

# Work Health & Safety Consultants

**Civil Liability Professional Indemnity Policy** 

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This is an important document about insurance. It explains what is and what is not covered under the insurance policy and your and our obligations. To check the policy meets your needs, you need to understand it. If you cannot read and understand English please seek assistance from someone who can help you understand it in your preferred language.

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إلى التزاماتنا والتزاماتك .يجب عليك فهم محتوى البوليصة حتى تتأكد من أنها تفي

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Questo è un documento importante sull'assicurazione. Spiega cosa è e cosa non è coperto in base alla polizza assicurativa ed i tuoi ed i nostri obblighi. Per verificare che la polizza soddisfi le tue esigenze, devi capirla. Se non puoi leggere e capire Izq'inglese, fatti assistere da qualcuno che possa aiutarti a capirla nella tua lingua preferita. Αυτό είναι ένα σημαντικό έγγραφο σχετικά με την ασφάλιση. Εξηγεί τι είναι και τι δεν καλύπτεται από το ασφαλιστήριο συμβόλαιο και τις δικές σας και τις δικές μας υποχρεώσεις. Για να ελέγξετε αν αυτό ανταποκρίνεται στις ανάγκες σας, πρέπει να το κατανοήσετε. Εάν δεν διαβάζετε ή δεν κατανοείτε την αγγλική γλώσσα, παρακαλείστε να ζητήστε βοήθεια από κάποιον που μπορεί να σας βοηθήσει να το κατανοήσετε στη γλώσσα που προτιμάτε.

यह बीमा के बारे में एक महत्वपूर्ण दस्तविज़ है। इसमें यह वववरर ददया गया है दक बीमा पॉलसिी में का कवर्ण (बीमे दारा सुरक्षति) है और का कवर्ण (बीमे दारा कवर्ण) नहीं है तथा इसमें आपके और हमारे दाययत्व्वं के बारे में भी बताया गया है। यह जांच करने के लिए दक का प्वलसिी आपकी आवश्यकताओं कव पूरा करती है, आपक्व इसे समझने की आवश्यकता है। यदद आप अंगेज़ी पढ़ और समझ नहीं सकते/सकती हैं तव कृपया दकसी ऐसे व्यक्त सि सहायता जि ज्व आपक्व इसे आपकी पसंदीदा भाषा में समझने में मदद कर सकता हुव।

Este es un documento importante sobre seguros. En él se explica lo que cubre y no cubre su póliza de seguro y tanto sus obligaciones como las nuestras. Deberá entenderlo para determinar si la póliza se adapta a sus necesidades. Si no lee ni entiende inglés, solicite la ayuda de alguien que le pueda ayudar a entenderlo en su idioma.

ਇਹ ਬੀਮੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਇੱਕ ਮਹਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਵੱਚ ਇਹ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਵਦਤਾ ਵਆਿ ਹੈ ਵਕ ਬੀਮਾ ਪਾਵਸਿੀ ਤਵਹਤ ਕੀ ਕਵਰਡ (ਬੀਮੇ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੁਰਵਅਿਤ) ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਵਕ ਕਵਰਡ (ਬੀਮੇ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੁਰਵਅਿਤ) ਨਹੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਵਵੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਡੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਡੀਆਂ ਜੁੱਮੇਵਾਰੀਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਵੀ ਦਵਸਆ ਵਆਿ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਨ ਇੀ ਵਕ ਕੀ ਪਾਵਸਿੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਿਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਣ ਦੀ ਡਿ ਹੈ। ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀ ਅੰਰਿਜੀ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਤੇ ਸਮਝ ਨਹੀ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਵਕਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਵਕਸੇ ਅਵਜਹੇ ਵਵਅਕਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਮਦਦ ਵਿ ਜੋ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਪਸੰਦੀਦਾ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਵੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਣ ਵਵੱਚ ਮਦਦ ਦੇ ਸਕੇ



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# About this Booklet



There are two parts to this booklet. The first part is important information about this **policy** including information about how **we** will protect **your** privacy and how to make a complaint or access **our** dispute resolution service.

The second part is **your** Policy Wording which sets out the detailed terms, conditions and exclusions of the **policy**.

Because **we** don't know **your** own personal circumstances, **you** should treat any advice in this booklet as purely general in nature. It doesn't consider **your** objectives, financial situation or needs. **You** should carefully consider the information provided with regard to **your** personal circumstances to decide if it's right for **you**.

#### For more Information or to make a claim

Please take the time to read through this booklet and if **you** have any questions, need more information or to confirm a transaction, please contact:

 your financial services provider. The contact details for your financial services provider are set out in the documentation they give you.

The section titled '*Claims Conditions*' in this booklet tells **you** the full details about what **you** need to do in the event of a **claim**. If **you** would like to make a **claim** or to enquire about an existing **claim** please contact:

+ your financial services provider.

#### About QBE

#### QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited ABN 78 003 191 035

**AFSL** 239545 (QBE) is a member of the QBE Insurance Group of companies. QBE Insurance Group Limited **ABN** 28 008 485 014 is the ultimate parent entity and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: QBE). **We** have been helping Australians protect the things that are important to them since 1886.

#### **QBE** in the community

#### Premiums4Good™

We are committed to giving back to the communities that we operate in. Through Premiums4Good, we invest a portion of customer premiums into investments that have additional social or environmental features. So, when you choose us as your insurer, your premium automatically does some good.

#### About 360

360 Professional and Financial Risks Pty Ltd (360 Professional and Financial Risks) ABN 92 666 652 071 is an Authorised Representative (AR 1302905) of 360 Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd (360 Underwriting) ABN 18 120 261 270, AFSL 319181.
360 Professional and Financial Risks is the underwriting agency acting on behalf of QBE in relation to this policy.

In issuing this **policy**, 360 Underwriting and its Authorised Representative 360 Professional and Financial Risks will be acting under an authority given to it by the Insurers. This means that when issuing this **policy**, 360 Underwriting and its Authorised Representative 360 Professional and Financial Risks will be acting as an agent for the Insurers, not for **you**.

360 Professional and Financial Risks contact details are:

Suite 1, Level 18, 201 Kent St Sydney, NSW 2000 Telephone. 1800 411 580

**You** should contact 360 Professional and Financial Risks in the first instance in relation to this insurance

# **Ge**neral Information for Your Professional Indemnity Policy

The information contained in this part is general information only and does not form part of **your** contract with **us**. The **policy** terms and conditions in the rest of this booklet contain details of **your** contract.

#### **General Insurance Code of Practice**

We are a signatory to the General Insurance Code of Practice (Code) and is committed to providing high standards of service. The Code covers topics like buying insurance, how **claims** are handled, what happens if financial hardship occurs, and complaint handling. you can read the Code at codeofpractice.com.au

The Code Governance Committee is an independent body that monitors and enforces insurers' compliance with the Code. For more information about the Code Governance Committee please visit insurancecode.org.au

We recognise that family and domestic violence is a complex issue and we take it seriously. For more information about support, our Family and Domestic Violence Customer Support Policy is available at gbe.com/au

#### Privacy

Both QBE Limited and 360 Professional and Financial Risks are committed to the safe and careful use of **your** personal information in the manner required by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles and the terms of the **policy**.

#### 360

360 will collect personal information when **you** deal with 360, 360 agents, other companies in the 360 group, QBE group or suppliers acting on behalf of 360. 360 use **your** personal information so 360 can do business with **you**, which includes issuing and administering 360 products and services and processing **claims**.

