

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

Please pay special attention to the Notification for adjudication section in the grey box at the end of this section.

Special definitions for this section

Advertising	Advertising, publicity or promotion in or of your products or services.
Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Business activity	The activities stated in the schedule, which you perform in the course of your business .
Computer system	Any computer network, hardware, software, information technology and communications system, including any email, intranet, extranet or website.
Defence costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against you .
Hacker	Any third party, other than an employee of yours , who maliciously targets you and gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of your computer system or data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Pollution	Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.
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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> brings a claim, including any injunctive proceedings, against you for: <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; or refers a dispute arising directly from your breach of a duty of care to adjudication under the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or any similar or successor legislation; <p>unless excluded under What is not covered below, we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.</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>
Negligence	a.
Negligent misstatement	b.
Intellectual property infringement	c.
Breach of confidentiality	d.
Defamation	e.
Dishonesty	f.
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Avoiding a potential claim against you

If:

- a. **your** client has reasonable grounds for being dissatisfied with the work **you** have done, 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;
- b. **your** client threatens to bring a claim against **you** for more than the amount owed; and
- c. **we** believe that it may be possible to settle the dispute with the client by **your** agreeing not to press for the disputed amount,

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

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

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

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

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

Your own losses

Criminal proceedings

If **you** are charged with a criminal offence during the **period of insurance** under a statute or regulation that applies to **your business activity**, **we** will pay the reasonable costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to defend **you** if, in **our** opinion, a successful defence may avoid a claim which would be covered by this section.

Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

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

What is not covered

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| Investments | A. We will not make any payment for any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to: |
| Construction or erection work | 1. any investment advice, financial advice, investment of client funds or any activity regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Prudential Regulation Authority or any other similar or successor regulatory body. |
| Pension schemes | 2. any construction or erection work you undertake or for which you are responsible as a building or engineering contractor. |
| Taxation and competition | 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. |
| Pollution | 4. any liability for any breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation. |
| Virus | 5. pollution . |
| Discrimination and harassment | 6. transmission of a virus . |
| | 7. any discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment, unless arising directly from your breach of a duty of care in the performance of a business activity . |

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Injury	8. the death of or any bodily or mental injury or disease suffered by anyone, unless arising directly from your breach of a duty of care in the performance of a business activity .
Land, animals and vehicles	9. the ownership, possession or use of any land or building, any animal, any aircraft, any watercraft or any motor vehicle.
Property damage	10. the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property unless arising directly from 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 .
Negotiable instruments	11. the loss, damage or destruction of any bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.
Hacker	12. the loss, copying or distortion of any data by a hacker .
Directors' and officers' liability	13. 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.
Product liability	14. any supply, manufacture, sale, installation or maintenance of any product.
Defamatory statements	15. any statement you knew, or ought reasonably to have known, was defamatory at the time of publication.
Deliberate, reckless or dishonest acts	16. any act, breach, omission or infringement 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	17. anything, including any actual or alleged shortcoming in your work, likely to lead to a claim against you or your own loss, which you knew or ought reasonably to have known about before we agreed to insure you .
Date recognition	18. date recognition .
War, terrorism and nuclear	19. war, terrorism or nuclear risks .
Asbestos	20. asbestos risks .
Collateral warranties	21. your agreement to take on any legal liability under any express agreement, warranty, indemnity, waiver or guarantee, unless: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. you would be liable even if you had not given any such agreement, warranty, indemnity, waiver or guarantee; or b. the liability arises from a collateral warranty or duty of care agreement, in which case we will not indemnify you for any liability arising from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. any fitness for purpose guarantee; ii. any greater or longer lasting benefit than that given to the party with whom you originally contracted; iii. any express guarantee, contractual penalty or liquidated damages; iv. any assignment of the warranty or agreement to any purchaser or tenant after the first two assignments or to any funder, financier or banker after the first three assignments; or v. your agreement to exercise a standard of care greater than would normally be expected in your profession.
Employees	22. anyone's employment with or work for you , or any breach of an obligation owed by you as an employer.
Supplied personnel	23. the work of any personnel supplied by you to a client, unless you have breached a duty of care in supplying them.

