

Policy Wording *Down to the nitty-gritty*

About this document

The policy wording is the insurer's definitive statement of what is and isn't covered.

It contains general terms and conditions, the specific elements of your cover and the details of who to go to if you want to complain.

Insurers sometimes use quite technical insurance language in their wordings. If you'd like a layman's terms explanation of anything you find, please give us a call.

Professional Indemnity

Professional indemnity insurance is for professional people or businesses that provide a specialist service – design, advice, words, numbers, ideas or other expertise – to paying clients.

It protects you if one of those paying clients (or a third party) alleges you've made a mistake and it's cost them money. And they decide to sue you for their loss.

Public Liability

Public liability insurance covers you, your business and its employees. Especially the clumsy ones.

If there's an accident and someone's injured or their property's damaged (and it's deemed your fault), you could be held liable.

Employers' Liability

If an employee is injured or gets ill at work – and your business is held liable – you'll need more than a sticky plaster to make it right.

Employers' liability insurance covers the legal costs associated with a claim, and pays any compensation awarded to your employees. Even if you have just one member of staff, you're legally required* to have it.

Prefer to talk it through?

No problem.

I'm Jane,

our professional insurance expert.



Got a question? Need a quote? Call me on:

0345 222 5360



Professional insurance portfolio

Policy wording

A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

Please read this wording, together with any **endorsements** and the schedule, very carefully. If anything is not correct, 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**.

Steve Langan
Managing Director, Hiscox UK

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
Hiscox House
Sheepen Place
Colchester
CO3 3XL

or by telephone on 01206 773705
or by email at 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. For more information regarding the scope of the Financial Ombudsman Service, please refer to www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

General definitions	Words shown in bold type have the same meaning wherever they appear in this policy . The words defined below are used throughout this policy . Any other definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.
Asbestos risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; orexposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; orthe 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.
Business	Your business or profession as shown in the schedule.
Confiscation	Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
Date recognition	Any failure by any equipment (including any hardware or software) to correctly recognise any given date or to process any data or to operate properly due to any failure to correctly recognise any given date.
Endorsement	A change to the terms of the policy .
Excess	The amount you must bear as the first part of each agreed claim or loss.
Geographical limits	The geographical area shown in the schedule.
Nuclear risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;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;all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in a. or b. above is located.
Period of insurance	The time for which this policy is in force as shown in the schedule.
Policy	This insurance document and the schedule, including any endorsements .
Programme	A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment.
Terrorism	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">is committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes; andis intended to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and<ol style="list-style-type: none">involves violence against one or more persons; orinvolves damage to property; orendangers life other than that of the person committing the action; orcreates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; oris designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.
Virus	Programmes that are secretly introduced without your permission or knowledge including, but not limited to, malware, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware and other malicious unwanted software.
War	War, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.

General terms and conditions

We / us / our The insurers named in the schedule.

You / your The insured named in the schedule.

Conditions precedent

General Conditions 2, 3 and 4 below, General Claims Condition 1 and the conditions shown in each section under the heading **Your obligations** are all conditions precedent to **our** liability. **We** will not make any payment under this insurance unless **you** comply with all the requirements of those conditions.

General conditions

The following conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. Any other conditions are shown in the section to which they apply.

- Basis of insurance**
1. Because of its importance, all information which **you** or anyone on **your** behalf provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** is incorporated into and forms the basis of this **policy**.
All facts and matters which might be relevant to **our** consideration of **your** proposal must be disclosed and all material representations made to **us** must be true, otherwise **we** are entitled to treat this insurance as if it had never existed.
- Change of circumstances**
2. **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**.
- Due diligence**
3. **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.
- Premium payment**
4. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** unless **you** have paid the premium.
- Cancellation**
5. **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 under £10.
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**
6. The most **we** will pay is the relevant amount shown in the schedule.
If more than one insured is named in the 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 the schedule, or if there is more than one insured named in the schedule the first of them, is authorised to receive all notices and agree any amendments to the **policy**.
- Aggregate limit**
7. Where this **policy** specifies an aggregate limit, this means **our** maximum payment for all relevant claims or losses covered under the **policy** during the **period of insurance**.
If the **period of insurance** is continuous, the aggregate limit will apply to all relevant claims or losses covered under the **policy** during the 12 months from the date the continuous cover starts. Each aggregate limit will be reinstated to the level shown in the schedule at each anniversary.
- Rights of third parties**
8. **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.

General terms and conditions

- Other insurance
9. **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.
- Governing law
10. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this **policy** will be governed by the laws of England.
- Arbitration
11. 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.