Sometimes 360 might send your personal information overseas.

The locations 360 send it to can vary but include the Philippines, India, Ireland, the UK, the US, China and countries within the European Union.

A copy of the 360 Privacy Policy is located on the 360 website at 360uw.com.au

#### QBE

We take the security of your personal information seriously.

We will collect personal information directly from you when you deal with us, or sometimes through our agents, other companies in the QBE group or suppliers acting on our behalf. We will only ever collect the personal information we need in order to provide our services to you, such as issuing and administering our products and services and processing claims. We will obtain consent before collecting sensitive information, such as health information, unless we are required or permitted by law to collect it without consent. Sometimes we may store and disclose your personal information overseas. When we do this, we ensure your information is retained in accordance with the Australian *Privacy Act 1988* and local privacy laws.

**Our** Privacy Policy describes in more detail from whom **we** collect personal information, as well as where **we** store it and the ways **we** could use it. **You** can find it at <u>gbe.com/au/about/governance/privacy-policy</u>

If you would like to access or correct your personal information please contact us at customercare@qbe.com or on 1300 650 503.





### Complaints

We are here to help. If you are unhappy with any of our products or services, or the service or conduct of any of our suppliers, please let us know and we will do our best to put things right.

#### Step 1 – Talk to us

Your first step is to get in touch with the team looking after your policy, direct debit, or claim. You will find their contact details on your policy documents, letters, or emails from us. Please provide our team with as much information as possible so they can try to fix the problem quickly and fairly.

For additional assistance in lodging a complaint, please refer to gbe.com/au

#### Contacting 360 Professional and Financial Risks

How to contact 360 Professional and Financial Risks Pty Ltd:

Telephone.	1800 411 580 (Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, Sydney time, except on public holidays)
Post.	Suite 1, Level 18, 201 Kent St, Sydney NSW 2000
Email.	

- + idr@360uw.com.au, to make a complaint;
- privacy@360uw.com.au, to contact us about privacy or your personal information;
- executive@360uw.com.au, to give feedback or pay a compliment.

#### Step 2 – Customer Relations

If your complaint isn't resolved by the team looking after your policy, direct debit or claim, you can ask them to refer your complaint on to our customer relations team. A dispute resolution specialist will review your complaint independently and provide you with our final decision.

You can also contact the customer relations team directly:

Telephone. 1300 650 503 Fax. (02) 8227 8594 Email. complaints@qbe.com Post. GPO Box 219, Parramatta NSW 2124

#### Step 3 – Still not resolved?

If we are unable to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction within a reasonable time, or you're not happy with our final decision, you can refer your complaint for external dispute resolution by contacting the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). We are a member of AFCA and their decisions are binding on us.

> Telephone. 1800 931 678 Email. info@afca.org.au Post. GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

AFCA will inform **you** if **your** complaint falls within its jurisdiction. Time limits apply to most complaints to AFCA. For more information, visit afca.org.au

#### **More information**

You can find more information about how we deal with complaints on our website at <u>qbe.com/au</u> or you can call us on 133 723 to speak with us or request a copy of our complaints brochure at no charge by us.

#### Complaints just about privacy

If **you** are not happy with how **we** have handled **your** personal information, call **us** on 1300 650 503 or email **us** at customercare@qbe.com. If **you** are not satisfied with **our** response, **you** can contact the office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC):

Telephone. 1300 363 992 Email. enquiries@oaic.gov.au Post. GPO Box 5218, Sydney NSW 2001



### **Claims Made**

This **policy** operates on a '**claims** made and notified' basis. This means that the **policy** covers **you** for **claims** made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**.

The **policy** does not provide cover in relation to:

- Acts, errors or omissions actually or allegedly committed prior to the retroactive date of the **policy** (if such a date is specified);
- Claims made after the expiry of the period of insurance even though the event giving rise to the claim may have occurred during the period of insurance;
- Claims notified or arising out of facts or circumstances notified (or which ought reasonably to have been notified) under any previous policy;
- Claims made, threatened or intimated against you prior to the commencement of the period of insurance;
- Facts or circumstances of which you first became aware prior to the period of insurance, and which you knew or ought reasonably to have known had the potential to give rise to a claim under this policy; and
- Claims arising out of circumstances noted on the proposal form for the current period of insurance or on any previous proposal form.

Where **you** give notice in writing to **us** of any facts that might give rise to a **claim** against **you** as soon as reasonably practical after **you** become aware of those facts but before the expiry of the **period of insurance**, **you** may have rights under section 40(3) of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth) to be indemnified in respect of any **claim** subsequently made against **you** arising from those facts notwithstanding that the **claim** is made after the expiry of the **period of insurance**. Any such rights arise under the legislation only. The terms of the **policy** and the effect of the **policy** is that **you** are not covered for **claims** made against **you** after the expiry of the **period of insurance**.



## **Policy Terms & Conditions** for Your Civil Liability Professional Indemnity Policy – Work Health & Safety Consultants

#### Insurer

The **policy** is underwritten by QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited, **ABN** 78 003 191 035, **AFSL** 239545.

### **Our Agreement**

Your policy is an agreement between you and us, made up of:

- + This Policy Wording;
- + Your policy schedule, which sets out the cover you have chosen and any terms specific to you.

The cover under this **policy** is provided during the **period of insurance**, once **you** have paid **us your premium**. There are also:

- conditions and exclusions which apply to specific covers or sections;
- general exclusions, which apply to any claim you make under this policy;
- general conditions, which set out your responsibilities under this policy;
- claims conditions, which set out our rights and your responsibilities when you make a claim; and
- + other terms, which set out how this policy operates.

### Deductible

You must pay any deductible which apply to your claim. The deductible which you have to pay are set out in this Policy Wording and on your policy schedule. The only benefit where you do not have to pay a deductible is Section 2: Policy Extension, Court Attendance Costs.

### How Much We'll Pay

The most **we** will pay for a **claim** is the **limit of indemnity** or any applicable sublimit which applies to the cover or section **you** are claiming under as set out in the **amount payable table** below, less any **deductible** (where applicable).

All sublimits are inclusive of costs unless stated otherwise.

Once the sublimit is exhausted there is no further coverage available under the **policy** extension in the **period of insurance**.

The most we will pay in total in the period of insurance for all claims under the policy is the aggregate limit of indemnity.

### **Paying Your Annual Premium**

If you are paying your premium in one annual payment, you must pay your premium, GST and other amounts charged for this policy by the due date. If we do not receive the premium by this date, or your payment is dishonoured, this policy will not operate and there will be no cover.



### Amount Payable Table

Section 2: Policy Extensions	Benefit	Deductible	Maximum Payable/Sublimit
Australian consumer law and similar legislation		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Continuous cover		Yes	The lesser of the <b>limit of indemnity</b> of the previous <b>policy</b> and the <b>policy</b>
Contractors and consultants		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Court attendance costs	\$250/day for <b>employees</b> or \$500/day for partners, principals or directors.	No	\$20,000
Defamation		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Estates and legal representatives		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Extended reporting period		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Fraud and dishonesty		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Intellectual property		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Investigations costs and expenses		Yes	\$250,000
Joint venture liability		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Loss of <b>documents</b>		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Loss of <b>documents</b> (not involving a third party <b>claim</b> )		Yes	\$250,000
Medicare and medical fund fraud		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Newly created or acquired subsidiaries		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Our Financial Lines Legal Panel	Single complimentary session of verbal advice on matters which are covered or potentially covered under the <b>policy</b> with a member of <b>our</b> Financial Lines Legal Panel.	No	
Outgoing principals and employees		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Privacy		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Public relations expenses		Yes	\$50,000
Retroactive date		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Run off cover	Cover for acts prior to <b>you</b> ceasing to exist or being merged.	Yes	Limit of indemnity
Social engineering fraud		Yes	\$25,0000
Vicarious liability		Yes	Limit of indemnity
Section 3: Optional Policy Extensions	Benefit	Deductible	Maximum Payable/Sublimit
Fidelity		Yes	\$100,000 (or \$5,000 where there were not any <b>dual controls</b> )
Previous business		Yes	Limit of indemnity



# Section 1: Insuring Clauses

### **Insuring Clause A**

#### **Civil Liability Insuring Clause**

We agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising:

- 1. From any claim first made against you during the period of insurance;
- 2. As a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of **your profession**; and
- 3. Notified to us during the period of insurance or where applicable, the extended reporting period.

