

Summary of Cover

Accountants Professional Multi Risk Insurance

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This is a guide to the cover given by the policy. It does not cover every provision of the policy wording, but your broker will be happy to discuss it with you in more detail. You should read the policy and the additional clauses for full details of the terms and conditions.

SECTION 1:

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Indemnity Limit

The indemnity limit is on an 'any one claim' basis (in other words no restriction as to the number of claims in a year but each claim has a maximum limit). The wording complies with the PI requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. HCC International can offer up to £10 million cover for our Accountant clients.

Key features of the cover

- Insurance Act 2015 Compliant
- Claims made against the Insured arising from any civil liability.
- Claims made against the Insured arising from loss of or damage to documents.
- Awards made by any Ombudsman appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Financial Services Markets Act 2000.
- Defence costs (lawyers, court costs, experts etc.) are payable in addition to the Indemnity Limit

Main exclusions

- Risks that should be insured elsewhere Employers and Public Liability, Property, Land, Products.
- North American exposure.
- Directors and Officers cover.
- Seepage and Pollution unless this emanates from a breach of professional duty.
- Claims arising from Asbestos and Toxic Mould.
- War, Terrorism & Nuclear risks.
- The Excess.
- Claims and circumstances known at inception of cover.
- Claims by Insurance Companies unless they have obtained a judgement in a court.
- Claims arising from express or implied warranty or guarantee relating to investments.
- Trading losses, fines and penalties

SECTION 2:

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Key features of the cover

Insurance Act 2015 compliant

Employers Liability

• Cover is provided for your legal liability to employees injured whilst in your employment.

Public/Products/Pollution Liability

- Cover is provided for your legal liability to pay damages for bodily injury and/or damage to property occurring during the period of insurance.
- Cover is provided for your legal liability to pay damages for bodily injury and/or damage to property arising out of or in connection with any product occurring during the period of Insurance.

Additional Benefits:

- Cross Liabilities: Each person or party specified as the Insured in the schedule is separately indemnified.
- Indemnity to Principals.
- Defence costs arising from the following:
 - i. representation at any Coroner's Inquest or Fatal Accident Inquiry;
 - ii. cases of breach or alleged breach of the United Kingdom Health & Safety at Work Act 1974;
 - iii. cases of breach or alleged breach of Part II of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 in proceedings not consequent upon a deliberate act or omission.
 - iv.

SECTION 3: OFFICE PROTECT

This is a Section Summary only and does not contain full terms and conditions of Section 3 of the contract of insurance. These can be found in the Policy document, a copy of which is available on request. Excesses (the amount of any claim that you are responsible for) are shown on the Policy Schedule.

Section Insurers

APC Underwriting as Agent acting on behalf of:

Sub-sections 1 – 3: Tokio Marine Kiln Insurance Ltd

Sub-section 4: DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Ltd

Who are all authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Type of Cover

Office Protect Insurance designed to cover the assets and earnings of your business.

Significant features & significant or unusual exclusions or limitations

Sub-section 1: Material Damage

Cover

This Sub-section covers damage to Property caused by:

Fire, lightning, explosion, aircraft, earthquake, riot, malicious damage, theft, storm, flood, impact, escape of water, sprinkler leakage and accidental damage as defined under Sub-section 1 - Insurable Perils.

The Policy Schedule will show the Optional Limits and the Insured Perils that apply to each item.

Limit
The lesser of 10% of Sum Insured or £250,000 for additional Contents and Tenants' Improvements
£10,000 any one loss
The lesser of 10% of the Contents Sum Insured or £100,000
£25,000 (if legally responsible for damage to the Premises)
£1,500 in any one period of insurance
£5,000 any one loss
£5,000 any one location/ £20,000 in any one period of insurance
£2,500 any one loss/ £10,000 in any one period of insurance
£10,000 in any one period of insurance

Principal Exclusions

A number of covers are excluded when premises are unoccupied

- · Accidental erasure of electronic records
- · Acts of fraud or dishonesty
- · Bursting by steam pressure of boilers
- Cessation of work
- Change in temperature
- · Corrosion, rust, wet or dry rot
- · Damage to property that is the subject of a trade process
- · Defective workmanship design or materials
- Disappearance, unexplained loss
- Frost, change in water table level
- · Inherent vice, latent defect, gradual deterioration
- Joint leakage, failure of welds
- · Mechanical or electrical breakdown, power surges
- Spontaneous fermentation
- Storm and flood damage caused to fences, gates and property in the open
- · Theft not involving forcible and violent means
- Theft of property in the open
- · Wear and tear, damage by pets
- · Orders of the government
- Pollution or contamination

