

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

Bodily injury

Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.

Bail costs

Costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to pay for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an **insured person's** bail or equivalent in any other jurisdiction.

Claim

- Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against an insured person during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
- Any extradition proceeding made against an insured person during the period of insurance.

Defence costs

- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim.
- Emergency defence costs.

Deprivation of assets expenses

The amounts for which an **insured person** is contractually committed to pay for:

- school fees for the insured person's immediate family;
- rent or mortgage payments on the insured person's principal residence, not including any mortgage overpayments;
- 3. utilities supplied to the insured person's principal residence; and
- 4. insurance premiums that are personal to the insured person and their immediate family.

Emergency defence costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any **claim** (other than an **employment claim**) made against an **insured person**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Employee

- 1. Any person under a contract of service with you.
- 2. Any independent person seconded to you.
- 3. Any applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

Employee contract benefits

Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of:

- 1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;
- 2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under contract or statute;
- 3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;
- 4. share or stock options;
- 5. deferred compensation; or

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6. equal pay or redundancy pay.

Employment claim

Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged:

- 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
- 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
- 3. employment related misrepresentation;
- wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
- harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
- 6. retaliation; or
- 7. defamation or invasion of privacy,

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of such employee.

Extradition proceeding

Any proceeding commenced under the provisions of the United Kingdom Extradition Act 2003 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction, including any associated appeals.

Health and safety/ manslaughter claim

Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Insured person

- Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, member or officer of **you**.
- 2. Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you.
- Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Any **employee** of **you**.
- 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
- 6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation against that person.

Insured person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **your business** activities, or into an **insured person**, arising from activities performed in their capacity as an **insured person**, first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

Investigation does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against such **insured person** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

Legal representation costs

- Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.
- 2. Emergency legal representation costs.

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Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount any **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

- awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
- 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
- 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and
- 4. public relations expenses.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes (except for personal tax liability), remuneration, **employee contract benefits**, or punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages in relation to an **employment claim**.

Outside entity

Any organisation other than you:

- 1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
- 2. in which you hold any issued share.

Outside entity does not include:

- 1. any company which is registered or domiciled in the USA or Canada;
- 2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
- any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

Pollution

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.

Pre-investigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** with **our** prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the **geographical limits** where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered **investigation** will be brought as a result of the notification.

Prior and pending date

The date on which **you** first purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date **you** have merged or consolidated with another company, or any party has acquired more than 50% of **your** issued share capital or the majority of **your** voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

Property damage

The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.

Public relations expenses

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

Securities

Any debt or equity interest in you.

Subsidiary

Any entity in which you:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against an **insured person** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

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Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by an **insured person** arising from the performance of the **insured person**'s duties solely in their capacity as a director, partner, member, officer or **employee** of:

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- for the purposes of the cover in What is covered, Outside entity, an outside entity, including:
 - a. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence or data loss;
 - b. breach of trust;
 - negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
 - d. defamation;
 - e. wrongful trading under Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar or successor legislation, including its equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction;
 - f. breach of warranty of authority; or
 - g. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by an **insured person** solely because of their status as a director, partner, member, officer or **employee** of **you**.

You/your

Also includes any **subsidiary**:

- 1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**;
- created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary**:
 - a. is not domiciled in the United States of America or Canada; and
 - b. does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against an insured person

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/ manslaughter

Pension or employee

benefit schemes

Employment claims

Outside entity

Pollution

Cyber and data

Bodily injury and property damage

- We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from a claim against any insured person for any wrongful act within the geographical limits, including any:
 - health and safety/ manslaughter claim;
 - ii. **claim** arising from an **insured person**'s operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
 - iii. claim arising from pollution;
 - employment claim. This cover does not apply if the insured person is covered under the Management liability – employment practices liability section of this policy;
 - v. claim arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director or officer of an outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors, partners, members or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such claim;
 - vi. **claim** arising from the misuse of data or any computer hardware or software, including a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 or any similar or successor legislation;
 - vii. **claim** for **bodily injury** or **property damage**, other than any **claim** brought by or on behalf of any party who:



- a. suffered the bodily injury; or
- owns or is legally responsible for the tangible property that suffered such property damage.

Defence costs only

b. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the defence costs only arising from a claim for any wrongful act within the geographical limits:

Bodily injury and property damage

for any **claim** brought by or on behalf of any party who:

- i. suffered the **bodily injury**; or
- ii. owns or is legally responsible for the tangible property that suffered such **property damage**.