### **Insuring Clause B**

#### **Costs and Expenses Insuring Clause**

We agree to pay costs and expenses incurred with our written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) in the defence or settlement of any claim indemnified by this **policy** prior to the final resolution of the claim.

In the event it is established that **you** are not entitled to indemnity for these **costs and expenses**, **you** agree to repay to **us** all of the **costs and expenses** paid by **us** to the extent it is established that **you** are not entitled to this indemnity.

# Section 2: Policy Extensions

We agree to indemnify you under this Section 2: Policy Extensions;

Provided that:

- The indemnity provided by each policy extension is subject to the policy schedule, insuring clauses, conditions, definitions, exclusions, deductible and other terms of this policy (unless otherwise expressly stated herein);
- The inclusion of any policy extension will not increase the limit of indemnity;
- In respect of the policy extensions with a sublimit, the most we will pay, any one claim and in the aggregate, is the amount listed next to the policy extension in the amount payable table.

# Australian Consumer Law and Similar Legislation

We agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession under the Australian Consumer Law or the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) or any similar legislation enacted by any States or Territories in Australia or by New Zealand, provided that the act, error or omission giving rise to the claim made against you is unintentional.

### **Continuous** Cover

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Prior or Pending and the claims made notice, we shall provide indemnity in respect of any claim made against you as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession where such claim arises from a fact or circumstance ('circumstance'):

- Of which you first became aware prior to the period of insurance and which you knew, or ought to have reasonably known, had potential to give rise to a claim; and
- 2. Which should have, but was not, notified to **us** under any previous **policy**.

Provided that:

- a. you have continued without interruption to be insured with us from the time when the fact or circumstance could have been notified under the previous policy until the time when the claim, fact or circumstance is notified to us;
- b. if you had notified the fact or circumstance under the previous policy, you would have been entitled to indemnity under the previous policy when a claim was made;

- c. the failure to disclose and/or notify the fact or circumstance was not fraudulent or intentional;
- the limit of indemnity shall be the lesser of the available limit of indemnity of the previous policy and the policy;

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- e. the terms of this **policy** (including any sublimit which applies to the cover or sublimit **you** are claiming under and whether any **deductible** is payable) shall otherwise apply;
- f. we may reduce the amount we pay out under this policy extension, continuous cover by the amount of any prejudice we may suffer in consequence of any delayed notification to us.

### **Contractors and Consultants**

Notwithstanding the Section 2: Policy Extension, Vicarious Liability, we agree to indemnify contractors and consultants as employees.

Provided that:

- Such contractor or consultant derived at least 90% of their income from you in the previous 12 months, or reasonably anticipate they will do so in the next 12 months;
- Your principal, partner or director directly controls and supervises such contractors in accordance with your standard procedures and risk management framework; and
- 3. Such indemnity is only provided in respect of work performed for and on **your** behalf and for which **you** are legally liable.

### **Court Attendance Costs**

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Cyber and Data, we agree to provide up to \$250 per day for court attendance costs incurred by your employees, or \$500 per day for court attendance costs incurred by your partners, principals or directors if they are legally compelled to attend a civil proceeding as a witness in a claim covered by this policy.

Provided that:

 Our total liability in respect of all claims made under this policy extension, court attendance costs shall not exceed the amount specified in the amount payable table.

### Defamation

We agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession for unintentional defamation.



### **Estates and Legal Representatives**

We agree to include in the definition of 'you' your estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns in the event of your death or incapacity in respect of a civil liability that would have been covered by *Insuring Clause A* if you were alive or had capacity.

Provided that:

 Your estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns shall observe and be subject to all the terms of this policy insofar as they can apply.

### **Extended Reporting Period**

In the event that this **policy** is not renewed or is cancelled for any reason other than non-payment of **premium**, then **you** have until such time that **you** effect another professional indemnity insurance **policy** or a period of 60 days commencing on the day immediately following expiry of this **policy**, whichever is the lesser period, during which to notify **us** of any **claim** first made against **you** during the **period of insurance**.

Provided that this **policy** extension:

- 1. Does not reinstate or increase the **limit of indemnity** or extend the **period of insurance**; and
- Will only apply to acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed by you before the end of the period of insurance or the cancellation date of this policy where this policy has been cancelled.

### Fraud and Dishonesty

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Fraud and Dishonesty, we agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession which would otherwise be excluded by reason of the Section 4: Exclusion, Fraud and Dishonesty.

Provided that:

- Such indemnity shall not be provided to any natural person who committed or condoned any such act, error or breach;
- Such indemnity shall not be provided in respect of any allegation involving **bodily injury** arising from a malicious or criminal act, error or omission; or any allegation involving **bodily injury** committed or alleged to have been committed with a reckless disregard for the consequences;
- Such indemnity shall not be provided with respect to any claim made against you as a result of a fraudulent or dishonest refund claim made against Medicare Australia or any health fund; or

4. In respect of claims made against you involving the loss of money, dual controls were in place at the time of any actual or alleged dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious act or omission of yours or any third party for whose acts, errors or omissions you are legally liable.

### **Intellectual Property**

We agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession for any:

- 1. Unintentional infringement of copyright, trademark, registered design or patent;
- 2. Unintentional plagiarism; or
- 3. Unintentional breach of confidentiality.

### **Investigation Costs and Expenses**

#### We agree to pay investigation costs and expenses.

- We shall be entitled to appoint legal representation to represent you in the official investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry;
- The official investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry, or notice of intended investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry is commenced during the period of insurance and is notified to us during the same period of insurance;
- 3. In the event that a claim for payment of investigation costs and expenses is withdrawn or indemnity under this policy is subsequently withdrawn or denied, we shall cease to advance investigation costs and expenses and we shall be entitled to recover, acting reasonably any investigation costs and expenses we advanced to the extent that you were not entitled to such investigation costs and expenses, unless we agree in writing to waive recovery;
- 4. We shall not be required to pay investigation costs and expenses of any appeal from the outcome of the official investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry; and
- 5. Our total liability in respect of investigation costs and expenses for all claims made under this policy extension shall not exceed the amount specified in the amount payable table.



For the purpose of this **policy** extension, an official investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry means an investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry conducted:

- a. by way of a Royal Commission, Commission of Inquiry or Northern Territory Board of Inquiry;
- b. by way of a Coronial Inquiry;
- c. by a Regulatory Authority; or
- d. by any disciplinary committee of any association or professional body of which **you** are a member.

By way of clarification an official investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry does not include any investigation, examination, enquiry or inquiry conducted by:

- I. a Parliament of the State, Territory or Commonwealth.
- II. a Court of the State, Territory or Commonwealth.

