motorised scooter, watercraft (other than hand propelled or sailing craft less than 20 feet in length in inland or territorial waters) or any mechanically propelled vehicles and their trailers. This does not apply to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. any <b>tool of trade</b>;</li> <li>b. the loading or unloading of any vehicle off the highway.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Injury to employees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b>bodily injury</b> to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>employee</b>; or</li> <li>b. person supplied by <b>you</b> to a client under contract which occurs anywhere other than at <b>your</b> premises.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Pollution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. a. i. any <b>pollution</b> of buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere; or ii. any <b>bodily injury</b> or <b>property damage</b> directly or indirectly caused by <b>pollution</b>; unless caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the <b>period of insurance</b>;</li> <li>b. any <b>pollution</b> occurring in the United States of America or Canada.</li> </ol>
Cyber incidents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>cyber attack</b>;</li> <li>b. <b>hacker</b>;</li> <li>c. <b>computer or digital technology error</b>; or</li> <li>d. any fear or threat of 5.a. to 5.b. above; or</li> <li>e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 5.a. to 5.d. above.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Professional advice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. designs, plans, specifications, formulae, diagnoses, prescriptions, directions or advice prepared or given by <b>you</b>.</li> </ol>
Treatment or care	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. the provision of or failure to provide any treatment or care of a person or animal, other than the provision of first aid in connection with <b>your business</b>.</li> </ol>
Tour operator's liability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. any <b>business</b> activity where <b>you</b> are deemed in law to be liable, purely as a result of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018;</li> <li>b. any similar or successor legislation; or</li> <li>c. any other legislation specifically imposing liability upon tour operators, travel agents, travel facilitators, travel organisers or similar organisations or activities.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

Your products	9. the costs of recalling, removing, repairing, reconditioning or replacing any <b>product</b> or any of its parts.
	10. a. any <b>products</b> relating to aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, and any ground support or control equipment used in connection with such <b>products</b> ;
	b. any <b>products</b> installed in aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, or used in connection with such craft, or for tooling used in their manufacture including ground-handling tools and equipment, training aids, instruction manuals, blueprints, engineering or other data, advice and services and labour relating to such craft or <b>products</b> ;
	c. any <b>products</b> relating to <b>drones</b> or self-balancing motorised scooters.
Inefficacy	11. <b>inefficacy</b> .
Deliberate or reckless acts	12. any act, breach, omission or infringement <b>you</b> deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly commit, condone or ignore which could reasonably be expected to cause injury or damage to another party even if such injury or damage is of a different degree or type than could reasonably have been anticipated.
Placed personnel	13. the actions of any person supplied by <b>you</b> to a client under contract.
Contracts	14. <b>your</b> liability under any contract which is greater than the liability <b>you</b> would have at law without the contract.
Terrorism, war or nuclear	15. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>terrorism</b>;</li> <li>b. <b>war</b>;</li> <li>c. <b>nuclear risks</b>;</li> <li>d. any fear or threat of 15.a. to 15.c. above; or</li> <li>e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 15.a. to 15.d. above.</li> </ul> <p>If there is any dispute between <b>you</b> and <b>us</b> over the application of 15.a. above, it will be for you to show that the clause does not apply.</p>
Personal data	16. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any actual or alleged processing, acquisition, storage, destruction, erasure, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to <b>personal data</b> .
Asbestos	17. <b>asbestos risks</b> .
	B. <b>We</b> will not make any payment for:
Restricted recovery rights	1. that part of any claim where <b>your</b> right of recovery is restricted by any contract.
Non-compensatory payments	2. fines and contractual penalties, punitive or exemplary damages.
Claims outside the applicable courts	3. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the countries set out in the schedule under applicable courts. <p>This applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.</p>
Geographical limits	4. any claim brought against <b>you</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. resulting from any work <b>you</b> undertake in any country outside the <b>geographical limits</b>; or</li> <li>b. for <b>bodily injury</b> or <b>property damage</b>, arising from any <b>products</b>, occurring in any country outside the <b>geographical limits</b>.</li> </ul>
Excess	5. the amount of any relevant <b>excess</b> .