Emergency defence costs

c. We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim.

2. Investigations

Losses including legal representation costs

We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from an investigation arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits, including any:

Health and safety/ manslaughter i. health and safety/ manslaughter investigation;

Pension or employee benefit schemes

ii. **investigation** arising from an **insured person**'s operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;

Pollution

iii. investigation arising from pollution;

Outside entity

iv. investigation arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director or officer of an outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such investigation;

Cyber and data

 investigation arising from the misuse of data or any computer hardware or software, including a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 or any similar or successor legislation;

Bodily injury and property damage

vi. investigation arising from bodily injury or property damage.

Investigation mitigation costs

- b. We will also pay investigation mitigation costs in relation to a covered investigation, provided that:
 - where reasonably possible, the insured person must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain our written agreement, the insured person must notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
 - we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an **investigation** if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.

Pre-investigation costs

c. We will pay pre-investigation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

Emergency legal representation costs

 We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

3. Entity reimbursement

We will pay on your behalf the loss which you are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an insured person arising from a covered claim or investigation. If you are permitted or obliged to provide such payment but fail to do so for any reason other than your insolvency, regardless of whether you advanced payment or indemnified an insured person for such loss, we will pay the amount of the claim or investigation less any relevant excess.



4. Additional covers

a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person:

Extradition proceedings

 the loss arising from any extradition proceeding against any insured person during the period of insurance arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits;

Deprivation of assets expenses

- ii. their **deprivation of assets expenses**, if, as a direct result of a covered **claim** or **investigation**, an interim or interlocutory order:
 - confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an **insured person**; or
 - 2. creating a charge over real property or the personal assets of the **insured person**;

is made, other than where the court has made an allowance for the **insured person** in respect of such sums;

Public relations expenses

iii. public relations expenses following a covered claim or investigation to mitigate the actual or potential adverse effect on their reputation by disseminating news of a final adjudication that absolved them of any fault. The insured person must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs;

Bail costs

iv. bail costs arising from a covered claim or investigation;

Personal tax liability

v. their liability occurring in the **period of insurance** within the **geographical limits** under any insolvency rules or insolvency legislation to pay **your** unpaid taxes following **your** insolvency, dissolution, administration or winding up, where such liability arises solely as a result of the **insured person's** status as **your** director, partner, member or officer;

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

vi. additional **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** in the event that the limit of indemnity for this section is exhausted, provided that the **insured person** has previously not been the subject of a **claim** or **investigation** that led to the exhaustion of the limit of indemnity for this section.

Where an **insured person** has been the subject of such a **claim** or **investigation**, any amount **we** will pay on behalf of that individual will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of that **claim** or **investigation** or the part of that **claim** or **investigation** relating to such individual.

We will only pay in excess of any other insurance available to such individuals.

Court attendance compensation

b. If any insured person has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by us.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, investigation, or any other liability under this section:

Deliberate or dishonest acts

- 1. against or suffered by an **insured person** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
 - an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled;
 - an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which that company or entity was not legally entitled,

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that insured person.

These exclusions will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by the **insured person** that such act or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, the **insured person** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.



Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
 - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

Securities offerings

3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** or **investigation** in relation to any actual public offering of **your securities**.

This exclusion does not apply to a failed public offering of your securities.

Claims brought by a related party in the United States of America

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim brought or maintained by you, an outside entity or an insured person within or subject to the laws of the United States of America. This exclusion will not apply to:
 - a. defence costs:
 - b. any shareholder derivative proceedings in **your** name without **your** or any **insured person**'s solicitation, assistance or participation;
 - c. any claim brought by your liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body;
 - d. any employment claim;
 - e. any claim made by a former insured person; or
 - f. any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if such claim is otherwise covered by this section.

Bodily injury and property damage in relation to motor vehicles

 for bodily injury or property damage arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which the insured person is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance in respect of any liability.

Pollution clean-up costs

- 6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
 - a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation **you** or an **insured person** have to clean up or remedy any **pollution** or contamination; or
 - b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.

Takeovers and mergers

- 7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken, after:
 - a. you merge or consolidate with another company; or
 - b. any party acquires:
 - i. more than 50% of your issued share capital;
 - ii. the majority of your voting rights; or
 - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors.

Changes to subsidiaries

- 8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
 - a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or
 - b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.