This coverage also extends to include **your** attendance or representation before any privacy commissioner, private code adjudicator, administrative tribunal or court in relation to the breach of any privacy law or duty of confidentiality owed to any patient.

### Joint Venture Liability

We agree to indemnify you in respect of any claim made against you as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession for that proportion of any legal liability arising out of any activities in which you are engaged as a joint venturer or as a partner.

Provided that:

- Such coverage is only for that proportion of any legal liability which attaches to you arising out of such activities;
- 2. There is no cover for the legal liability of any other participant in **your** joint venture or partnership.

#### Loss of Documents

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Cyber and Data, we agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession arising from the loss of any documents (including but not limited to your documents) which have been unintentionally destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid and, after diligent search or attempts to recover them, cannot be found or recovered.

### Loss of Documents (Not involving a Third Party Claim)

We agree to indemnify you for the loss of any documents (including but not limited to your documents), for which you are legally responsible, that have been unintentionally destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid in the conduct of your profession and, after diligent search or attempts to recover them, cannot be found or recovered.

Provided that:

- You discover the loss during the period of insurance and report it to us during the period of insurance;
- Such indemnity shall be limited to reimbursement of reasonable costs and expenses you incur to replace or restore such documents and shall not extend to any consequential or indirect loss;
- 3. We shall not be liable to provide indemnity in respect of:
  - a. the theft, corruption or erasure of any data by a virus;
  - b. the theft, corruption or erasure of any data by a former employee, partner or principal;
  - c. damage to **documents** caused by gradual deterioration, wear and tear, or the action of moths or vermin; or
  - documents destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid outside the territorial limits of Australia or New Zealand.
- Our total liability in respect of all claims made under this policy extension, loss of documents (not involving a third party claim) shall not exceed the amount specified in the amount payable table.

### Medicare and Medical Fund Fraud

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Fraud and Dishonesty, we agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you, for compensation arising from any claim made against you as a result of a fraudulent or dishonest refund claim made against medicare australia or any health fund by an employee.

- Such indemnity shall not be provided to any natural person who committed or condoned any such act, error or omission; and
- 2. Dual controls were in place at the start of the period of insurance.



### Newly Created or Acquired Subsidiaries

We agree to include in the definition of 'you' any subsidiary created or acquired by the named insured during the period of insurance for a period of up to 60 days (but never beyond the expiry date of the period of insurance) from the date of such creation, or acquisition.

Provided that:

 This policy extension, newly created or acquired subsidiaries only applies in respect of claims made against the subsidiary arising from an act, error or omission in the conduct of your profession occurring after the subsidiary is created or acquired.

### **Our Financial Lines Legal Panel**

- You may access our Financial Lines Legal Panel for a single complimentary session of verbal advice in relation to matters which are covered or potentially covered under this policy;
- In the event of a claim being notified by you to us, we shall appoint a member firm from our Financial Lines Legal Panel to act on behalf of you, provided there is no existing or potential conflict of interest, in which case we will refer you to another member of the Panel or an external lawyer.

If **you** wish to access one of the firms on **our** Financial Lines Legal Panel, contact **our** Financial Lines Claims Department on the address set out below and **we** will provide full details on the process.

> Financial Lines Claims Department QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd Post. GPO Box 219 Parramatta NSW 2150 Email. piclaims@gbe.com

### Outgoing Principals and Employees

We agree to indemnify former principals, partners, directors and **employees** of the **named insured** in respect of civil liability insured by *Section 1: Insuring Clauses*.

Provided that:

- 1. The definition of 'you' includes those persons; and
- The indemnity is only in respect of work performed while a principal, partner, director or employee of the named insured.

#### Privacy

We agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you in relation to any actual or alleged breaches of any duty of privacy or privacy legislation.

Provided that:

- The act, error or omission by you giving rise to the claim is unintentional and occurred directly in the conduct of your profession.
- Our total liability for all claims made under this policy extension, privacy shall not exceed the amount specified in the amount payable table.

### **Public Relations Expenses**

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Cyber and Data, we agree to pay any reasonable fees, costs, and expenses of a public relations consultant retained by you for the sole purpose of protecting your reputation that has been brought into question as a direct result of an adverse publicity event.

- You notify us within 28 days of first becoming aware of your reputation being brought into question, and provide written details outlining the circumstances surrounding the adverse publicity event;
- We have given our prior written consent (such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) to retain the services of such public relations consultant; and
- Our total liability for all fees, costs and expenses of the public relations consultant shall not exceed the amount specified in the amount payable table.



### **Retroactive Date**

'Unlimited Retroactive Cover'- if no retroactive date is specified in the **policy schedule** or if the retroactive date is specified in the **policy schedule** as 'unlimited', this **policy** shall provide indemnity in respect of **claim(s)** as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of **your profession** arising from acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed irrespective of when such acts, errors or omissions were committed (or were alleged to have been committed).

'Limited Retroactive Cover' – where a retroactive date is specified in the **policy schedule**, then this **policy** shall only provide indemnity in respect of **claim(s)** as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of **your profession** arising from acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed after the retroactive date.

### **Run Off Cover**

We agree that in the event that the **named insured** or any other insured entity ceases to exist or operate or is consolidated with, merged into or acquired by any other entity then the coverage provided under this **policy** with respect to such insured entity shall continue until the expiry date of the **period of insurance**.

Provided that:

 Such coverage only applies in respect of claims as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of your profession arising from an act, error or omission occurring prior to the effective date that you or such insured entity ceased to exist or operate or was consolidated with, merged into or acquired by another entity.

### **Social Engineering Fraud**

Notwithstanding the Section 4: Exclusion, Surrender, we agree to indemnify you against civil liability for compensation arising from any claim made against you for voluntary giving or surrendering of money, tangible securities, funds or property in any exchange or purchase which would otherwise be excluded by reason of the surrender exclusion.

Provided that:

- 1. **Dual controls** were in place at the time of the alleged act giving rise to the **claim**.
- 2. Verification procedures were followed prior to the exchange or purchase.
- We shall not provide such indemnity to any person who committed or condoned the giving or surrender of money, tangible securities, funds or property with knowledge, or reckless disregard, of the fraud or dishonesty.
- Our total liability for any one claim and in the aggregate under this policy extension shall not exceed amount specified in the amount payable table.

### Vicarious Liability

We agree to indemnify you in respect of any claim made against you arising from any act, error or omission committed or alleged to have been committed by any third party for whose acts, errors or omissions you are legally liable, provided that such coverage shall not extend to any such third party.

# Section 3: Optional Extensions

### Preamble

It is agreed that:

- The indemnity provided by each optional extension is subject to the **policy schedule**, insuring clauses, conditions, definitions, exclusions, **deductible** and other terms of this **policy** (unless otherwise expressly stated herein);
- Where an optional extension is not specified as included in the **policy schedule** then this **policy** shall not provide any indemnity in relation to coverage specified under such optional extension;
- The most we will pay, any one claim and in the aggregate, is the amount listed next to the optional policy extension in the amount payable table.

### Fidelity

We agree to provide indemnity to you against loss of money, negotiable instruments, bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes belonging to you or for which you are legally liable where any such loss is sustained in consequence of any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission of your employee (and any other person for whose actions you may be liable).

