

Professional insurance portfolio

Policy wording

A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

Please read this wording, together with any **endorsements** and the schedule, very carefully. If anything is not correct, please notify **us** immediately.

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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**.



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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:

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or by telephone on +44 (0)800 116 4627 or +44 (0)1904 681 198
or by email at 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.

General terms and conditions

General definitions

Words shown in **bold** type have the same meaning wherever they appear in this **policy**.

The words defined below are used throughout this **policy**. Any other definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.

Asbestos risks

- a. The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; or
- b. exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; or
- c. 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.

Business

Your business or profession as shown in the schedule.

Confiscation

Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

Date recognition	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.
Endorsement	A change to the terms of the policy .
Excess	The amount you must bear as the first part of each agreed claim or loss.
Geographical limits	The geographical area shown in the schedule.
Nuclear risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; b. 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; c. all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in a. or b. above is located.
Period of insurance	The time for which this policy is in force as shown in the schedule.
Policy	This insurance document and the schedule, including any endorsements .
Program(s)	A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment.
Terrorism	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes; and b. is intended to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and c. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Virus	Programmes that are secretly introduced without your permission or knowledge including, but not limited to, malware, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware and other malicious unwanted software.
War	War, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.
We/us/our	The insurers named in the schedule.
You/your	The insured named in the schedule.

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 you and in setting the terms and premium, we have relied on the information you have given us . You must provide a fair presentation of the risk and must take care when answering any questions we 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 you (including your 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 we establish that you deliberately or recklessly failed to present the risk to us fairly, we may treat this policy as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. You must reimburse all payments already made by us and we will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.

- b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to present the risk to **us** fairly 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** made a fair presentation of the risk, as follows:
- i. if **we** would not have provided this **policy**, **we** may treat it as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us**. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid; or
 - 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 start of the **period of insurance**. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss. **You** must reimburse any payment made by **us** that **we** would not have paid if such terms had been in effect.
- Change of circumstances 3. **You** must tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible of any change in circumstances during the **period of insurance** which may materially affect this **policy** (a material fact or circumstance is one which might affect **our** decision to provide insurance or the conditions of that insurance). **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 a change of circumstances which may materially affect the **policy**; or
 - ii. comply with the obligation in 1. above to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing us with information in relation to a change of circumstances;
- 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; or
 - 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.
- 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** by giving 30 days' written notice. **We** will give **you** a pro-rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of the **period of insurance** after the effective date of cancellation for which **you** have already paid. However, **we** will not refund any premium under £20.
- If **we** have agreed that **you** can pay **us** the premium by instalments and **we** have not received an 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.

Multiple insureds	<p>8. The most we will pay is the relevant amount shown in the schedule.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Aggregate limit	<p>9. Where this policy specifies an aggregate limit, this means our maximum payment for all relevant claims or losses covered under the policy during the period of insurance.</p>
Rights of third parties	<p>10. 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.</p>
Other insurance	<p>11. 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 most we will pay under this policy will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.</p>
Cover under multiple sections	<p>12. 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.</p>
Governing law	<p>13. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this policy will be governed by the laws of England.</p>
Arbitration	<p>14. 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.</p>

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	<p>1. We will not make any payment under this policy unless you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>2. You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p>
Fraud	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.