

# Professional indemnity for technology companies

Insurance product information document



**Company:** Hiscox Underwriting Ltd

**Product:** Professional indemnity insurance

Authorised and regulated by the FCA – register number 308922

This document provides a summary of the key information relating to the standard terms and conditions of this business insurance policy. Complete pre-contractual and contractual information on the product is provided in the full policy documentation and you should also check the schedule for any endorsements that change the scope of cover.

## What is this type of insurance?

This product is designed to meet the needs of technology customers who wish to cover their liability to other people following negligence or breach of contract in the performance of their business activities.



### What is insured?

#### Claims against you

- ✓ Claims made against you for:
  - breach of any contract between you and your client.
  - infringement of intellectual property rights.
  - negligence or breach of a duty of care, including negligent misrepresentation or negligent loss of any third-party data.
  - breach of confidence or misuse of information.
  - defamation and any associated mental anguish or distress.
  - dishonesty of your employees, sub-contractors or outsourcers.
  - any other civil liability unless excluded.
- ✓ Any claim for liquidated damages where the claim is brought by your client.
- ✓ Any claim for death, bodily injury, disease or property damage suffered by anyone provided that:
  - it arises from designs, plans, specifications, formulae, directions or advice given by you for a fee; and
  - the claim is brought in any country we have agreed to cover.
- ✓ Defence costs in relation to covered claims.
- ✓ Any claim brought as a result of any business activity performed on your behalf by any sub-contractor or outsourcer.
- ✓ If a client is dissatisfied with your work and refuses to pay your fees, we will pay you the amount owed if we believe it will avoid a legitimate claim.
- ✓ Any claim brought for transmission of a computer virus, denial of service attack against a third party, unauthorised acquisition or use of personal data or prevention of authorised access to personal data or corporate confidential information.

#### Your own losses

- ✓ Loss you suffer from the dishonesty of your employees, sub-contractors or outsourcers.
- ✓ Cover for the restoration or replacement of lost, damaged or destroyed documents or data necessary



### What is not insured?

- ✗ Your failure to ensure you have sufficient technical, logistical and financial resources to perform a contract.
- ✗ Any defect in software, hardware, firmware or associated network solely caused by a third-party.
- ✗ Death, bodily injury, disease or property damage suffered by anyone unless explicitly covered.
- ✗ Costs and expenses involved in the repair, replacement or recall of software, hardware, firmware or associated network cabling.
- ✗ Any governmental enforcement of any legislation, regulation or order from a regulatory authority.
- ✗ Any dispute with a business partner over commission, remuneration or your decision to cease doing business with them.
- ✗ Patent infringement or the use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret.
- ✗ Any chargeback or fee incurred as a result of a reversed or prevented payment transaction.
- ✗ Any failure or interruption of infrastructure services, except to the extent you provide those services as part of your business activity.
- ✗ The sale or purchase of stocks, shares or other securities or the misuse of any information relating to them.
- ✗ The operation of any health, pension or employee benefit scheme.
- ✗ Liability for breach of taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation.
- ✗ Liability or breach of any duty regarding any representation regarding your financial viability.
- ✗ Breach of any fiduciary duty.
- ✗ Your provision of any sweepstakes, gambling activities or lotteries.
- ✗ Ownership or use of land, buildings, animals, aircraft, watercraft or motor vehicles.
- ✗ The loss, damage or destruction of share certificates, money or other negotiable paper.
- ✗ Breach of your obligations as an employer or discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment.
- ✗ Personal liability of your directors or officers when acting in that capacity, any breach of corporate loyalty duties or allegations of insider trading.
- ✗ Deliberate or reckless acts or fraudulent, dishonest, malicious or criminal conduct committed or condoned by you. This exclusion does not apply to claims for defamation.
- ✗ Any matter that was not disclosed to us before we agreed to

for the performance of your business activity.

insure you, that you knew or ought to have known would be likely to lead to a claim, potential claim or loss.

- ✗ Your liability to pay any criminal, civil, regulatory or contractual fine or penalty (other than liquidated damages), your lost profit or trading loss or any punitive or exemplary damages.
- ✗ War, terrorism, asbestos, contamination, pollution or any nuclear reaction or radiation.
- ✗ Claims brought outside of the countries listed in the schedule under applicable courts or for work undertaken outside of the countries listed in the schedule under geographical limits.



## Are there any restrictions on cover?

- ! The most we will pay for dishonesty, physical damage and injury is a single limit of indemnity regardless of the number of claims or losses. The amount we will pay for your own losses arising from dishonesty is further limited as stated on the schedule.
- ! We will only cover claims made or losses suffered during the period of insurance.
- ! We will only cover losses from dishonesty that was discovered during the period of insurance and occurred after the retroactive date.
- ! We will not make any payment where you have restricted our recovery rights in any of your contracts.
- ! We will not cover the amount of the excess.
- ! Cover for certain items or types of loss or claim is limited. All relevant limits can be found in the policy wording or schedule.
- ! Any loss insured elsewhere, except for payments in excess of such other insurance



## Where am I covered?

Please check your policy schedule for the countries listed under applicable courts and geographical limits.



## What are my obligations?

- You must ensure that you disclose all facts and matters which might be relevant and that all information provided to us is true, accurate and complete.
- You must let us know if the information provided changes.
- You must take reasonable care to minimise any loss, damage or liability.
- You must tell us as soon as reasonably practicable about any claim, loss or any matter which is likely to give rise to a claim.
- You must not admit you are liable, make any offer of settlement or disclose the amount of cover available to any third party unless you have our prior written consent.