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**How much we will pay**

**We** will pay up to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule for each actual or threatened claim, unless limited below. **We** will also pay for **defence costs**. However, if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity has to be made for a claim **our** liability for **defence costs** will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** stated in the schedule for each claim.

All claims which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming in **your** work will be regarded as one claim.

**Special limits**

## Abuse or molestation

For claims brought against **you** for **abuse or molestation**, the most **we** will pay is the amount stated in the schedule for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**.

## Products

For claims arising from **your products**, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**.

## Pollution

For claims arising from **pollution**, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**. The most **we** will pay for **defence costs** in relation to **pollution** claims is the amount stated in the schedule.

## Claims brought against you in USA or Canada

If it is stated in the schedule that cover is provided for claims brought in the United States of America or Canada, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**.

## Criminal proceedings costs

The most **we** will pay for the costs to defend criminal or regulatory actions or proceedings is the amount stated in the schedule. This applies to all actions and proceedings brought against **you** and **your employees** during the **period of insurance**.

## Unauthorised use of third-party telephones by your employees

For claims arising from the unauthorised use of a third-party's telephone systems, the most **we** will pay is the amount stated in the schedule for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**.

**Additional cover**

## Court attendance compensation

**We** will pay **you** compensation, as stated in the schedule, for each day or part day that any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or other **employees** are required to attend court in relation to a claim covered under this section. The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendance covered under this section is stated in the schedule.

## Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will pay **defence costs** already incurred at the date of **our** payment. **We** will then have no further liability for those claims or their **defence costs**.

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**Your obligations**

## If a problem arises

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify **us**:
  - a. immediately and in any event within seven days of:
    - i. a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim for or arising out of **bodily injury** or **abuse or molestation**;
    - ii. **your** discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for **your** suspicion, that any director, partner, trustee, committee member or **employee** has committed **abuse or molestation**; or
    - iii. any threatened criminal or regulatory action or proceedings by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.
  - b. promptly of any other claim or anything which may give rise to any other claim against **you**, including **your** discovery that **products** are defective.

At **our** request, **you** must confirm the facts in writing within 30 days with as much information as is available.

**You** should make this notification directly to **us** (and **your** insurance adviser, if **you** have one) as follows, ensuring **you** quote **your** policy number:

by email to: liability.claims@hiscox.com; or

by post to: UKSC Liability Claims, The Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PR.

Correcting problems	<p>2. When dealing with <b>your</b> client or a third party, <b>you</b> must not admit that <b>you</b> are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless <b>you</b> have <b>our</b> prior written agreement. If <b>you</b> do, <b>we</b> may reduce any payment <b>we</b> make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment that <b>we</b> have suffered as a result.</p> <p>3. <b>You</b> must take reasonable steps to remedy or rectify, at <b>your</b> expense, any defect or failure in the goods or services <b>you</b> have supplied to a client, customer or distributor. <b>We</b> will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while <b>you</b> are not in compliance with these conditions unless <b>you</b> can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.</p>
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<b>Control of defence</b>	<p><b>We</b> have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in <b>your</b> name the investigation, settlement or defence of any or any part of a <b>claim</b>.</p> <p><b>You</b> must give <b>us</b> the information and co-operation which <b>we</b> may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any <b>claim</b>. <b>You</b> should not do anything which may prejudice <b>our</b> position.</p>
Appointment of legal representation	<p><b>We</b> have the right, but not the obligation, to select and appoint an adjuster, lawyer or any other appropriate person of our choosing to deal with the <b>claim</b>.</p>
Partially covered claims	<p><b>We</b> will not pay any part of a <b>claim</b> and its associated costs which is not covered by this section. If a <b>claim</b> is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is brought against <b>you</b> and any other party who is not covered under this section, then at the outset of the <b>claim</b>, <b>we</b> and <b>you</b> agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any <b>claim</b> or associated costs, including <b>defence costs</b> on the basis of the relative legal and financial exposures.</p>
Advancement of defence costs	<p><b>We</b> will pay <b>defence costs</b> covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any <b>claim</b>. However, <b>we</b> will not pay any <b>defence costs</b> in connection with any <b>claim</b> or part of a <b>claim</b> which is not covered under this section. <b>You</b> must reimburse <b>us</b> for any <b>defence costs</b> paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.</p>
Payment of full limit of indemnity	<p><b>We</b> have no further duty to indemnify <b>you</b> against any claim where <b>we</b> pay <b>you</b> the applicable limit of indemnity as described in <b>How much we will pay</b>, Paying out the limit of indemnity, or if the overall limit of indemnity stated in the schedule has been exhausted.</p>
Payment of excess	<p><b>Our</b> duty to make any payment under this section arises only after the applicable <b>excess</b> is fully paid. The <b>excess</b> will only be eroded by the covered parts of a claim.</p>
Disputes	<p>For the purposes of <b>control of defence</b> in this section of the <b>policy</b>, <b>General condition 14</b>, Arbitration, within the <b>General terms and conditions</b> is amended to read as follows:</p> <p>Any dispute as to whether to settle or to continue the defence of a <b>claim</b> or as to the fair allocation of any partially covered <b>claim</b> and its associated costs, will be referred to a single Queen's Counsel (or equivalent in this or any other jurisdiction) to be mutually agreed or in the absence of such agreement to be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England and Wales. The opinion of such Queen's Counsel shall be binding on <b>you</b> and <b>us</b> in relation to matters referred under this clause. The costs of such opinion shall be met by <b>us</b>.</p>

