



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**.

Steve Langan
Managing Director, Hiscox UK

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:

Hiscox Customer Relations
Hiscox House
Sheepen Place
Colchester
CO3 3XL

or by telephone on 01206 773705
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 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; orb. exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; orc. 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	<ol 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 .
Programme	A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment.
Terrorism	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: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. is committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes; andb. is intended to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; andc. <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. involves violence against one or more persons; orii. involves damage to property; oriii. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; oriv. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; orv. 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.

General terms and conditions

We / us / our The insurers named in the schedule.

You / your The insured named in the schedule.

Conditions precedent

General Conditions 2, 3 and 4 below, General Claims Condition 1 and the conditions shown in each section under the heading **Your obligations** are all conditions precedent to **our** liability. **We** will not make any payment under this insurance unless **you** comply with all the requirements of those conditions.

General conditions

The following conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. Any other conditions are shown in the section to which they apply.

- Basis of insurance**
1. Because of its importance, all information which **you** or anyone on **your** behalf provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** is incorporated into and forms the basis of this **policy**.
All facts and matters which might be relevant to **our** consideration of **your** proposal must be disclosed and all material representations made to **us** must be true, otherwise **we** are entitled to treat this insurance as if it had never existed.
- Change of circumstances**
2. **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**.
- Due diligence**
3. **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.
- Premium payment**
4. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** unless **you** have paid the premium.
- Cancellation**
5. **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 £10.
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**
6. The most **we** will pay is the relevant amount shown in the schedule.
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**.
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**.
- Aggregate limit**
7. 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**.
If the **period of insurance** is continuous, the aggregate limit will apply to all relevant claims or losses covered under the **policy** during the 12 months from the date the continuous cover starts. Each aggregate limit will be reinstated to the level shown in the schedule at each anniversary.
- Rights of third parties**
8. **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.

General terms and conditions

- Other insurance
9. **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.
- Governing law
10. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this **policy** will be governed by the laws of England.
- Arbitration
11. 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.

General claims conditions

The following claims conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. Any other claims conditions and procedures are shown in the section to which they apply.

- Your obligations
1. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** unless **you**:
- 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;
 - 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**;
 - 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;
 - give **us** all assistance which **we** may reasonably require to pursue recovery of amounts **we** may become liable to pay under this **policy**, in **your** name but at **our** expense.
- Fraud
2. If **you**, or anyone on **your** behalf, tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy** then **we** will treat this **policy** as if it had never existed.