

Policy wording

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

# Special definitions for this section

**Bodily injury** Death, or any bodily or mental injury or disease of any person.

**Defence costs**Costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against **you**.

**Denial of access**Nuisance, trespass, or interference with any easement or right of air, light, water or way.

Financial loss Damages you would have to pay as compensation (other than arising under contract) as a

result of your business.

Fraud and dishonesty Any act of fraud or dishonesty of your employees directly contracted to you and under your

supervision, where there was a clear intention to cause loss or damage to **you** or **your** client and to obtain a personal financial gain over and above any salary, bonus or commission.

**Inefficacy** The failure of any of **your products** or any service, process or system provided or managed

by you to perform the function or serve the purpose for which it was intended.

Personal injury False arrest, detention or imprisonment; malicious prosecution; wrongful entry into, or eviction of a

person from, a room, dwelling or premises that they occupy; invasion of any rights of privacy.

**Pollution** Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.

**Products** Any goods which were sold, supplied, distributed, manufactured, constructed, erected,

installed, altered, tested, serviced, maintained, repaired, cleaned or treated by you.

Property damage Physical loss of or injury to or destruction of tangible property including the resulting loss of

use of such property.

**Reference** A written, or fully documented verbal reference which includes comments regarding the

honesty of the individual from a previous employer, education establishment, job centre, armed forces or if the individual was previously self employed, then their accountant and at

least one customer.

Tool of trade Mobile plant or equipment being used where insurance or security is not required under the

provisions of any road traffic legislation.

**Treatment risk** Property damage to any item being worked on, cleaned, treated or maintained by you.

You/your Also includes any person who was, is or during the **period of insurance** becomes **your** 

partner or director or senior manager in actual control of your operations.

#### What is covered

Claims against you

If, as a result of your business, any party brings a claim against you for:

- a. **bodily injury** or **property damage** occurring during the **period of insurance**;
- b. **personal injury** or **denial of access** committed during the **period of insurance**;

we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.

This includes a claim against any employee of **yours** when they are acting on **your** behalf in whatever capacity.

This also includes a claim against **you** for **treatment risk** provided that cover for **treatment risks** has been purchased by **you** and this cover is stated in **your** schedule.

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



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#### Additional cover

Loss of keys

We will pay the reasonable costs to replace locks, keys or passcards for your client following **your** loss of their keys or electronic passcards during the **period of insurance**.

We will also pay for the sums you have to pay as compensation to your client following your loss of their keys or electronic passcards during the period of insurance.

Unauthorised use of telephones

We will also pay for the sums you have to pay as compensation to your client following the unauthorised use of their telephone system by any of your employees during the period of **insurance** and notified to **us** within three months of the unauthorised use.

Failure to secure clients' premises

We will also pay for the sums you have to pay as compensation to your client following your failure to secure any client's premises where you have been carrying out your business including your failure to set any client's intruder alarm.

Clients' losses from fraud and dishonesty We will also pay for the sums you have to pay as compensation to your client following fraud and dishonesty committed during the period of insurance within the geographical limits and arising from the performance of your business.

We will not make any payment for your clients' losses from fraud and dishonesty:

- where you do not have a suitable reference for the employee covering the period of at least two years immediately prior to commencement of employment with you;
- unless you notify us of such losses during the period of insurance or within 30 days of b. expiry of the period of insurance;
- arising from the unauthorised use of any telephone system by any of your employees.

Financial loss

We will indemnify you if, during the period of insurance any party brings a claim against you in writing for financial loss.

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 make any payment for any claim or loss directly or indirectly due to financial loss:

- sustained by any employee arising out of and in the course of employment by you in the business:
- b. arising as a result of strikes, lockouts or labour disturbances in which you or your employees are involved;
- arising from fraud and dishonesty or from any insolvency or financial default; c.
- arising from the passing-off or the infringement of patents, copyrights, trademarks or d trade names or from deceit or injurious falsehood;
- for which an indemnity is provided by any other section of the policy; e.
- f. arising from any unauthorised access to a computer system or any interruption of or interference with electronic means of communication used in the conduct of your business including, but not limited to, any diminution in the performance of any website or electronic means of communication;
- for the diminution of the value of any property; g.
- when your liability arises under a contract or agreement; h.
- arising from inefficacy: i.
- arising from any treatment risk, unless cover for treatment risks has been purchased j. by you and this cover is stated in your schedule.