# Employers' liability

## Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

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### Special definitions for this section

<b>Bodily injury</b>	Death or any bodily or mental injury or disease.
<b>Defence costs</b>	Costs incurred with <b>our</b> prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against <b>you</b> .
<b>Employee</b>	Any person normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man working for <b>you</b> in connection with <b>your business</b> who is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>employed by <b>you</b> under a contract of service or apprenticeship;</li><li>hired to or borrowed by <b>you</b>;</li><li>under <b>your</b> control or supervision and is self-employed or working on a labour-only basis;</li><li>engaged by labour-only sub-contractors;</li><li>a labour master or a person supplied by him;</li><li>engaged under a work experience or training scheme;</li><li>a voluntary helper.</li></ol>
<b>Terrorism</b>	An act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat of force or violence, of any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

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### What is covered

Claims against you	<p>If any <b>employee</b> brings a claim against <b>you</b> for <b>bodily injury</b> caused to them during the <b>period of insurance</b> arising out of their work for <b>you</b> within the <b>geographical limits</b>, <b>we</b> will indemnify <b>you</b> against the sums <b>you</b> have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>The amount <b>we</b> pay will include <b>defence costs</b> but <b>we</b> will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Criminal proceedings	<p>If any governmental, administrative or regulatory body brings any criminal action against <b>you</b> during the <b>period of insurance</b> for any breach of statute or regulation directly relating to any actual or potential claim under this section, <b>we</b> will pay the costs incurred with <b>our</b> prior written consent to defend such an action against <b>you</b>.</p>
Claims against principals	<p>If, as a result of <b>your business</b>, any party brings a claim, which falls within the scope of <b>What is covered</b>, Claims against you, against any other party with whom <b>you</b> have entered into a contract or agreement in connection with <b>your business</b> and <b>you</b> are liable for that claim, <b>we</b> will treat such claim as if made against <b>you</b> and make the same payment to such party that <b>we</b> would have made to <b>you</b>, provided that they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>have not, in <b>our</b> reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;</li><li>accept that <b>we</b> can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the terms of this section;</li><li>have not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before <b>we</b> are notified of it;</li><li>give <b>us</b> the information and co-operation <b>we</b> reasonably require for dealing with the claim.</li></ol>
Unsatisfied court judgments	<p>If any <b>employee</b> obtains a judgment for damages following <b>bodily injury</b> against any company or individual operating from premises within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands and that judgment remains unpaid for more than six months, <b>we</b> will pay to the <b>employee</b> at <b>your</b> request the amount of any unpaid damages and awarded costs provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>the <b>bodily injury</b> is caused during the <b>period of insurance</b> and arises out of and in the course of his or her employment in <b>your business</b>; and</li></ol>



- b. **we** would have covered **your** liability if **you** had caused the **bodily injury**; and
- c. there is no appeal outstanding; and
- d. the **employee** assigns his or her judgment to **us**.