Additional Covers to Sub-section 1

Cover	Cover includes	Principal Exclusions
Glass Damage to glass and Office Front Blinds and Signs Theft by Employees Loss of business money or goods caused by	 Damage to alarms Damage to framework and contents caused by glass up to £2,500 Sanitary ware up to £2,500 Temporary boarding up Lettering or other ornamental work and alarm foil up to £2,500 	Damage:Caused by repairs or alterations
 fraudulent acts of employees. Limit £5,000 Money Loss of business money or non- negotiable money either on the premises or elsewhere 	 Clothing and personal effects up to £500 any one loss Damage to safe and tills 	Loss from an unattended vehicleShortage due to error or omission
 within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. Limits are shown on the Schedule for money: In the Premises during business hours In transit (standard limit £3,000) In the Insured's private dwelling house In the Premises outside business hours and not in a safe Secured in a locked unspecified safe (standard limit £3,000) 	Damage to safe and tills	 Forgery or deception Theft not involving forcible and violent entry Theft by employees Counterfeit money Fraudulent or invalid payment Loss from unconnected business activities
Personal Accident (Assault) Benefits payable to Employees in the event of injury caused by thieves. Limits are shown in the Schedule for these benefits: 1. Death 2. Loss of limbs or eyes 3. Permanent total disablement 4. Temporary total disablement		 More than one of the Benefits 1-3 in respect of any one person Any person under 16 years of age Pre-existing physical or mental defect
All Risks on Portable Property All Risks cover on portable property used in connection with the Business within the Geographical Area stated on the Schedule		 Confiscation or detention Unattended property unless contained in: A securely locked building A secure vehicle Wear, tear, breakdown or depreciation
Goods in Transit Goods in transit (comprising stock and trade samples) in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands	 Packing materials up to £2,500 Personal effects belonging to the driver up to £500 Reloading cost up to £2,500 Removal of debris up to £2,500 Re-securing unsafe loads £2,500 Transferring property to any other vehicle up to £2,500 	 Depreciation, delay, inadequate documentation Erection dismantling or installation

Sub-Section 2: Business Interruption

Cover

This Sub-section covers

- Loss of gross revenue caused as a result of damage to Property covered in Sub-section 1
- Loss of outstanding debit balances caused by insured damage to accounting records

Optional Limits with 12 months indemnity period.

Principal Extensions	Limit
Accidental failure of public supply	£100,000 any one loss
Denial of access	£100,000 any one loss
Goods in transit	£50,000 any one loss
Premises closure or restrictions	£50,000 any one loss
Documents	£25,000 any one loss
Contract sites	£25,000 any one loss
Storage sites	£25,000 any one loss
Unspecified suppliers	£10,000 any one loss

Principal Exclusions

- Damage by riot or malicious damage causing erasure loss distortion or corruption of information on computer systems
- Other erasure loss distortion or corruption of information on computer systems unless resulting from any of the Insured Perils
- Increase in Cost of working due to:
 - o Failure of any satellite prior to obtaining its full operating function
 - o Atmospheric, solar or lunar conditions causing temporary interference with transmission to or from any satellite

Sub-section 3: Equipment Breakdown

Cover

This Sub-section covers electrical or mechanical breakdown of covered equipment and damage caused as a result of explosion of steam boilers.

The Limit of Indemnity is £1,000,000

Principal Extensions	Limit
Damage to own surrounding property	£1,000,000 any one accident
Computer equipment	£500,000 any one period of insurance
Business interruption	£100,000 any one accident
Computer reinstatement of data	£50,000 any one accident
Computer increased cost of working	£50,000 any one accident
Expediting expenses	£20,000 any one accident
Deterioration of refrigerated stock	£15,000 foodstuffs any one premises any one period of insurance
Hazardous substances	£10,000 any one accident
Loss of contents of oil tanks	£10,000 any one accident
Hire of substitute item	£5,000 any one accident
Portable computer equipment	£5,000 any one accident

Principal Exclusions

Damage caused by or resulting from:

- A pressure test of any boiler or pressure vessel
- An insulation breakdown test of any type of electrical equipment
- Any defect, virus, loss of data loss of access within or involving media data
- · Wear and tear, corrosion or other gradually developing conditions
- With respect to public authorities:
 - o fines
 - o any liability to a third party
 - any increase in loss due to a hazardous substance
 - o increased construction costs until the building is replaced
- Loss or damage recoverable under a maintenance agreement warranty or guarantee
- With respect to deterioration of stock:
 - o deliberate acts of electricity suppliers
 - o neglect/misuse
 - o incorrect setting of thermostats
- Any condition which can be corrected by re-setting calibrating re-aligning tightening adjusting or cleaning or by the performance of maintenance

Property Excluded

- Buildings and structures
- Electronic equipment
- · Equipment manufactured by the insured for sale
- Tools and dyes
- Equipment requiring periodic renewal
- Insulating or refractory material
- Manufacturing, process, production equipment
- Mobile plant and equipment
- Vehicles or any equipment mounted on vehicles
- Aircraft, watercraft
- Electricity generation equipment

Sub-section 4: Legal Expenses

Cover

This sub-section will pay legal costs including solicitors' and barristers' fees, court costs, expenses for expert witnesses, attendance expenses and accountants' fees. It will also pay the costs of appealing or defending an appeal.

Covers provided under Sub-section 4: Legal Expenses are:

Contract Disputes, Employment Disputes and Compensation Awards, Legal Defence, Statutory Licence Appeal, Property Protection, Personal Injury, Tax Protection.

Limit of indemnity: £100,000 any one claim.

The total of compensation awards payable by us is £1,000,000 in any one period of insurance.

Policy Benefit	Principal Exclusions
Contract Disputes Negotiating for your legal rights in a contractual dispute arising from an agreement or alleged agreement entered into by you or on your behalf, for the purchase or hire or sale or provision of goods or services, providing the amount in dispute exceeds £500 (including VAT).	 The amount in dispute must exceed £500 (incl VAT). Disputes arising within the first 90 days of the policy if the agreement was entered into before the start of the policy. Disputes concerning a loan, mortgage, pension, guarantee or any other financial product. Disputes arising from the sale or provision of computer hardware, software, systems or services; or the purchase or hire of tailored computer hardware, software, systems or services.
 Employment Disputes and Compensation Awards Employment disputes Defending your legal rights before the issue of proceedings in a court or tribunal following dismissal of an employee, or where an employee or exemployee has contacted ACAS to commence the Early Conciliation procedure. Defending your legal rights in respect of any dispute with an employee or exemployee relating to their contract of employment. Defending your legal rights in respect of any dispute with an employee, prospective employee or ex-employee arising from an alleged breach of their statutory rights under employment legislation. Compensation awards In respect of a claim we have accepted under Employment disputes cover, we will pay any basic and compensatory award and/or compensation awards arising from an alleged breach of an employee, prospective employee or ex-employee's statutory rights under employment legislation; provided that throughout the employment dispute, you have either followed the ACAS Code of Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures in Employment, the equivalent codes of practice issued by the Labour Relations Agency in Northern Ireland, or sought and followed advice from the DAS legal advice service. Employee civil legal defence Defends the insured person's legal rights if an event arising from their work as an employee leads to civil action being taken against them: under legislation for unlawful discrimination; or as trustee of a pension fund set up for the benefit of your employees. Service Occupancy Negotiating for your legal rights against an employee or ex-employee to recover possession of premises which are owned by you or for which you are responsible. 	 Employment disputes Damages for personal injury or loss or damage to property Transfer of Undertakings Regulations (TUPE) or the Transfer of Employment (Pension Protection) Regulations. Compensation awards A compensation award relating to failing to comply with a current or previous recommendation by a tribunal A settlement agreed and payable following conciliation under the ACAS Early Conciliation procedure. Employee civil legal defence We will only provide cover for an insured person at your request. Service Occupancy Defending claims apart from defending a counter- claim.