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 a customer of your business for whom you are providing services under contract or agreement and you are liable for that claim, we will treat such claim as if made against you and make the same payment to such customer that we would have made to you, provided that the party to be indemnified:

- has not, in our reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them; a.
- accepts that we can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the b. terms of this section;

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- c. has not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before we are notified of it;
- d. gives us the information and co-operation we reasonably require for dealing with the claim.

Criminal proceedings costs

If any governmental, administrative or regulatory body brings any criminal action against **you** during the **period of insurance** for any breach of statute or regulation 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 against **you** or any employee of **yours**.

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you**, or any other relevant party chosen by **you** (except expert witnesses) 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 that their attendance is required by **our** solicitor.

#### Your own losses

Your own losses from fraud and dishonesty

We will also indemnify you against your direct financial losses arising from fraud and dishonesty committed during the period of insurance within the geographical limits and arising from the performance of your business.

We will not make any payment for your own losses from fraud and dishonesty:

- a. where **you** do not have a suitable **reference** for the employee covering the period of at least two years immediately prior to commencement of employment with **you**;
- unless you notify us of such losses during the period of insurance or within 30 days of expiry of the period of insurance.

## What is not covered

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

Property for which you are responsible

- loss of or damage to any property belonging to you or which at the time of the loss or damage is in your care, custody or control. This does not apply to:
  - a. employees or visitors' vehicles or effects while on your premises;
  - premises, including their contents, which are not owned or rented by you, where you
    are temporarily carrying out your business;
  - premises rented to you, for loss or damage not insurable under property insurance policies and for which you would not be liable other than by the lease or other agreement;
  - d. any item being worked on, cleaned, treated or maintained by you but only where:
    - i. such item is not more specifically insured under another section of this **policy**; and
    - ii. the loss or damage is not due to unexplained disappearance; and
    - iii. the loss or damage can be identified as resulting from a single incident; and
    - iv. cover for **treatment risks** has been purchased by **you** and this cover is stated in **your** schedule.

But **we** will not make any payment for theft of any aircraft, hovercraft, watercraft, mechanically propelled vehicle or trailer or any item contained within any aircraft, hovercraft, watercraft, mechanically propelled vehicle or trailer.

the ownership, possession, maintenance or use by you or on your behalf of any aircraft
or other aerial device, hovercraft, 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:

- a. any tool of trade;
- b. the loading or unloading of any vehicle off the highway.

Injury to employees

 bodily injury to any person arising out of and in the course of their employment under a contract of service or apprenticeship with you.

Bona fide sub-contractors

any work undertaken for your business by bona fide sub-contractors unless you
take all reasonable steps to ensure that they have and maintain in force public
liability insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than that under this section
of the policy.



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**We** will not make any payment for any claim or loss where **you** fail to demonstrate to **our** satisfaction that **you** have complied with this requirement.

 any work undertaken for your business by bona fide sub-contractors arising from any treatment risk, unless cover for treatment risks has been purchased by you and this cover is stated in your schedule.

Pollution

- 5. a. i. any **pollution** of buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere; or
  - ii. any **bodily injury** or **property damage** directly or indirectly caused by **pollution**; unless caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**;
  - b. any pollution occurring in the United States of America or Canada.

Use of heat

6. any work involving the use or application of heat away from **your** own premises.

Hazardous premises

7. any work undertaken by **you** which takes place in or on blast furnaces, industrial ovens, non-domestic chimneys, well shafts, viaducts, bridges, mines, refineries, off-shore installations, power stations, dams, tunnels, airports, aerodromes, docks, wharves, piers, harbours, railways, motorways, ships, boats, silos, aircraft towers or steeples.

Working at height

 any work undertaken where you are at a height exceeding 25 metres from ground level when outside a building or structure or 25 metres from floor level when inside a building or structure.

Dumping

 the disposal or dumping by you of any waste or materials at any location which is not licensed to accept such waste or materials.