Cyber claims

**We** will pay for any claim that is otherwise covered under this section, where such claim arises from a cyber-attack, hack or other computer or cyber-related incident.

#### Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or any other **employee** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **our** solicitor.

### What is not covered

**We** will not make any payment for:

- 1. any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
  - a. any act, breach or omission **you** deliberately or recklessly commit, condone or ignore.
  - b. any **bodily injury** caused to any of **your employees** while they are offshore. An **employee** is regarded as being offshore from the moment they board any form of transport at the departure point for an offshore rig or platform until the moment they disembark on their return from the rig or platform.
  - c. any **bodily injury** to any **employee** while being carried in or upon, or entering or getting onto, or alighting from a vehicle for which insurance or security is required under any road traffic legislation or where **you** are entitled to indemnity from any other source.
  - d. any **bodily injury** to any person supplied by **you** to a client under contract.
- 2. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the countries set out in the schedule under applicable courts.
 

This applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.

Deliberate or reckless acts

Offshore

Road traffic legislation

Placed personnel

Claims outside the applicable courts

### How much we will pay

**We** will pay up to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, unless limited below.

All claims, losses and **defence costs** relating to one or more **employees** which arise from any one incident or event will be regarded as one claim. This includes such claims, losses and **defence costs** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**, but does not include criminal proceedings costs.

#### Special limits

Terrorism

The most **we** will pay for claims and their **defence costs** arising from **terrorism** is the amount stated in the schedule. If **we** decide that this limit applies to a claim, it is **your** responsibility to prove that the claim does not arise from **terrorism**.

Criminal proceedings costs

**We** will pay up to the amount stated in the schedule for the costs to defend criminal proceedings. This applies to all actions brought against **you** during the **period of insurance**.

#### Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

**We** will pay **you** compensation, as stated in the schedule, for each day or part day that any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or other **employees** are required to attend court in relation to a claim covered under this section. The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendance covered under this section is stated in the schedule.

### Your obligations

**You** must provide **us** with the following information for each entity insured under this section of the **policy**:

- 1. employer name; and
- 2. full address of employer including postcode; and

3. HMRC Employer Reference Number (ERN).

If any insured entity does not have an ERN, **you** must confirm to **us** which of the following reasons applies:

- a. the entity has no employees; or
- b. all staff employed earn below the current Pay As You Earn (PAYE) threshold; or
- c. the entity is not registered in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

**You** must inform **us** immediately of any changes to the above information.

If a problem arises

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify **us**:
  - a. immediately and in any event within seven days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section for or arising out of **bodily injury**;
  - b. promptly of any:
    - i. other claim or anything which may give rise to any other claim; or
    - ii. threatened criminal action by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.

At **our** request, **you** must confirm the facts in writing within 30 days with as much information as is available.

**You** should make this notification directly to **us** (and **your** insurance adviser, if **you** have one) as follows, ensuring **you** quote **your** policy number:

by email to: [liability.claims@hiscox.com](mailto:liability.claims@hiscox.com); or

by post to: UKSC Liability Claims, The Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PR.

2. When dealing with **your employee** or a third party, **you** must not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement. If **you** do, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment that **we** have suffered as a result.

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## Control of defence

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name, the investigation, settlement or defence of any claim. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the claim. **We** may appoint **your** own solicitor but on a similar-fee basis as **our** solicitor and only for work done with **our** prior written approval. Proceedings will only be defended if there is a reasonable prospect of success and taking into account the commercial considerations of the costs of defence.

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## Compulsory insurance clause

This insurance is in accordance with the provisions of any law relating to compulsory insurance of liability to employees in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or the Continental Shelf around these countries. **You** must repay all payments **we** make which **we** would not have been liable to pay in the absence of such law.