## When and how do I pay?

Please check your policy schedule for payment method.



## When does the cover start and end?

Please check your policy schedule for your cover start and end dates.



## How do I cancel the contract?

By giving 30 days' notice in writing. We will return a pro-rata proportion of your premium unless the amount is below any minimum payment stipulated in the general terms and conditions of your policy wording. We will never charge you a fee for cancelling your insurance.

## How to make a claim

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If you suffer a loss and may need to make a claim you should contact us as soon as possible.

For all claims you will need to provide your Hiscox policy number and full details of the claim, including the date, amount claimed and circumstances.

## Complaints procedure

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If you have a complaint, you can contact us using the details below and we will ensure your complaint is directed to the relevant provider's complaints handling department.

Hiscox Customer Relations  
The Hiscox Building  
Peasholme Green  
York YO1 7PR  
United Kingdom

By phone: +44 (0)800 116 4627

By phone from mobiles or abroad: +44 (0)1904 681198

By email: [customer.relations@hiscox.com](mailto:customer.relations@hiscox.com)

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal dispute resolution process, you may have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman.

The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO) is an independent, impartial, fair and free service that helps resolve complaints with pensions providers and regulated financial services providers.

Contact details:

Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman  
Lincoln House  
Lincoln Place  
Dublin  
DO2 VH29

Phone: +353 1 567 7000

Email: [info@fspoi.ie](mailto:info@fspoi.ie)

Web: [www.fspoi.ie](http://www.fspoi.ie)

If you have purchased your policy online you can also make a complaint via the EU's online dispute resolution (ODR) platform. The website for the ODR platform is: <http://ec.europa.eu/odr>.

## General information

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Hiscox Underwriting Ltd (the intermediary) underwrites policies on behalf of Hiscox Insurance Company Limited (an insurer), Hiscox S.A. (an insurer), certain underwriters at Lloyd's (managed by Hiscox Syndicates Limited) and third-party insurers. The insurer(s) for your policy will be detailed in your policy schedule.

This insurance is governed by the laws of the country stated in the general terms and conditions. Any dispute arising out of or relating to this insurance, including over its construction and validity will be referred to a single arbitrator in accordance with the general terms and conditions and the Arbitration Act then in force in the country stated.

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If we cannot meet our obligations you may be entitled to compensation from the scheme. Full details are available at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

## Our services

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This is a statement of the terms of business on which we agree to act and contains details of our regulatory and statutory responsibilities under the supervision of the Financial Conduct Authority. If you have any questions, please advise your usual contact in the first instance who will be pleased to assist you.

### About us

Hiscox Underwriting Ltd, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in England and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland for conduct of business rules. Hiscox Underwriting Ltd is subject to the Consumer Protection Code 2012 which offers protection to consumers, details of this code can be found on the Central Bank of Ireland's website.

Hiscox Underwriting Ltd is registered in England no. 02372789, at 1 Great St Helen's, London EC3A 6HX. Our FS Register number for the Financial Conduct Authority is 308922. You can check this on the FS's Register by visiting website <https://register.fca.org.uk/>. The FCA is the independent watchdog that regulates financial services in the UK.

We are permitted to arrange contracts of insurance.

Hiscox Ltd indirectly owns 100% of Hiscox Underwriting Ltd and Hiscox Insurance Company Limited.

### Our relationship with you

We only offer Hiscox insurance products. These are underwritten by Hiscox Underwriting Ltd (the intermediary) on behalf of Hiscox Insurance Company Limited, Hiscox S.A., certain underwriters at Lloyd's (managed by Hiscox Syndicates Limited) and partner insurers for certain parts of the cover (these will be set out in the policy schedule). We act as agent for the insurers in undertaking certain responsibilities and therefore will not be acting as an independent insurance intermediary.

Hiscox Underwriting Ltd receives commission for this from Hiscox Insurance Company Limited and Hiscox S.A. If you purchase a policy that is serviced or underwritten by a third party, we will set the price you pay for this policy which will be made up of the base cost from the supplier along with an element of profit and administration costs. In addition to this we may receive a profit share from the third party. We do not charge a separate fee for arranging the insurance. If you would like further details of the commission arrangement on this policy please contact us.

At your request we will endeavour to arrange cover based on the information you have provided. While we will provide you with information on the cover offered, you will not receive advice or a recommendation from us. Any quote documentation we provide to you is based on the information you provide us. You should check to confirm this is correct and advise us of any changes required.

You will be required to make premium payments in accordance with the terms of the policy. Failure to pay any amounts due may result in the insurer cancelling coverage in line with the terms and conditions of the policy.

### **Using your personal information**

Hiscox is a trading name of a number of Hiscox companies. The specific company acting as a data controller of your personal information will be listed in the documentation we provide to you. If you are unsure you can also contact us at any time by telephoning 01904 681198 or by emailing us at [dataprotectionofficer@hiscox.com](mailto:dataprotectionofficer@hiscox.com).

We collect and process information about you in order to provide insurance policies and to process claims. Your information is also used for business purposes such as fraud prevention and detection and financial management. This may involve sharing your information with, and obtaining information about you from, our group companies and third parties such as brokers, loss adjusters, credit reference agencies, service providers, professional advisors, our regulators or fraud prevention agencies.

We may record telephone calls to help us monitor and improve the service we provide.

For further information on how your information is used and your rights in relation to your information please see our privacy policy at [www.hiscox.co.uk/cookies-privacy](http://www.hiscox.co.uk/cookies-privacy).

This important information document is effective from September 2018.

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