



## Professional insurance portfolio

### Policy wording

#### A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

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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**  
CEO, Hiscox Insurance Company

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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. For more information regarding the scope of the Financial Ombudsman Service, please refer to [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk).

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<b>General definitions</b>	Words shown in <b>bold</b> type have the same meaning wherever they appear in this <b>policy</b> . The words defined below are used throughout this <b>policy</b> . Any other definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.
<b>Anniversary date</b>	The date stated in the schedule as the anniversary date, being the date each year on which any aggregate limits are reinstated.
<b>Asbestos risks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; or</li><li>exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; or</li><li>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>	<b>Your</b> business or profession as shown in the schedule.
<b>Confiscation</b>	Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
<b>Cover period</b>	For each section of the <b>policy</b> , the period from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>either the <b>cover start date</b> or the most recent <b>anniversary date</b>; until</li><li>the day immediately preceding the following <b>anniversary date</b> or, if applicable, the last day of cover for that section.</li></ol> However, for additional insureds, cover will not start until the date when that additional insured is added to the <b>policy</b> .
<b>Cover start date</b>	For each section of the <b>policy</b> , either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>the date stated as the cover start date in the schedule; or</li><li>where no cover start date is stated in the schedule, the first date on which <b>we</b> provided cover to <b>you</b> under that section without a break in cover.</li></ol>
<b>Date recognition</b>	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.
<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 the schedule.
<b>Nuclear risks</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;</li><li>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>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>	For each section of the <b>policy</b> , a continuous period starting on the <b>cover start date</b> , until either <b>we</b> or <b>you</b> cancel the policy or cover ends in respect of that section of the <b>policy</b> for any reason.
<b>Policy</b>	This insurance document and the schedule, including any <b>endorsements</b> .
<b>Program</b>	A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment.
<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>is committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes; and</li><li>is intended to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public,</li></ol>

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in fear; and

- c. i. involves violence against one or more persons; or
- ii. involves damage to property; or
- iii. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or
- iv. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
- v. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.

<b>Virus</b>	<b>Programs</b> that are secretly introduced without <b>your</b> permission or knowledge including, but not limited to, malware, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware and other malicious unwanted software.
<b>War</b>	War, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.
<b>We/us/our</b>	The insurers named in the schedule.
<b>You/your</b>	The insured named in the schedule.

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### General conditions

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

Presentation of the risk	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 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.
If you fail to make a fair presentation	2. a. If <b>we</b> establish that <b>you</b> deliberately or recklessly failed to present the risk to <b>us</b> fairly, <b>we</b> may treat this <b>policy</b> as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. <b>You</b> must reimburse all payments already made by <b>us</b> and <b>we</b> will be entitled to retain all premiums paid. b. If <b>we</b> establish that <b>you</b> failed to present the risk to <b>us</b> fairly but that <b>your</b> failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy <b>we</b> will have available to <b>us</b> will depend upon what <b>we</b> would have done had <b>you</b> made a fair presentation of the risk, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. if <b>we</b> would not have provided this <b>policy</b>, <b>we</b> may treat it as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. <b>You</b> must reimburse all payments already made by <b>us</b>. <b>We</b> will refund any premiums <b>you</b> have paid;</li> <li>ii. if <b>we</b> would have provided this <b>policy</b> on different terms (other than as to premium), <b>we</b> will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the start of the <b>period of insurance</b>. This may result in <b>us</b> making no payment for a particular claim or loss. <b>You</b> must reimburse any payments made by <b>us</b> that <b>we</b> would not have paid if such terms had been in effect;</li> <li>iii. if <b>we</b> would have provided this <b>policy</b> but charged a higher premium, <b>we</b> may reduce the amount <b>we</b> pay for any claim or loss in the proportion that the premium <b>you</b> have paid bears to the premium <b>we</b> would have charged if <b>you</b> had fairly presented the risk to <b>us</b>. This remedy may apply in addition to b.ii. above.</li> </ul>
Change of circumstances	3. <b>You</b> must tell <b>us</b> as soon as reasonably possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. if any of <b>your</b> current actual figures exceed any of the maximum allowable amounts stated in the schedule;</li> <li>b. if any of the statements in the Statement of Fact are no longer true, accurate and complete; or</li> <li>c. of any other change in circumstances during the <b>period of insurance</b> which may materially affect this <b>policy</b> (a material fact or circumstance is one which might affect <b>our</b> decision to provide insurance or the conditions of that insurance).</li> </ul>

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When **you** tell **us** about any of the above, **you** must make a fair presentation of the risk, in accordance with General Condition 1. **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; or
  - ii. comply with the obligation in General condition 1. to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing us with information in relation to:
 

a change of circumstances in accordance with General condition 3, **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;
  - 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;
  - iii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** but charged a higher premium, **we** may reduce the amount **we** pay for a claim or loss in the proportion that the premium **you** have paid bears to the premium **we** would have charged from the date when **your** circumstances changed if **you** had made a fair presentation of such change to **us**. This remedy may apply in addition to b.ii. above.

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** at any time by giving 30 days' written notice. If the **policy** is cancelled, **we** will give **you** a pro rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of any period for which **you** have already paid. However, **we** will not refund any premium under £20.

If **we** have not received a premium 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.

Changes to policy terms and premium

8. **We** may at our discretion amend the premium or terms of the **policy**. If **you** are unhappy with **our** proposed amendments, **you** will have the option to decline to continue with the **policy** from the date of the proposed change. **We** will give **you** at least 30 days' notice of any changes.

If, following notification of a proposed change to the premium or terms of the **policy**, **you** decide not to continue the **policy**, **we** will give **you** a pro rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of any period for which **you** have already paid. However, **we** will not refund any premium under £20.

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- Multiple insureds
9. 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 limits
10. Where the **policy** specifies a limit applying to the total of all claims or losses of a particular type or under a particular section of the **policy**, all such limits will automatically be reinstated on each **anniversary date**, even if that date falls less than a year after **you** first took out cover under the corresponding section of the **policy**.
- The limit will be the most **we** will pay in respect of **our** liability to **you** arising during each **cover period** in respect of all relevant claims or losses. This includes liabilities arising after the **cover period** in respect of matters first notified and accepted, or incidents arising, during the **cover period**.
- Where **we** cover **you** for **your** own losses from dishonesty discovered during the **period of insurance**, the most **we** will pay is the relevant limit of indemnity for the **cover period** when those losses were first discovered by **you**, regardless of when such losses were suffered.
- Rights of third parties
11. **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
12. **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 amount **we** will pay under this **policy** will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.
- Cover under multiple sections
13. 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
14. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this **policy** will be governed by the laws of England and Wales.
- Arbitration
15. 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.

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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.

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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.