General claims conditions

The following claims conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. Any other claims conditions and procedures are shown in the section to which they apply.

Your obligations

1. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** unless **you**:
- 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;
 - 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**;
 - 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;
 - give **us** all assistance which **we** may reasonably require to pursue recovery of amounts **we** may become liable to pay under this **policy**, in **your** name but at **our** expense.

Fraud

2. If **you**, or anyone on **your** behalf, tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy** then **we** will treat this **policy** as if it had never existed.

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

Special definitions for this section

Advertising	Advertising, publicity or promotion in or of your products or services.
Business activity	The activities shown in the schedule, which you perform in the course of your business .
Defence costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against you .
Retroactive date	The date stated as the retroactive date in the schedule.
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	<p>If during the period of insurance, and as a result of your business activity or advertising on or after the retroactive date within the geographical limits, any party brings a claim against you for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">negligence or breach of a duty of care;negligent misstatement or negligent misrepresentation;infringement of intellectual property rights including copyright, trademark or moral rights or any act of passing-off;breach of confidence or misuse of any information, which is either confidential or subject to statutory restrictions on its use;defamation;dishonesty of your individual partners, directors or employees, or sub-contractors or outsourcers directly contracted to you and under your supervision;negligence or breach of a duty of care in connection with the transmission of a computer virus or a denial of service attack;any other civil liability unless excluded under What is not covered below; <p>we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>We will also pay defence costs but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Sub-contractors or outsourcers	<p>We will indemnify you against any claim falling within the scope of What is covered. Claims against you, which is brought as a result of business activity undertaken on your behalf by any sub-contractor or outsourcer.</p>
Avoiding a potential claim against you	<p>If your client has reasonable grounds for being dissatisfied with the work you have done or which has been done on your behalf, 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, and threatens to bring a claim against you for more than the amount owed, it may be possible to settle the dispute with the client by your agreeing not to press for the disputed amount. If so, we will pay you the amount owed to you at that time if we believe that this will avoid a legitimate claim for a greater amount and we have given our prior written approval to settling in this way and for this amount.</p> <p>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 will pay the amount owed to you at that time. 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 shown in the schedule. You must return the amount we have paid if you eventually recover the debt, less your reasonable expenses.</p>

Professional indemnity

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Once **we** agree to make this payment **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 part of a claim not covered by this section.

Your own losses

Dishonesty of your employees, sub-contractors and outsourcers

If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business activity** within the **geographical limits**, **you** discover a loss from the dishonesty of **your** employees, or sub-contractors or outsourcers directly contracted to **you** and under **your** supervision, where there was a clear intention to cause **you** loss or damage and to obtain a personal financial gain over and above any salary, bonus or commission, **we** will indemnify **you** against **your** direct financial loss provided that the loss was suffered on or after the **retroactive date**.

Loss of documents

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

What is not covered

Matters specific to your business

- A. **We** will not make any payment for any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
1. any investment of, or direct advice on the investment of, client funds.
 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.
 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.
 4. any liability for any breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation.
 5. any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.
 6. the work of any personnel supplied by **you** to a client, unless **you** have breached a duty of care in supplying them.
 7. any computer **virus** that was not specifically targeted to **your** system.
 8. any liability under any contract which is greater than the liability **you** would have at law without the contract.
 9. any infringement, use, or disclosure of a patent, or any use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret.

Matters insurable elsewhere

10. anyone's employment with or work for **you**, or any breach of an obligation owed by **you** as an employer.
11. any discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment.
12. 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**.
13. the ownership, possession or use of any land or building, any animal, any aircraft, any watercraft or any motor vehicle.

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14. the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property:
- a. other than documents in **your** care, custody or control in connection with a **business activity** for a client; or
 - b. unless arising directly from **your** breach of a duty of care in the performance of a **business activity**.
- This clause does not apply to **your** own loss under the Loss of documents cover in **What is covered**.
15. the loss, damage or destruction of any bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.
16. the loss or distortion of any data held electronically.
17. any personal liability incurred by a director or officer of **yours** when acting in that capacity or managing **your business**, or a breach of any fiduciary duty, other than when performing a **business activity** for a client, or any statement, representation or information concerning **you** or **your business** contained in **your** accounts, reports or financial statements.
18. any supply, manufacture, sale, installation or maintenance of any product.
- Deliberate, reckless or dishonest acts
19. any statement **you** knew, or ought reasonably to have known, was defamatory at the time of publication.
20. any act, breach, omission or infringement **you** deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly commit, condone or ignore. This does not apply to any claim under the dishonesty cover in **What is covered**, Claims against you, but **we** will not in any event provide cover to any party who actually commits, condones or ignores any dishonesty.
- Pre-existing problems
21. any shortcoming in **your** work or **your** own loss which **you** knew about, or ought reasonably to have known about, before **we** agreed to insure **you**.
- Date recognition
22. **date recognition**.
- War, terrorism and nuclear
23. **war, terrorism or nuclear risks**.
- Asbestos
24. **asbestos risks**.
- B. **We** will not make any payment for:
- Claims brought by a related party
1. any claim brought by an insured within the definition of **you** or any party with a financial, executive or managerial interest in **you**, including any parent company or any party in which **you** 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 **your business activity**.
- Restricted recovery rights
2. that part of any claim where **your** right of recovery is restricted by any contract.
- Lost profit and VAT
3. **your** 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 client, 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 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.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the overall limit of indemnity for this section shown 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** shown in the schedule.