Provided that:

- You first discover such loss during the period of insurance and it is notified in writing to us during the period of insurance;
- We shall not be liable for any loss sustained in consequence of any act or omission occurring after the date of the discovery of, or the reasonable cause for suspicion of, dishonest or fraudulent conduct on the part of person concerned;
- We shall not be liable to indemnify the person who committed or condoned any dishonest or fraudulent conduct in consequence of which the loss occurred;
- 4. You shall bear the burden of proof to substantiate any loss (including any legal, investigative, accounting or other costs incurred in such process) and we will be under no obligation to provide indemnity to you until such time as such loss has, in fact, been sustained;
- Our liability for each loss under this optional extension and our aggregate liability for all losses under this optional extension shall not exceed the amount specified in the amount payable table;

6. Dual controls were in place at the time of any actual or alleged dishonest, or fraudulent, act or omission of your employee (or any other person for whose actions you may be legally liable). Alternatively, where there were not any dual controls in place at the relevant time, the most we will pay under this optional extension is \$5,000;

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- Regardless of the number of years this **policy** shall continue in force and the number of premiums that shall be paid or payable, **our** liability shall not be cumulative in amounts from year to year or from period to period;
- Where a conflict arises between the provisions of this optional extension and the fraud & dishonesty extension, the provisions of this optional extension, fidelity shall prevail.

The **deductible** specified in the **policy schedule** applies to any one event. Events or series of events caused by acts or omissions of the same person or persons (whether identifiable or not) and events in which such person or persons are involved or implicated shall be treated as one event.

### **Previous Business**

We agree to provide indemnity in respect of any claim for compensation made against any person who is or becomes or ceases to be during the **period of insurance** a principal, partner or director of the **named insured** for any civil liability arising from a breach of professional duty and incurred on the part of such person in the conduct of the same profession as **your profession** before that person joined the **named insured**.

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# Section 4: Exclusions

### Abuse

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any actual or alleged act of **abuse** by any person, or failure to detect or prevent **abuse** by any person.

### Aircraft Motor Vehicles and Watercraft

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

- The ownership of any aircraft, motor vehicle or watercraft by you; or
- 2. Aircraft registration, inspection or maintenance advice provided by **you** or on **your** behalf.

### Amount Payable

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** for an amount in excess of:

- 1. The limit of indemnity specified in the schedule; or
- 2. The maximum payable specified in the **amount payable table** for the respective **policy** extension;

whichever is lesser.

### Asbestos

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the manufacturing, mining, processing, treating, handling, installing, using, removing, transporting, selling, distributing, and/or storage of asbestos, asbestos products or any product containing asbestos.

Provided that:

 This exclusion shall not apply to any medical procedure or treatment performed in a hospital, clinic or similar establishment as a result of any injuries arising out of any effects of asbestos.

### Assumed Duty or Obligation

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any duty or obligation assumed by **you** by way of contract, warranty, guarantee or indemnity, to the extent that such liability exceeds the liability **you** would have incurred in the absence of such contract, warranty, guarantee or indemnity.

### **Bodily Injury**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of **bodily injury**, unless arising directly from a breach of professional duty in the conduct of **your profession** by or on behalf of **you**.

### Cyber and Data

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

- 1. A cyber act;
- 2. A virus; or
- 3. A breach of data protection law by you, or parties acting for you, involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of any computer system or data, including notification costs, crisis consultancy costs, credit monitoring expenses, replacement of actual credit or payment cards, forensic expenses, public relations expenses or legal advice and services.

Any cover for the costs of reconstituting or recovering lost or damaged **documents** owned or controlled by **you** covered under *Section 2: Policy Extensions* of this **policy** shall not apply to **data**.

### **Fines and Penalties**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** for punitive, aggravated, multiple or exemplary damages, or fines or penalties imposed by law including but not limited to, civil penalties.

### Fraud and Dishonesty

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

- Any actual or alleged dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious act or omission of **yours** or any third party for whose acts, errors or omissions **you** are legally liable;
- Any act or omission of yours or any third party for whose acts, errors or omissions you are legally liable committed, or alleged to have been committed, with a reckless disregard for the consequences thereof; or
- Any wilful breach of any statute, contract or duty by you or any third party for whose acts, errors or omissions you are legally liable.



### **Intoxicants and Drugs**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the rendering of, or failing to render, competent services while under the influence of intoxicants or drugs.

### **Jurisdictional Limits**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you**:

- Brought in a court of law within the territorial limits of the united states of america or canada or their territories or protectorates;
- Arising out of the enforcement of any judgment, order or award obtained within, or determined pursuant to, the laws of the united states of america or canada or their territories or protectorates; or
- Which we are prohibited from paying by law in the jurisdiction concerned.

### Laws Impacting Cover

We shall not be liable to provide any cover, pay any claim or provide any benefit under this **policy**, to the extent that it is unlawful for **us** to do so.

### Limited Goods Sold / Product Liability

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any defect in any product, material or goods unless such defect arises directly as a result of a breach of professional duty in the conduct of **your profession**.

### **Medical Facilities**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the administration or provision of medicines which, by law, are required to be prescribed by a **qualified medical practitioner**, unless those medicines have been so prescribed.

### **Medical Practitioner**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** as a **qualified medical practitioner** in relation to:

- 1. Healthcare incidents; or
- 2. Any incident directly attributable to you while acting in your capacity as a qualified medical practitioner.

#### Nuclear

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

- 1. Ionising radiation;
- 2. Contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel; or
- 3. From any nuclear waste from the combustion of any nuclear fuel.

Provided that:

a. this exclusion shall not apply to legal liability arising from radioisotopes, radium or radium compounds when used away from the place where such are made or produced and when used exclusively for the provision of medical services.

### Obligations to Employees and Others

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

- Bodily injury of any employee or any person who is under your direction, control or supervision or for whose workplace safety you are responsible;
- Damage to or destruction of any property of any employee or any person who is under your direction, control or supervision or for whose workplace safety you are responsible including loss of use of property, arising out of, or in the course of their engagement by you; or
- 3. Any dispute in connection with employment.



### Occupier's Liability

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any liability incurred or alleged to have been incurred as a result of the occupation, control, management or ownership of any real **property** by **you**.

#### **Pollutants**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of:

- The actual or alleged discharge, release or escape of **pollutants** arising from the design or specification of equipment or structures which are critical to, and designed with the intention of, restricting the release of **pollutants** into the environment; or
- Any enforcement action or proceeding in connection with the containment, clean up, removal or treatment of such pollutants.

Provided that:

a. This exclusion does not apply where there has been a sudden and accidental release of **pollutants** caused by error in design or specification.

### **Prior or Pending**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you**:

- Made, threatened or intimated against you prior to the period of insurance; or
- Directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any fact or circumstance:
  - a. Of which written notice has been given, or ought reasonably to have been given, under any previous policy; or
  - b. Of which you first became aware prior to the period of insurance, and which you knew or ought reasonably to have known had potential to give rise to a claim under this policy.

### **Refund of Professional Fees**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any **claim** for the refund of any professional fees paid, or payable, to **you** in the conduct of **your profession**.

### **Related or Associated Entities**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** brought or maintained by or on behalf of:

- 1. You or any subsidiary or parent entity of the named insured; or
- Any person who, at the time the act, error or omission giving rise to the claim was committed, was a family member unless such person is acting without any prior direct or indirect solicitation or co-operation from you.

#### Sanctions

We shall not be liable to provide any cover, pay any claim or provide any benefit under this **policy**, to the extent that to do so may expose **us** to any sanction, prohibition, or restriction under united nations resolutions or any applicable trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of any country.

### Surrender

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the voluntary giving or surrendering (whether or not induced by deception) of **money**, **tangible securities**, **funds** or **property** in any exchange or purchase.