Insolvency	24. your insolvency or financial difficulties.
Surveys, inspections and valuations	<p>25. any survey, inspection or valuation of real or leasehold property not carried out by a fellow or associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Institute of Irish Architects, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, the Royal Society of Ulster Architects, the Institute of Chartered Engineers, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers or the Faculty of Architects and Surveyors, or by a Registered Architect or Engineer with not less than one year's relevant experience, or by any person with more than five years' relevant experience in undertaking surveys, inspections or valuations of a similar nature.</p> <p>26. any survey, inspection or valuation of real or leasehold property (other than a report to a lending institution or insurance company on their standard form) which does not include a reservation that you have not inspected woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, and that you are therefore unable to report that such parts of the property are free from defect</p>
Subcontractors	<p>27. any acts or omissions of a specialist, designer or consultant working for you as a sub-contractor unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. you have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the sub-contractor has and maintains professional indemnity insurance with a reputable insurer; and b. there is a written sub-contract between you and the sub-contractor which is subject to English law, includes an arbitration clause and provides that the sub-contractor will indemnify you against any liabilities you incur as a result of the sub-contractor's performance of the sub-contract.
Failure to account for money received	28. your failure to account for any money received. This does not apply to any claim arising from dishonesty.
Joint ventures	29. any activities carried out in the name of a consortium, joint venture or profit sharing scheme in which you are a party.
Fire damage	<p>30. any fire damage involving or in any way related to the use of expanded polystyrene or polyurethane core sandwich panels (EPS panels) in any project where completion occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. between 1 January 1993 and 30 March 1995, if you were aware of the risk associated with EPS panels, unless the EPS panels were installed only in areas of low fire risk; b. on or between 1 April 1995 and 30 June 1995, unless you complied with all recommendations of RC25 – Recommendations for Insulated Composite Panels. c. on or between 1 July 1995 and 31 October 1996, unless you complied with all recommendations of Loss Prevention Standard LPS 1208 – Fire Performance Requirements for Metal-faced Fire Resisting Insulated Panels; d. on or between 1 November 1996 and 30 November 1999, unless you complied with all the recommendations of the LPC Design Guide for the Fire Protection of Buildings (and complied with further parts of this Guide as and when published); e. on or between 1 May 1999 and 30 November 1999, unless you complied with all the recommendations of the LPC Code of Practice for Fire Protection in the Food and Drink Industry; f. on or after 1 December 1999, unless you complied with all recommendations of the LPC Design Guide for the Fire Protection of Buildings 2000 or any subsequent guidance which supersedes this guidance. <p>The onus is on you to show that you have complied with all the requirements in a. to f. above and to provide written documentation of such compliance dating from the time of your involvement with the relevant project.</p> <p>We will not make any payment for a claim against you resulting from anyone's inability to obtain insurance for any building, or to obtain it only at an increased price, because of the use of EPS panels.</p>

Claims brought by a related party	B. We will not make any payment for:
Restricted recovery rights	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 .
Lost profit and VAT	2. that part of any claim where your right of recovery is restricted by any contract.
Trading losses	3. your lost profit, mark-up or liability for VAT or its equivalent.
Non-compensatory payments	4. any trading loss or trading liability including those arising from the loss of any client, account or business.
Claims outside the applicable courts	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.
Adjudication costs	6. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the 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 .
	7. any claim referred to adjudication under the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or any similar or successor legislation where your contract with your client failed to provide that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. an adjudicator will be appointed to resolve any disputes under the contract; b. the adjudicator is independent of the parties to the dispute; c. the decision of the adjudicator is not the final determination of the dispute; and d. the adjudicator cannot reach a decision on commercial considerations as opposed to the legal liabilities and obligations of the parties in dispute.

How much we will pay

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

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

Special limits

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

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

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

Criminal proceedings

The most **we** will pay for the costs to defend all criminal proceedings is the amount stated in the schedule. **We** will not pay any costs awarded against **you** as a result of such proceedings. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

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

Your obligations

If a problem arises	<ol style="list-style-type: none">We will not make any payment under this section unless you notify us of the following promptly and within the period of insurance, or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for any problem you first become aware of in the seven days before expiry:<ol style="list-style-type: none">your first awareness of anything, including any actual or alleged shortcoming in your work, which is likely to lead to a claim against you. This includes any criticism of your work even though regarded by you as unjustifiable. If we accept your notification we will regard any subsequent claim as notified to this insurance;any claim or threatened claim against you;your first awareness of any actual or threatened criminal proceedings against you.your discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for your suspicion, that any partner, director, employee, sub-contractor or outsourcer 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 policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.
Computer records	You must create, maintain and store safely duplicates of all computer records. We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring whilst you are not in compliance with these conditions unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of loss, damage, accident or injury occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.
Sub-contractors and outsourcers	You must ensure that all work carried out by sub-contractors and outsourcers is supervised by a properly qualified partner or director of yours . You must disclose to us all fees paid to sub-contractors and outsourcers working for you during the period of insurance . We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring whilst you are not in compliance with these conditions unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of loss, damage, accident or injury occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Notification for adjudication

In view of the strict timetable relating to an adjudication **you** must notify **us** by e-mail within two working days of **your** receipt of any notice of an intention to adjudicate, or of **your** intention to serve such a notice which may lead to a claim against **you** being dealt with by adjudication.

You should make this notification directly to **us**, and not through **your** insurance adviser if **you** use one, at hicliability.claims@hiscox.com.

We will not indemnify **you** under this insurance unless **you** comply with the above.

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 the claim or part of the claim.

Appointment of legal representation

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 taking into account the commercial considerations of the costs of defence.

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.



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Payment of full limit of indemnity

We will not 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.