
Key benefits: what risks are you protected against?

Professional indemnity insurance covers you for compensation you have to pay to your clients or any other third parties as a result of problems with your work. We will pay for claims which are made against you during the period of insurance, up to the limit shown in the schedule. We will also pay your legal defence costs incurred with our agreement for covered claims.

We will pay compensation in relation to claims against you for:

- vicarious liability for supplied staff: the professional activities of staff supplied by you will be treated as if they were performed by you;
- negligence or breach of duty: if you fail in a duty of care to your client, perhaps giving incorrect advice or making a mistake in your work;
- your advertising: mistakes such as inadvertently making a statement that you cannot substantiate;
- infringement of intellectual property rights like copyright or trademark;
- defamation: libel and slander;
- dishonesty of your partners, directors and employees, other than anyone supplied by you to a client under contract.

We will also pay your direct losses suffered as a result of:

- dishonesty of your employees, other than anyone supplied to a client under contract, where the loss is suffered after the retroactive date and discovered during the period of insurance;
- any tangible documents needed for your business which are lost, damaged or destroyed.

Your policy may also reimburse you for fees that your client refuses to pay if we believe this is likely to prevent a future claim against you for a greater amount.

Significant or unusual exclusions and limitations:

We will not make any payment for your lost profit or any trading loss suffered by you, or any claim by any current, former or prospective employee arising solely as a result of their employment or non-employment by you. We will not pay for claims or losses arising from:

- any bodily or mental injury or death, unless arising from your breach of a duty of care in supplying anyone to a client under contract;
- the ownership, use or possession of any land, building, animal or vehicle;
- the loss, destruction or damage to tangible property, unless arising from your breach of a duty of care;
- your supply, manufacture, sale, installation or maintenance of any product;
- anything which was likely to lead to a claim and which you knew about before the policy started;
- any contractual terms which make you responsible for losses you would not be responsible for if the contractual terms did not exist. This does not apply where you are responsible for the actions of anyone supplied by you under a contract with your clients.

Please read the policy for details of its terms in full.