Legal Defence	Parking offences.
• Defending your legal rights or your employees' legal rights prior to legal proceedings when dealing with the police or the relevant Health and Safety authority where it is alleged that you or your employees have or may have committed a criminal offence in connection with your business activities.	 Any investigations and/or prosecutions that are not in direct connection with the activities of the business.
 Defending non-motor criminal prosecutions arising from your business activities. 	
• Defending civil actions taken against you or your employees for compensation under section 13 of the Data Protection Act 1998, including the payment of any compensation award made against you or your employees.	
• Appealing against the refusal of the Information Commissioner to register your application for registration.	
 Appealing against the imposition or terms of any Statutory Notice issued under UK legislation affecting your business. 	
 Defending a civil action taken against you for wrongful arrest in respect of an accusation of theft. 	
• The attendance expenses of your employees for jury service.	
Statutory Licence Appeal	Assistance with original or renewal application
Appealing to the relevant statutory or regulatory authority, court or tribunal, following a decision by a licensing or regulatory authority to suspend, alter, refuse to renew or cancel your licence, mandatory registration or British Standard Certificate of Registration.	process.The ownership, driving or use of a motor vehicle
Property Protection	Goods in transit or goods lent or hired out.
Pursuing your legal rights in a civil action following an event causing physical damage to material property which you own or are responsible for, or any nuisance or trespass.	 Motor vehicles unless the business is engaged in the selling of motor vehicles.
Personal Injury At your request, pursuing your employees' and their family members' legal rights following their death or bodily injury.	
nghis following their death of bodily injury.	Psychological injury or mental illness.
	Clinical negligence.
Tax Protection Tax enquiries	Any failure to register for VAT or Pay As You
Negotiating on your behalf and representing you in any appeal proceedings following a written notice of enquiry, issued by HM Revenue	Earn.Any claims relating to import or excise duties and
& Customs, to carry out an Income Tax or Corporation Tax compliance check.	import VAT.
Employer compliance disputes	Any investigations or enquiry into alleged
Negotiating on your behalf and representing you in any appeal proceedings in a dispute concerning your compliance with Pay As You Earn, Social Security, Construction Industry or IR35 legislation and regulations. VAT disputes	dishonesty or criminal offences.
Negotiating on your behalf and representing you in any appeal proceedings arising out of a dispute with HM Revenue & Customs.	

Principal General Section Exclusions

- Late reported claims
- Legal action we have not agreed to
- Intellectual property rights
- Deliberate acts
- Franchise or agency agreements
- Judicial review
- Nuclear, war and terrorism risks
- Defamation
- Calendar date devices

Period of cover

The policy duration is 12 months and is annually renewable (unless shown differently on your policy schedule).

Cancellation

If this Section of the cover does not meet your requirements you have the right to cancel it within 14 days of inception. We shall return the full premium relating to this Section within 30 days of receipt of your request to cancel.

If you wish to terminate the cover at any other time, please contact the Broker, Intermediary or Agent who arranged the Policy

Law applicable

Unless we and you agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales will apply to this policy.

How to make a claim under Section 3 - Office Protect

Helping you with your legal problems

If you wish to speak to our legal teams about a legal problem, please phone us on 0344 893 0859. We will ask you about your legal issue and if necessary call back to give legal advice.

Making a claim

(Sub-sections 1 - 3)

In the event of any circumstance which may give rise to a claim, you will:

- a. notify **us** immediately by contacting our 24 Hour Claims Line: 0207 256 3102. Our claims helpline is open 24 hours a day, alternatively you can contact your insurance adviser who will help us deal with your claim quickly and fairly. Telephone calls may be monitored and recorded
- b. deliver to **us**, as **we** may require, a written claim containing as much information as possible concerning the incident, loss, destruction, damage, accident or **injury**, including the amount of the claim,
 - i. Immediately in the case of damage caused by riot, civil commotion, strikers, locked out workers, persons taking part in labour disturbances or malicious persons
 - ii. No later than 30 days after the expiry of the **indemnity period** in respect of claims against Loss of income unless **we** extend this time limit
 - iii. Within 30 days of the circumstance giving rise to any other claim unless we extend this time limit
- c. notify the police immediately it becomes evident damage is caused by malicious persons or thieves
- d. not admit or repudiate liability, nor offer to settle, compromise, make or promise to make payment without **our** written agreement
- e. inform **us** immediately of any impending prosecution inquest or fatal inquiry or civil proceedings and send to **us** immediately every relevant document
- f. take all reasonable action practicable to minimise or check any interruption of or interference with the business or to avoid or diminish the loss
- g. produce to **us** such books of account or other **business** books or documents or such other proofs as may reasonably be required by **us** for investigating or verifying the claim.