#### Terrorism

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any actual or alleged **act of terrorism** or any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to any actual or alleged **act of terrorism**.

This exclusion operates in connection with any **act of terrorism** regardless of any other cause or event and regardless of the sequence of the **act of terrorism** and the other cause or event.

### **Trading Debts**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any trading debt **you** incur or any guarantee **you** give for a debt.



### **Utility Service Provider**

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of the failure of an internet, telecommunications or electricity provider or other utility provider.

#### War

We shall not be liable under this **policy** to provide indemnity in respect of any **claim** made against **you** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition of or damage to **property** by or under the order of any government, public or local authority.

#### Provided that:

 This exclusion shall not apply to any medical procedure or treatment as a result of injuries arising out of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities and similar disturbance.



# Section 5: Claims Conditions

### **Claims Mitigation and Co-Operation**

If **you**, either prior to or during the **period of insurance** become aware of a situation which could, if not rectified, lead to a **claim** or increase the quantum of a **claim**, **you** shall use due diligence and do and concur in doing all things reasonably practicable to avoid or diminish any liability under this **policy**.

You shall frankly and honestly disclose to us all relevant information and, in addition, shall provide assistance to us as we may reasonably require to enable us:

- To investigate and to defend any claim under this policy; and
- 2. To determine our liability under this policy.

Other than **costs and expenses we** incur to enable **us** to determine **our** liability under this **policy**, compliance with this condition shall be at **your** own cost, unless otherwise agreed in writing by **us**.

### Contribution

When making a **claim**, **you** must notify **us** of any other insurance that **you** are aware will or may, whether in whole or in part, cover any loss insured under **your policy**.

If at the time of any loss, damage or liability there's any other insurance (whether issued to **you** or any other person) which covers the same loss, damage or liability **you** must provide **us** with any reasonable assistance **we** require to make a **claim** for contribution from any other insurer(s).

### **Defence and Settlement**

#### We may:

- Instruct you to conduct the defence of the claim, if having regard to the circumstances, it is likely that any claim will not exceed the deductible, in which case you will be responsible for your own costs and expenses and any settlement up to the limit of the deductible. In the event that any costs and expenses or payment made to dispose of the claim exceeds the deductible we will reimburse you all reasonable costs and expenses;
- Take over and conduct, in your name, the defence or settlement of any claim at any time, in which case, we will then have sole control of the claim; subject to us consulting you where appropriate and you being able to seek an update on the status of the claim;

#### You agree:

- Not to settle any claim, incur any costs and expenses or investigation costs and expenses, make any admission, offer or payment or otherwise assume any contractual obligation with respect to any claim or loss without our written consent, provided that we shall not unreasonably withhold such consent;
- 4. That any information that is received by **our** external lawyers in the course of investigating, defending or settling any **claim** made against **you** can be provided to **us** and relied upon by **us** in relation to any issue that may arise regarding **our** liability to indemnify **you**;
- That our external lawyers may provide advice to us on any issue regarding our liability to indemnify you and, whilst doing so, may continue to act in the investigation, defence or settlement of the claim.

Furthermore, in the circumstances described under items 2, 4 or 5 above, **you** agree:

- That our communications with our external lawyers are privileged and that you are not entitled to obtain any such communications;
- To waive any entitlement that you may have for legal professional privilege between you and our external lawyers;
- 8. If any actual or apparent conflict arises between our interests and your interests, our external lawyers may cease acting on your behalf and may continue to act on our behalf. Where our external lawyers cease to act for you due to an actual or apparent conflict on a claim covered under the policy, we will provide reasonable assistance to you to find alternative lawyers.

### Goods and Services Tax

We will reduce the GST amount we pay for by the amount of any input tax credits to which you are or would be entitled if you made a relevant acquisition. In these circumstances, the input tax credit may be claimable through your Business Activity Statement (BAS).

You must advise us of your correct Australian Business Number and taxable percentage.

### **Preventing Our Right of Recovery**

If **you** have agreed with or told someone who caused **you** loss, damage or liability covered by **your policy** that **you** won't hold them responsible then, to the extent **we** have been prejudiced by this act, **we** won't cover **you** for that loss, damage or liability.



### **Reporting and Notice**

You shall give to us written notice as soon as practicable of any claim made against you. Provided that you give us such written notice during the period of insurance in which the claim is made.

Notice of any **claim** shall be given in writing to **us**, and delivered to:

Financial Lines Claims Department QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd Post. GPO Box 219 Parramatta NSW 2150 Email. piclaims@gbe.com

#### Senior Counsel Clause

In the event of a dispute between **you** and **us** as to whether a **claim** should be settled or defended, **we** shall within 30 days of receipt of notice of such a dispute refer the matter to a **senior counsel** (to be mutually agreed upon by **you** and **us**) who shall determine whether the **claim** should be contested.

We shall not require you to contest any claim unless a senior counsel shall advise that such claim should be contested.

In formulating such advice, **senior counsel** shall take into consideration the economics of the matter, the damages and costs which are likely to be recovered by the plaintiff, the likely **costs and expenses** and the prospects of **you** successfully defending the **claim**.

The cost of such **senior counsel's** opinion shall be regarded as part of the **costs and expenses**.

#### Subrogation

In respect of any **claim** covered by this **policy**, and without limiting **our** rights at law, **we** shall be subrogated to all **your** rights of recovery, and **you** shall execute all papers required and shall do everything reasonably necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of **documents** necessary to enable **us** to effectively bring suit in **your** name.

You shall not, without first obtaining our written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld), do anything or fail to do anything which excludes, limits or prejudices our rights of subrogation.

### Your Right to Contest

In the event that **we** recommend a settlement in respect of any **claim** and **you** do not agree that such **claim** should be settled, then **you** may elect to contest such **claim**.

Provided that:

 Our liability in connection with such claim shall not exceed the amount for which the claim could have been so settled plus the costs and expenses incurred with our written consent up to the date of such election, less the deductible.

# Section 6: General Conditions

### Assignment of Interest

No change in, or modification of, or assignment of interest under this **policy** shall be effective, except when made by written endorsement to this **policy** and signed by an authorised **employee** of **ours**.

### Cancellation

You may cancel this **policy** at any time by notifying **us** in writing, and **we** will allow a pro-rata refund of **premium** for the unexpired **period of insurance**, unless a **claim** or circumstance has been notified to **us** during the **period of insurance** in which case no **premium** will be refunded.

We may cancel this **policy** in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth), and we will provide a pro-rata refund of **premium** for the unexpired **period of insurance** unless a **claim** or circumstance has been notified to **us** during the **period of insurance** in which case no **premium** will be refunded.

### Deductible

- In respect of each claim made against you (or loss you incur) you shall bear the amount of the deductible at your own risk and we shall only be liable to indemnify you for that part of any claim (or any loss you incur) which is in excess of the deductible.
- In the event of a claim by you under this policy, you shall, if requested by us, pay to us (or as we direct) the deductible within seven working days of any request. We may collect the deductible from you at any time. Alternatively, we may request you to pay the deductible, in whole or part directly to our external lawyers until the full amount of the deductible is exhausted.
- 3. Any delay, failure or refusal by you to pay the deductible will entitle us to deduct such amount from any amounts required to settle any claim or judgment, order, or any other payment to be made by us under this policy. If a failure or refusal to grant access to monies for any deductible results in a failure of a settlement or an increase in costs and expenses, our liability in connection with such claim shall not exceed the amount for which the claim could have been so settled plus the costs and expenses incurred with our written consent up to the date of such failure or refusal, less the deductible.
- Where we have elected to pay all or part of the deductible in respect of any claim (or any loss or claim), you shall, within seven working days of any request reimburse us for such payment.

