

## **Employers' liability**

Policy wording

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** 

Any person normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man working for **you** in connection with **your business** who is:

- a. employed by you under a contract of service or apprenticeship;
- b. hired to or borrowed by you;
- c. under your control or supervision and is self-employed or working on a labour-only basis;
- d. engaged by labour-only sub-contractors;
- e. a labour master or a person supplied by him;
- f. engaged under a work experience or training scheme;
- g. 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

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.

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.

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

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 any other party with whom **you** have entered into a contract or agreement in connection with **your business** and **you** are liable for that claim, **we** will treat such claim as if made against **you** and make the same payment to such party that **we** would have made to **you**, provided that they:

- a. have not, in **our** reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;
- accept that we can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the terms of this section;
- c. have not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before we are notified of it;
- d. give **us** the information and co-operation **we** reasonably require for dealing with the claim.

Unsatisfied court judgments

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 six months, **we** will pay to the **employee** at **your** request the amount of any unpaid damages and awarded costs provided that:

 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



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- 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.

#### **Additional cover**

Court attendance compensation

If any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or any other **employee** 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

We will not make any payment for:

- 1. any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
- Deliberate or reckless acts
- a. any act, breach or omission you deliberately or recklessly commit, condone or ignore.

Offshore

- 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.
- Road traffic legislation
- 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.
- Placed personnel
- d. any **bodily injury** to any person supplied by **you** to a client under contract.
- Claims outside the applicable courts
- 2. 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 limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, unless limited below.

All claims, losses and **defence costs** relating to one or more **employees** which arise from any one incident or event will be regarded as one claim. This includes such claims, losses and **defence costs** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**, but does not include criminal proceedings costs.

#### **Special limits**

Terrorism

The most **we** will pay for claims and their **defence costs** arising from **terrorism** is the amount stated 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**.

Criminal proceedings costs

**We** will pay up to the amount stated in the schedule for the costs to defend criminal proceedings. This applies to all actions brought against **you** during the **period of insurance**.

#### Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

We will pay you compensation, as stated in the schedule, for each day or part day that any of your directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of your operations or other employees are required to attend court in relation to a claim covered under this section. The most we will pay for the total of all court attendance covered under this section is stated in the schedule.



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#### Your obligations

**You** must provide **us** with the following information for each entity insured under this section of the **policy**:

- 1. employer name; and
- 2. full address of employer including postcode; and
- 3. HMRC Employer Reference Number (ERN).

If any insured entity does not have an ERN, **you** must confirm to **us** which of the following reasons applies:

- a. the entity has no employees; or
- b. all staff employed earn below the current Pay As You Earn (PAYE) threshold; or
- c. the entity is not registered in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

You must inform us immediately of any changes to the above information.

If a problem arises

- 1. We will not make any payment under this section unless you notify us:
  - a. immediately and in any event within seven days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section for or arising out of **bodily injury**;
  - b. promptly of any:
    - i. other claim or anything which may give rise to any other claim; or
    - ii. threatened criminal action by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.

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.

2. When dealing with **your employee** 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 section by an amount equal to the detriment that **we** have suffered as a result.

#### 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.

# Employers' Liability Tracing Office

**Your policy** details will be added to the employers' liability database, managed by the Employers Liability Tracing Office (ELTO). This data will be available for search by registered users as well as individual claimants on a limited basis, who wish to verify the employers' liability insurer of an employer at a particular point in time.

You can find out more:

- from your insurance adviser (if you have one); or
- by contacting us; or
- at www.elto.org.uk