(Sub-section 4 only)

If your issue cannot be dealt with through legal advice and needs to be dealt with as a potential claim under this policy, phone us on **0344 893 0859** and we will give you a reference number. At this point we will not be able to tell you whether the claim is covered or not but we will pass the information you have given us to our claims-handling teams and explain what to do next.

Please do not ask for help from a lawyer, accountant or anyone else before we have agreed that you should do so. If you do, we will not pay the costs involved even if we accept the claim.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about your policy you should in the first instance refer to your insurance broker/intermediary or advisor, if any. If your complaint relates to a claim on your policy please contact the department dealing with your claim. If we have given you our final response and you are still not satisfied you may be eligible to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). If applicable, you will receive details of how to do this at the appropriate stage of the complaints process.

In the event that we are unable to resolve your complaint it may be possible for you to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Further details will be provided at the appropriate stage of the complaints process.

Compensation

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in the unlikely event we cannot meet our obligations to you. This depends on the type of insurance, size of the business and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk).

Further information can be obtained from: Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU. Telephone: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100.

Email: enquiries@fscs.org.uk. Website: www.fscs.org.uk.

SECTION 4:

MANAGEMENT LIABILITY

The cover under this Section is Insurance Act 2015 compliant.

Key features of cover - All Insuring Clauses

- Any one claim limits
- Advancement of Defence Costs
- Automatic 120 month discovery period for Retired Directors
- Automatic cover for newly acquired or created subsidiaries
- Emergency Costs

Directors and Officers (D&O)

Key features of cover

- Worldwide Cover
- Claims made against past, present or future Directors and Officers for legal liability arising from the actual or alleged failure to properly discharge all Managerial and Statutory responsibilities as a Company Director
- Any failure to comply with laws or regulations such as the UK Companies Act 2006, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007, Insolvency Act 1986

- Legal costs associated with defending any official investigation into the Companies affairs.
- Employment claims made by any employee alleging harassment, discrimination or wrongful termination against individuals
- Inaccurate, inadequate or misleading disclosure in a Company document such as the annual Report and Accounts
- Non-Executive Directors Additional Limit
- · Automatically includes 45 days cover on the same terms following management buyout of a subsidiary
- Civil Fines and penalties
- Health and safety defence costs
- Coverage for Spouses and Domestic Partners

Main Exclusions D&O and all Insuring Clauses

- Risks that should be insured elsewhere e.g. Employers and Public / Products Liability, Professional Indemnity
- Unlawful Conduct
- Insured versus Insured claims but only if brought in the USA
- Claims and circumstances known at inception of cover
- Claims arising out of an offering of securities
- Pollution other than defence costs and shareholder claims
- Public or Private Offering

Corporate Liability (CL)

Key features of cover

- Claims made against the company or its subsidiaries for legal liability arising from any actual or alleged act, error or omission
- Claims brought within the European Union

Extensions

- Investigation Costs arising out of any Investigation by a Government or Judicial agency
- Cover for claims based on the UK Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 or equivalent in included territories
- Cover for claims based on the 2010 UK Bribery Act in the UK

Main Exclusions

- The Retention
- Contractual Liability
- Products Liability
- Infringement of patent and copyright
- Trading Losses
- Anti-trust claims
- Loss of Documents or Data
- Failure of any hardware or software to function as expected or intended, or any loss/damage from the transmission of any virus, program or code

Company Employment Practice Liability (EPL)

This extension only applies if it is shown in the Schedule

Key features of cover

- Any specified Employment practice claim brought in the European Union by the Company's employees against the Company or its subsidiaries arising from:
 - Unfair dismissal, wrongful termination of employment or victimisation
 - o Employment-related misrepresentation
 - o Sexual or other harassment
 - Wrongful Discrimination related to employment
 - o Wrongful discrimination related to employment
 - o Character defamation, or to the giving of a reference to an ex-employee
 - Failure to employ or promote
 - "Whistle-blower" retaliation

Main Exclusions

- The Retention
- Contractual Liability
- Specific Legislation UK Pensions Act 1995 & 2004, UK Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, TUPE 2006, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
- Wage and Hour any claim related to the failure to comply with any law or regulation which regulates minimum wages, working time, workers compensation, disability benefits, redundancy or unemployment benefits or compensation, unemployment insurance, pension or retirement plans

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