When **we** settle a loss under **Your own losses**, Dishonesty of your employees, sub-contractors and outsourcers, **we** will deduct any sums **you** owe or the value of any property **you** hold belonging to the perpetrator.

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

Aggregate limit for dishonesty, physical damage and injury

For **your** own losses arising from the dishonesty of **your** employees, sub-contractors and outsourcers and for claims brought against **you** arising from dishonesty of **your** partners, directors, employees, subcontractors or outsourcers and from the physical loss or destruction of or damage to tangible property and from the death, disease or bodily or mental injury of anyone, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such losses and claims and their **defence costs**. The most **we** will pay for the total of **your** own losses arising from the dishonesty of **your** employees, sub-contractors and outsourcers is further limited to the amount shown in the schedule, which amount is included within the overall aggregate limit stated in this paragraph and not in addition to it.

You must pay the relevant **excess** shown 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**.

Your obligations

If a problem arises

We will not make any payment under this section:

1. unless **you** notify **us** promptly of the following 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 a shortcoming in any work for a client 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. if, when dealing with **your** client or a third party, **you** admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement. **You** must also not reveal the amount of cover available under this insurance, unless **you** had to give these details in negotiating a contract with **your** client or have **our** prior written agreement.

Control of defence

This is a duty to defend section. This means that **we** have the right and duty to defend **you** against any claim or part of a claim brought against **you** which is covered by this section and which **we** consider **you** have reasonable prospects of successfully defending.

If **we** do not consider that **you** have reasonable prospects of defending a claim or part of a claim **we** have the right but not the obligation to take control of and conduct in **your** name, the investigation, settlement or defence of the claim or part of the claim. Proceedings will only be defended taking into account the commercial considerations of the costs of defence. **We** may request that an opinion be obtained from a mutually agreed Queen's Counsel, or equivalent in a different jurisdiction, as to the prospects of **you** successfully defending a claim or part of a claim. Such opinion shall be binding on **you** and **us**. The costs of obtaining such opinion shall be met by **us**.

Appointment of legal representation

If a covered or partially covered claim is brought against **you**, then **we** have the right to appoint suitably qualified legal representation to defend **you**. **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.

Partially covered claims

If a claim which is only partially covered by this section is brought against **you**, amounts relating to the non-covered parts of the claim will be deducted from **our** final settlement. **We** and **you** agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any claim. If **you** and **we** cannot agree on a fair allocation, **you** and **we** agree to refer any such dispute to a single arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Act then in force.

Payment of full limit of indemnity

We have no duty to defend **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.

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.
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 sold, supplied, distributed, manufactured, constructed, erected, installed, altered, tested, serviced, maintained, repaired, cleaned or treated by you .
Property damage	Physical loss of or damage to or destruction of tangible property including the resulting loss of use of such property.
Tool of trade	Mobile plant or equipment being used where insurance or security is not required under the provisions of any road traffic legislation.
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	<p>If, as a result of your business, any party brings a claim against you for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">bodily injury or property damage occurring during the period of insurance;personal injury or denial of access committed during the period of insurance, <p>we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>This includes a claim against any employee or volunteer worker of yours when they are acting on your behalf in whatever capacity.</p> <p>We will also pay defence costs but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Overseas personal liability	<p>We will indemnify you and if you so request, any of your directors, partners or any employee or spouse of such person against legal liability as a result of bodily injury, property damage or personal injury 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</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">where indemnity arises out of the ownership or occupation of land or buildings;where indemnity is provided by any other insurance.
Claims against principals	<p>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:</p>

Public and products liability

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

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 limit of indemnity shown in the schedule.

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**.

Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you** 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

Property for which you are responsible

- A. **We** will not make any payment for any claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
1. 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;
 - b. premises, including their contents, which are not owned or rented by **you**, where **you** are temporarily carrying out **your business**;
 - c. 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.
 2. 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

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

Pollution

4.
 - 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.

Computer virus

5. transmission of a computer **virus**.

Professional advice

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

Public and products liability

Policy wording

Your products	<p>7. the costs of recalling, removing, repairing, reconditioning or replacing any product or any of its parts.</p> <p>8. a. any products relating to aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, and any ground support or control equipment used in connection with such products;</p> <p>b. any products 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 products.</p>
Inefficacy	9. inefficacy .
Deliberate or reckless acts	10. 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.
Contracts	11. your liability under any contract which is greater than the liability you would have at law without the contract.
Date recognition	12. date recognition .
War, terrorism and nuclear	13. war, terrorism or nuclear risks .
Asbestos	14. asbestos risks .
	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	3. 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	4. any claim brought against you resulting from work you undertake in any country outside the geographical limits .

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. **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	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	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 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 . You must pay the relevant excess shown in the schedule.				
Criminal proceedings costs	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	We will pay you the following compensation for each day, or part day: <table><tr><td>1. You or your partner or director</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>2. Any other employee</td><td>£100</td></tr></table> The most we will pay for the total of all court attendance compensation is £10,000.	1. You or your partner or director	£250	2. Any other employee	£100
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2. Any other employee	£100				
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

If a problem arises	<p>We will not make any payment under this section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">unless you notify us promptly of any claim or threatened claim against you. For claims arising out of bodily injury, you must notify us immediately and in any event within 7 days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section. 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.unless you notify us as soon as practicable of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">your discovery that products are defective;any threatened criminal action by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.if, when dealing with your client or a third party, you admit that you are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless you have our prior written agreement. You must also not reveal the amount of cover available under this insurance, unless you had to give these details in negotiating a contract with your client or have our prior written agreement.
Correcting problems	We will not make any payment for products claims if you fail to take reasonable steps to remedy or rectify, at your expense, any defect or failure in the goods or services you have supplied to a client, customer or distributor.

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.

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.
Defence costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against you .
Employee	<p>Any person normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Republic of Ireland working for you in connection with your business who is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">employed by you under a contract of service or apprenticeship;hired to or borrowed by you;self-employed and working on a labour only basis under your control or supervision;engaged by labour only sub contractors;a labour master or a person supplied by him;engaged under a work experience or training scheme;a voluntary helper.
Terrorism	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.

What is covered

Claims against you	<p>If any employee brings a claim against you for bodily injury caused to them during the period of insurance arising out of their work for you within the geographical limits, we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>The amount we pay will include defence costs but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Criminal proceedings	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 .
Claims against principals	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">has not, in our reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;accepts that we can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the terms of this section;has not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before we are notified of it;gives us the information and co-operation we reasonably require for dealing with the claim.

Unsatisfied court judgments	<p>If any employee obtains a judgment for damages following bodily injury 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 6 months, we will pay to the employee at your request the amount of any unpaid damages and awarded costs provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the bodily injury is caused during the period of insurance and arises out of and in the course of his or her employment in your business; and 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.
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Additional cover

Court attendance compensation	<p>If any person within the definition of you 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.</p>
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What is not covered

	<p>We will not make any payment for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any claim or loss directly or indirectly due to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the countries set out in the schedule under applicable courts. <p style="margin-left: 20px;">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>
Deliberate or reckless acts	
Offshore	
Road traffic legislation	
Claims outside the applicable courts	

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the limit of indemnity shown in the schedule, unless limited below, for all claims and their **defence costs** which arise from the same accident or event.

Special limits

Terrorism	<p>The most we will pay for claims and their defence costs arising from terrorism is the amount shown 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.</p>
Criminal proceedings costs	<p>We will pay up to the amount shown in the schedule for the costs to defend criminal proceedings. This applies to all actions brought against you during the period of insurance.</p>
Court attendance compensation	<p>We will pay you the following compensation for each day, or part day:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You or your partner or director £250 2. Any other employee £100 <p>The most we will pay for the total of all court attendance compensation is £10,000.</p>

Your obligations

If a problem arises

We will not make any payment under this section:

1. unless **you** notify **us** promptly of any claim or threatened claim against **you**. For claims arising out of **bodily injury**, **you** must notify **us** immediately and in any event within 7 days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section. 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
By post to: Hiscox Liability Claims, 25 London Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1PE
2. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as practicable of any threatened criminal action by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.
3. if, when dealing with **your employee** or a third party, **you** admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement.

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.

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.