5. In respect of any claim (or any loss or claim) where the amount of the claim (or any loss or claim) is less than the amount of the deductible, you shall bear all costs and expenses associated therewith unless we have agreed to meet such costs and expenses pursuant to *Insuring Clause B*.

Professional & Financial Risks

 Any costs and expenses we incur to determine whether we have a liability to indemnify you under this policy shall not be subject to the deductible but shall be borne by us.

### Limit of Indemnity

We agree to pay defence costs, in addition to the **limit of indemnity** but only up to an amount equal to the **limit of indemnity** or \$5,000,000, whichever is the lesser.

Provided that if **you** are liable to make a payment in excess of the **limit of indemnity** to dispose of a **claim**, **our** liability for such defence costs shall be the same proportion as the amount of the **limit of indemnity** bears to the amount paid to dispose of the **claim**.

Where this occurs, the amount of defence costs that **we** will pay may be lower than if the **claim** was resolved for less than the **limit of indemnity**.

Our total liability for any one claim or loss, will not exceed the limit of indemnity and our total liability in the aggregate in respect of all claims or losses during the period of insurance, will not exceed the aggregate limit of indemnity.

This clause does not increase any sublimit in the policy.

### Material Alteration to Risk

You shall give us written notice as soon as practicable of any material alteration during the **period of insurance** to the risk, as disclosed to us at the commencement or renewal of this **policy** or in the **policy schedule**, including but not limited to:

- You going into voluntary bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation or any other form of external administration or you failing to pay debts or breaching any other obligation giving rise to the appointment of a receiver or bankruptcy or winding-up proceedings;
- Any material change in the nature of the professional services offered by you as specified on the policy schedule under your profession;
- 3. If you obtain an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL);
- 4. Losing your entitlement to practice in your profession;
- Any cancellation of your registration to practice your profession or restrictions placed on your licence.

Where such notice is given or where there is any material alteration to the risk, **we** shall be entitled to cancel this **policy** in accordance with the *Insurance Contracts Act* 1984 (Cth).



### **Multiple Claims**

All causally connected or interrelated acts, errors or omissions shall jointly constitute a single act, error or omission under this **policy**.

Where a single act, error, or omission gives rise to more than one claim, all such claims shall jointly constitute one claim under the policy, and only the higher deductible shall be applicable in respect of such claim. Furthermore, if there is an aggregate limit of indemnity, only one limit of indemnity will be applicable in respect of such claim.

#### **Other Insurance**

In the event that a **policy** of insurance or policies of insurance are listed in the **policy schedule**, those policies will act as primary insurance and this **policy** will only apply in excess of such **policy(ies)** of insurance.

You shall notify us as soon as possible upon entering into any other **policy(ies)** of insurance that provides insurance cover in respect of the risks insured by this **policy**.

The **policy(ies)** noted in the **policy schedule** shall be maintained by **you** in full effect during the currency of this **policy**.

### Policy Construction and Interpretation

The construction, interpretation and meaning of the provisions of this **policy** will be determined in accordance with the law of the State, Territory or Country in which this **policy** is issued, being the place of issue specified in the **policy schedule**, and any disputes relating thereto will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of such State, Territory or Country. If no place of issue is shown in the **policy schedule** it is agreed that the place of issue is sydney, new south wales, australia.

The titles of paragraphs in this **policy** are included for descriptive purposes only and do not form part of this **policy** for the purpose of its construction or interpretation.

For the purpose of construction or interpretation of paragraphs in this **policy**:

- 1. Where "and" appears, all subparagraphs must be satisfied;
- 2. Where "or" appears, only one subparagraph must be satisfied.

Under this **policy**, the singular includes the plural and vice versa and reference to a person includes a body corporate, an authority, an association or a joint venture (whether incorporated or unincorporated), a partnership and a trust.

### **References to Legislation**

Legislation referenced in this **policy** includes **subsequent legislation**. Any term used in this **policy** and defined by reference to legislation will have the meaning given in any replacement definition or definition with materially the same object or purpose in **subsequent legislation**.

#### Severability

We agree that where this **policy** insures more than one party, any conduct whereby one party:

- 1. Failed to comply with the duty of disclosure in terms of the *Insurance Contracts Act* 1984 (Cth); or
- Made a misrepresentation to us before this contract of insurance was entered into;

Shall not prejudice the right of any other insured party to indemnity as may be provided by this **policy**.

- a. such other insured party shall have no prior knowledge of any such conduct;
- b. such other insured party shall as soon as is reasonably practicable upon becoming aware of any such conduct, advise us in writing of all known facts in relation to such conduct; and
- c. the conduct of the entities or persons referred to in part 2 of the definition of 'you' is attributed to the named insured.





Some key words and terms used in this **policy** have a special meaning. Wherever the following words or terms are found in bold in the **policy**, they mean what is set out below.

#### Abuse means:

- 1. Any verbal, non-verbal, mental or physical abuse of any person;
- Sexual abuse, sexual assault, acts or indecency, sexual harassment or molestation;
- Inappropriate or harsh forms of punishment, neglect, deprivation, failure to educate or nurture, bullying, physical interference with any person, or assault of any kind;
- Any verbal or non-verbal communication, behaviour or conduct with, or having, a sexual connotation;
- Any verbal or non-verbal communication, behaviour or conduct intended to harass, abuse, or humiliate, including and not limited to hazing.

#### Act of Terrorism means:

An act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, or government(s), which from its nature or context is done for, or in connection with, political, religious, ideological or similar purposes or reasons including the intention to influence any government and/ or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

#### Aggregate Limit of Indemnity means:

The amount shown as the aggregate limit of indemnity in the **policy schedule**.

#### Adverse Publicity Event means:

An event which, in the reasonable opinion of the **named insured**, or, where a company, a director of the **named insured**, might cause **your** reputation to be seriously affected by adverse or negative publicity.

#### Amount Payable Table means:

A Table listing the sublimit/maximum amount payable and whether any **deductible** is payable for each **policy** extension or optional **policy** extension.

#### **Bodily Injury means:**

Physical injury, sickness, disease, death, mental injury, mental anguish, nervous shock or emotional distress of any person.

#### Claim means:

- The receipt by you of any written notice of demand for compensation made by a third party against you;
- Any writ, statement of claim, summons, application or other originating legal or arbitral process, cross-claim, counterclaim or third or similar party notice served upon you which contains a demand for compensation made by a third party against you;

3. Any penalty;

 In respect to the cover afforded under the **policy** extension '**investigation costs and expenses**', the notice of any actual or intended official investigation, examination, or enquiry or inquiry.

#### Computer System means:

Any computer, hardware, software, communications system, electronic device (including, but not limited to, smart phone, laptop, tablet, wearable device), server, cloud or microcontroller including any similar system or any configuration of the aforementioned and including any associated input, output, **data** storage device, networking equipment or back up facility, owned or operated by the Insured or any other party.

#### Costs and Expenses means:

The reasonable legal costs and other expenses incurred by or on behalf of **you** or by **us** in the investigation, defence or settlement of a **claim**.

#### Court Attendance Costs means:

The costs incurred by an **employee**, partner, principals or director of **yours** where they are legally compelled to attend a civil proceeding as a witness in a matter arising under the **policy**.

Court attendance costs do not include regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees of the **employee**, partner, principals or director of **yours**.

#### Cyber Act means:

An unauthorised, malicious or criminal act or series of related unauthorised, malicious or criminal acts, regardless of time and place, or the threat or hoax thereof involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of any **computer system**.