Securing premises

 your failure to secure any client's premises where you have been carrying out your business unless you have taken all reasonable steps to secure the premises as required by your client after you have finished undertaking your business.

Computer virus

11, transmission of a computer virus.

Professional advice

12. designs, plans, specifications, formulae, directions or advice prepared or given by you.

Your products and services

- 13. the costs of altering, recalling, removing, reinstating, repairing, reconditioning or replacing any **product** or any of its parts.
- 14. a. any of **your products** relating to aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, and any ground-support or control equipment used in connection with such products;
  - any of your products installed in aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, or used in connection with such craft, or for tooling used in their manufacture including groundhandling tools and equipment, training aids, instruction manuals, blueprints, engineering or other data, advice and services and labour relating to such craft or your products.

Deliberate or reckless acts

15. any act, breach, omission or infringement you 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. This does not apply to any claim or loss under What is covered, Additional cover, Clients' losses from fraud and dishonesty, but we will not in any event provide cover to any party who actually commits, condones or ignores any fraud or dishonesty.

Contracts

16. **your** liability under any contract which is greater than the liability **you** would have at law without the contract.

Date recognition

17. date recognition.

War, terrorism and nuclear

18. war, terrorism or nuclear risks.

Asbestos

19. asbestos risks.



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B. We will not make any payment for:

Restricted recovery rights

1. that part of any claim where **your** 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

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.

Claims outside the geographical limits

 any claim brought against you resulting from work you undertake in any country outside the geographical limits.

Consequential or trading losses

5. **your** lost profit, mark-up, liability for VAT or it's equivalent, any trading losses or trading liability including those arising out of the loss of any client, account or business.

# How much we will pay

We will pay up to the limit of indemnity shown in the schedule for each actual or threatened claim, unless limited below or elsewhere in this section. 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 excess 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**

**Products** 

a. For claims arising from your products, the most we will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims. We will also pay for defence costs for those claims until the limit of indemnity has been exhausted. You must pay the relevant excess shown in the schedule.

Pollution

b. 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, including any claims forming part of a series of other claims regarded as one claim under this section. The most we will pay for defence costs in relation to pollution claims is the amount shown in the schedule. You must pay the relevant excess shown in the schedule.

Claims brought in USA/Canada

c. 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. You must pay the relevant excess shown in the schedule.

Treatment risks

d. If it is stated in the schedule that cover is provided for **treatment risks**, the most **we** will pay is the limit stated in the schedule. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** shown in the schedule.

Criminal proceedings costs

e. The most we will pay for the costs to defend criminal proceedings is the amount shown in the schedule. This applies to all actions brought against you during the period of insurance.

Court attendance compensation

f. **We** will pay **you** the following compensation for each day, or part day:

1. You or your partner or director £250 or €300

. Any other employee £100 or €115

The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendance compensation is £10,000 or €11,500.



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g. The most **we** will pay in any one **period of insurance** for this additional cover is shown in the schedule.

The excess for this additional cover is shown in the schedule.

Unauthorised use of telephones

h. The most we will pay in any one period of insurance for this additional cover is the amount shown in the schedule.

The excess for this additional cover is shown in the schedule.

Clients' losses from fraud and dishonesty

i. The most **we** will pay for **your** clients' losses from **fraud and dishonesty** is the amount shown in the schedule.

The excess for this additional cover is shown in the schedule.

Financial loss

 The most we will pay in any one period of insurance for this additional cover is the amount shown in the schedule.

The **excess** for this additional cover is shown in the schedule.

Your own losses from fraud and dishonesty

k. The most we will pay for your own losses from fraud and dishonesty is the amount shown in the schedule.

The excess for this additional cover is shown 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**.

## Your obligations

1. We will not make any payment under this section unless:

If a problem arises

 you notify us promptly of any claim or threatened claim against you. 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: Hiscox Liability Claims, 25 London Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 1PE, United Kingdom.

b. **you** notify **us** within seven days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section, arising out of **bodily injury**. 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:

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- c. you notify us as soon as practicable of:
  - i. your discovery that products are defective;
  - any threatened criminal action by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body;
  - iii. **your** discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for **your** suspicion, that any employee has acted dishonestly.
- 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 section 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 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.