Financial advantage

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **insured person** was not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.

Defined benefit pension schemes

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of an insured person's operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or their breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.

Claims outside the applicable courts

11. first brought outside the applicable courts.

This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.



Defence costs only

12. other than **defence costs** for any **claim** covered under **What is covered**, **1. Claims against an insured person**, b. **Defence costs only**.

Special conditions

General terms

The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the **General terms and conditions** all apply equally to each **insured person** and to **you**, except for General condition 6, Premium payment which applies only to **you**.

General conditions 3 and 4 shall not apply to this section.

General condition 7. Cancellation shall only apply to this section at the end of the **period of insurance** or the anniversary date whichever comes first.

You agree to act on behalf of all the **insured persons** as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.

Information provided by an insured person

All information which any **insured person** provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** will be considered as a separate application for each **insured person** and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an **insured person** will not be imputed to any other **insured person** for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any **claim** or **investigation** against such other **insured person**.

Severability of exclusions

When determining the applicability of the exclusions within **What is not covered**, the **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one **insured person** shall not be imputed onto any other **insured person** who neither committed nor condoned such **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence.

Extended notification period

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- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
- you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance;

you or any **insured person** may purchase an extended notification period, in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period 50% of the annual premium for this section
Three-year period 100% of the annual premium for this section
Six-year period 200% of the annual premium for this section

If you do so, we will cover an **insured person** for any covered **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** arising during the extended notification period, subject to the terms and conditions of this section. We will not cover any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after the end of the original **period of insurance**.

This extended notification period is only available if **we** receive written notice of purchase from **you** or an **insured person** and the premium is paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If you or an insured person does so, the first paragraph 1a. under Your obligations in this section will then be amended to:

 unless you or any insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable and within the period of insurance or the extended notification period of the following:

The limit of indemnity for the extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of the extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

You or any insured person will not have the right to purchase an extended notification period if:

 cover under this section is continued solely as a result of the former directors special condition or an extended notification period;



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- this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing directors' and officers' liability cover; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If we offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

Former directors

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, and only in respect of any **insured person** who ceases to be a director, partner, member or officer of **you** prior to the date of non-renewal for reasons other than disqualification from holding such position or **your** insolvency, administration or liquidation, this section shall continue in force indefinitely from the date of non-renewal, provided that:

- this section shall only apply to claims or investigations arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place prior to the date that the insured person ceased to be a director, partner, member or officer of you;
- 2. no similar insurance is effected elsewhere; and
- 3. this section or the **policy** has not been cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **claims**, **losses**, **investigations**, and any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **claims** made or **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities arising.

Each **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant excess stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or any other covered liability.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses** or **investigations**, or any other covered liabilities:

Public relations expenses

1. public relations expenses;

Emergency defence costs

2. emergency defence costs;

Emergency legal representation costs

3. emergency legal representation costs;

Deprivation of assets expenses

4. deprivation of assets expenses;



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Personal tax liability

5. cover under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, v. Personal tax liability;

Bodily injury and property damage

defence costs under What is covered, 1. Claims against an insured person, b.
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Investigation mitigation costs

7. investigation mitigation costs;

Pre-investigation costs

8. pre-investigation costs;

Bail costs

9. bail costs; and

Court attendance compensation

 court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability sections of this policy.

Additional cover

The limit below is in addition to the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

The most we will pay in total for all defence costs and legal representation costs under What is covered, 4. Additional cover, vi. Additional defence costs and legal representation costs, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of claims and investigations.

Your obligations

Notification

- 1. We will not make any payment under this section:
 - unless you or any insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you or such insured person becomes aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
 - the insured person's first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim;
 - ii. any claim or anything likely to lead to a claim against an insured person;
 - iii. any investigation into you or an insured person;
 - iv. the threat or commencement of any disqualification proceedings against any **insured person**; or
 - v. the **insured person**'s first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability,
 - b. to any insured person if, prior to the period of insurance, such insured person had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to us upon which we agreed to insure you.
- When dealing with a third party, you or the insured person must not admit that you or the insured person are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you or an insured person does, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.

Control of defence and payment under this section

You and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability.



Where there is a dispute between **us** and any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, the **insured person** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay defence costs and legal representation costs, above any excess, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. You and/or any insured person must reimburse us for any defence costs and legal representation costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim** or **investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against an **insured person** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.