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## Employers' liability tracing office

**Your policy** details will be added to the employers' liability database, managed by the Employers Liability Tracing Office (ELTO). This data will be available for search by registered users as well as individual claimants on a limited basis, who wish to verify the employers' liability insurer of an employer at a particular point in time.

**You** can find out more:

- from **your** insurance adviser (if **you** have one); or
- by contacting **us**; or
- at [www.elto.org.uk](http://www.elto.org.uk).

# Crisis containment

## Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

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### Special definitions for this section

<b>Crisis</b>	A time of severe difficulty in <b>your</b> activities or danger to <b>your business</b> as a result of an <b>insured incident</b> that could, if left unmanaged, cause adverse or negative publicity of or media attention to <b>you</b> or <b>your business</b> .
<b>Crisis containment costs</b>	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred in utilising the services of the <b>crisis containment provider</b> to limit or mitigate the impact of a <b>crisis</b> .
<b>Crisis containment provider</b>	The person or company named in the schedule.
<b>Insured incident</b>	An incident, act or problem that in <b>your</b> good faith opinion could potentially give rise to a covered claim being made by <b>you</b> under any other section of this <b>policy</b> .
<b>Working hours</b>	The hours between 09:00 and 17:00 on any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday.

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### What is covered

Crisis containment costs	<b>We</b> will pay <b>crisis containment costs</b> incurred within the <b>geographical limits</b> with <b>our</b> prior written consent as a direct result of a <b>crisis</b> commencing during the <b>period of insurance</b> .
Outside working hours discretionary crisis mitigation costs	<b>We</b> will also pay <b>crisis containment costs</b> incurred within the <b>geographical limits</b> without <b>our</b> consent in carrying out immediate work outside of <b>working hours</b> to limit or mitigate the impact of the <b>crisis</b> . Any such work done by the <b>crisis containment provider</b> will not be confirmation of cover under this or any other section of this <b>policy</b> .

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### What is not covered

**We** will not make any payment for:

1. **crisis containment costs** relating to any claim or part of a claim not covered by this **policy**.
2. **crisis containment costs** relating to any:
  - a. claim under any **Management liability – Employment practices liability** section;
  - b. employment claim under any **Management liability – Directors and officers** section or **Management liability - Trustees and individual liability** section.
3. costs which are covered under any other section of this **policy**.
4. any **crisis containment costs** directly or indirectly due to:
  - a. any incident, act, investigation or problem that affects **your** profession or industry; or
  - b. governmental regulations which affect another country or **your** profession or industry; or
  - c. any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America; or
  - d. socioeconomic changes or business trends which affect **your business** or **your** profession or industry.

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### How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay under this section is the amount shown in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **crises** or **insured incidents**. **We** will pay the **crisis containment provider** directly for **crisis containment costs** covered under this section of the **policy**.

All **crises** arising from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing problem will be regarded as one **crisis**. This includes such **crises** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

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**Your obligations**

**We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify any **crisis** in accordance with either of the following:

If a crisis arises during working hours

1. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** during **working hours** **you** must notify **us** of it immediately by phoning **us** on the number stated in the schedule.

**We** will then determine if the incident, act or problem that **you** have notified would give rise to a covered claim under any other section of this **policy**. If **we** determine this to be the case then **we** will contact the **crisis containment provider** to assist **you** in the management of the **crisis**.

If **we** determine that the incident, act or problem that **you** have notified would not result in a covered claim under any other section of this **policy** then **we** will not make any payment under this section.

**You** must co-operate fully with **us**, the **crisis containment provider** and any of **our** representatives in the management of the **crisis**.

If a crisis arises outside of working hours

2. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** outside of **working hours** **you** must notify the **crisis containment provider** immediately by phoning them on the number stated in the schedule. **You** must also notify **us** of the **crisis** as soon as possible within **working hours** by telephoning the number stated in the schedule.

**You** must co-operate fully with the **crisis containment provider** in the management of the **crisis**.