#### Data means:

Information, facts, concepts, code or any other information of any kind that is recorded or transmitted in a form to be used, accessed, processed, transmitted or stored by a **computer system**.

#### Data Protection Law means:

All applicable **data** protection and privacy legislation, regulations in any country, province, state, territory or jurisdiction which governs the use, confidentiality, integrity, security and protection of personal **data**, and any guidance or codes of practice issued by any **data** protection regulator or authority from time to time (all as amended, updated or re-enacted from time to time).

#### **Deductible** means:

The amount shown as the deductible in the **policy schedule**. The deductible applies to all amounts payable under this **policy** including the indemnity provided under *Insuring Clause B* and any **policy** extensions (unless otherwise specified).

#### Documents means:

Deeds, wills, agreements, maps, plans, books, letters, policies, certificates, forms and documents of any nature whatsoever, whether written, printed or reproduced by any method including computer records and electronic **data** material but shall not include bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes or any other negotiable instrument.



#### **Dual Controls means:**

- Any cheque payment or electronic money transfer from an account which you have authority to operate receives prior approval by at least two approved signatories;
- The person reconciling your bank statements is not the same person that operates your bank accounts; and
- All refund claims against Medicare Australia or a health fund are only processed by an employee after first being approved by a qualified medical practitioner or a principal, partner or director.

#### Employee means:

Any person employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship during or prior to commencement of the **period of insurance**.

#### **Extended Reporting Period means:**

The lesser period of 60 days from the expiry of this **policy** or such time that **you** effect another professional indemnity **policy**.

#### Family Member means:

- 1. Any spouse, domestic partner, or companion;
- Any parent, or parent of the spouse, domestic partner or companion;
- 3. Any sibling or child;

#### of you, yours.

#### Funds means:

Amounts representing **money** held in an account maintained by a person or entity at a financial institution, from which **you** are authorised by the person or entity to request the transfer, payment or delivery of an amount of **money**.

#### Healthcare means:

Any care, treatment, advice, service or goods provided in respect of the physical or mental health of a person.

#### Healthcare Incident means:

An incident that occurs in the course of, or in connection with, the provision of **healthcare** by a **qualified medical practitioner**.

#### Investigation Costs and Expenses means:

Legal costs and other expenses incurred by or on behalf of **you** or by **us** arising out of any legally compellable attendance by **you** at any official investigation, examination, enquiry, or inquiry in relation to the conduct of **your profession** where such investigation, examination, enquiry, or inquiry may lead to a recommendation in respect of civil liability or civil proceedings which would be the subject of a **claim** covered by this **policy**.

'Investigation costs and expenses' does not include any fine, **penalty** or order for the payment of monetary compensation.

#### Limit of Indemnity means:

The limit of **our** liability under this **policy** as specified in the **policy schedule**.

#### Money means:

Money, negotiable instruments, bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes. 'Money' does not include any cryptocurrency.

#### Named Insured means:

The person, persons, partnership, company, corporation or other entity specified as the named insured in the **policy schedule**.

#### Penalty means:

Any monetary sum payable by you to any regulatory authority.

This definition does not apply to the Section 4: Exclusion, Fines and Penalties.

#### Period of Insurance means:

The period specified in the **policy schedule**.

#### Policy means:

- 1. The **policy schedule**, insuring clauses, extensions, conditions, definitions, exclusions and other terms contained herein; and
- 2. Any endorsement attaching to and forming part of this policy either at inception or during the **period of insurance**.

#### Policy Schedule means:

The schedule to this policy.

#### Pollutants means:

- Any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including but not limited to smoke, vapour, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals; or
- Any waste materials including materials recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed; or
- Any other air emission, odour, waste water, oil, oil products, infectious or medical waste or any noise emission.

#### Premium means:

The premium specified in the **policy schedule** or in any endorsement to the **policy schedule**.

#### Property means:

Any tangible property that is not **money**, **tangible securities** or **funds**.

#### Proposal/Application means:

The proposal/application **you** made to **us** containing particulars and statements.



#### **Qualified Medical Practitioner means:**

A person with a doctor's qualification or higher, including but not limited to:

- A medical practitioner as defined in Section 4 of the Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Act 2003; or
- a registered health professional prescribed by the Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Regulations 2003 for a provision of Part 3 of the Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Act 2003.

#### **Regulatory Authority means:**

A person or entity appointed, constituted or acting under a delegation pursuant to any legislation for the purposes of enforcement of such legislation.

#### Senior Counsel means:

A barrister in active practice who is entitled to use the postnominals KC or SC in any one or more superior court in the Commonwealth of Australia or New Zealand.

#### Subsequent Legislation means:

- 1. An act or regulation as amended, replaced or re-enacted;
- Where an act or regulation has been repealed, the current equivalent act or regulation (Commonwealth, State or Territory) with materially the same object or purpose whether in whole or in part.

#### Subsidiary means:

- Any entity which by virtue of any applicable legislation or law is deemed to be a subsidiary of the named insured specified in the policy schedule; or
- Any entity over which the named insured is in a position to exercise effective direction or control.

#### Tangible Securities means:

All negotiable and non-negotiable instruments or contracts representing either **money** or other **property** but does not include **money**.

#### Verification Procedures means:

A method of authenticating the contents of a communication between **you** and:

- 1. An employee;
- A third party with whom you have a genuine third party relationship;
- 3. Your offices; or
- 4. A bank, credit union, financial institution or similar entity;

for the purpose of protecting the integrity of the communication or the genuineness of the instruction:

- a. through a telephone call back procedure consisting of calling the telephone number of such requestor's organisation which is:
  - I. held on file by you; or
  - II. verifiable in the public domain;

or

- where such instruction is in the form of an e-mail or mail or facsimile address, by verifying and ensuring that the genuine requestors' work e-mail or mail address is:
  - I. held on file by you;
  - II. verifiable in the public domain; and
  - III. through a telephone call back procedure consisting of calling the telephone number of the requestor's organisation which is, held on file by you or verifiable in the public domain.

#### Virus means:

Any computer program, including but not limited to, any file virus, boot sector virus, macro virus, hostile applet, trojan horse program, java virus, activex virus or other executable program which contains instructions to initiate an event on a **computer system**, causing modification of, corruption of or damage to **data**, memory or **data** media or otherwise adversely affecting the operation of any **computer system**.

#### We, Our, Us means:

360 Professional and Financial Risks Pty Itd ABN 92 666 652 071 and QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited ABN 78 003 191 035.

You, Your, Yours means:

- 1. The named insured;
- Any person who is, during the period of insurance, a principal, partner or director of the named insured but only in respect of work performed while a principal, partner or director of the named insured;
- Any person who is, during the period of insurance, an employee of the named insured but only in respect of work performed while an employee of the named insured; or
- Any former principal, partner, director or employee of the named insured, but only in respect of work performed while a principal, partner, director or employee of the named insured.



#### Your Profession means:

- 1. Occupational health and safety management consulting;
- 2. Rehabilitation of injured workers;
- 3. Personal injury claims assessment;
- 4. The administration of insurance or compensation entitlements;
- 5. Drug and alcohol testing;
- 6. Immunisation;
- The development of occupational health or safety policies or procedures;
- 8. On-site medical and first aid activities;
- 9. Psychological testing or counselling;
- 10. Investigation and surveillance activities; or
- 11. On or off-site training in respect of any of the above activities.

Provided that **you** are appropriately registered and licensed as required by law for any medical procedures performed by **you** or on **your** behalf.





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