

# PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS Aggregate including Defence Costs POLICY WORDING

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## Introduction

## **Your Policy**

Thank you for choosing Arch Insurance. This **Policy** has been prepared according to **Your** instructions. It is a single legal contract and comprises this **Policy** Wording, the **Statement of Fact**, the **Schedule** and any endorsements. Please read **Your Policy** documents carefully to ensure that:

- 1. all details are accurate;
- 2. the Policy meets Your needs;
- 3. You are familiar with Your obligations under the Policy; and
- 4. You understand the rights and remedies available to us if You do not comply.

You should contact Your insurance agent immediately if:

- 1. You have questions about any aspect of the insurance;
- 2. You require a printed copy of Your Policy documents;
- 3. any information recorded in the **Policy** documents is inaccurate;
- 4. any change takes places which might affect the **Policy**;
- 5. You are unable to comply with any term of the Policy; or
- 6. the **Policy** does not meet **Your** needs.

### **Changes and cancellation**

If **You** provide new information or request a change to the **Policy**, **We** will advise of any alterations which **We** require to terms, conditions and premium. No changes will take effect until **We** confirm them in writing.

If You wish to cancel the Policy, please refer to the General Conditions.

### **Policy terms and conditions**

It is important that **You** are familiar with the terms of the **Policy** and what is required of **You**. In the event of **Your** non-compliance with any obligation, **We** are entitled by law and the **Policy** to exercise certain remedies. Depending on the particular term with which **You** have failed to comply, these remedies may include:

- 1. avoiding the Policy or any relevant variations or renewals;
- 2. terminating the Policy or applying different terms; and/or
- 3. refusing to pay, or reducing the amount to be paid on, a claim.

This is a claims made policy. It only covers Claims or Losses first made against You and reported to Us during the Period of Insurance.

## **Our Promise to You**

**Our** goal is to provide excellent service to all **Our** customers but sometimes things go wrong. **We** take complaints seriously and aim to resolve **Our** customers' problems promptly. If **You** are unhappy with the service that **You** receive, please tell **Us** straight away. Information about how to complain is shown in the How to Complain section at the end of the **Policy**.



## Insurer

This **Policy** is underwritten by Arch Insurance (UK) Limited in consideration of payment of the premium by **You**, as set out in the **Schedule**.

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# **Telling Us about a Claim or Circumstance**

Your insurance agent should be able to help You to notify Us of a claim or incident.

To report a Claim or notify an incident or Circumstance, email or post full details, including Your policy number to:

Email: <u>Piclaims@archinsurance.com</u>

Registered Post:Arch Insurance (UK) Ltd,<br/>Claims Department,<br/>5th Floor,<br/>60 Great Tower Street,<br/>London EC3R 5AZ

If possible, please include:

- 1. a copy of **Your Policy**;
- 2. a copy of the complaint/claim;
- 3. copies of any contractual documentation setting out **Your** role/involvement;
- 4. a summary of the background including dates; and
- 5. the identity of the potential claimant and any other parties involved.

If **You** have additional needs, please contact **Us** on 020 7621 4500 and ask to speak to someone in the Professional Indemnity Claims team. **We** can then note **Your** policy records which will enable **Us** to provide **You** with the appropriate assistance.

# **Failure To Make A Fair Presentation**

Part 2 of the Insurance Act 2015 requires **You** to make a fair presentation of the risk before the commencement of the cover and the agreement of any variations or renewals.

A fair presentation of the risk includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. ensuring that every material representation as to a matter of fact is substantially correct;
- 2. ensuring that every material representation as to a matter of expectation or belief is made in good faith; and
- 3. disclosing to Us every material circumstance which **You** know or ought to know.

If **You** are in doubt as to any aspect of **Your** duties under the Insurance Act 2015, **You** should speak to **Your** insurance agent.

If You are in doubt as to the materiality of a representation or Circumstance, You should disclose it to Us.

If **You** fail to make a fair presentation of the risk, the Insurance Act 2015 entitles **Us** to exercise remedies which include:

- 1. avoiding the **Policy** or any relevant variations or renewals;
- 2. applying different terms; and/or
- 3. reducing the amount to be paid on a **Claim**.

If We avoid the Policy, We will usually return the premium unless Your conduct has been deliberate or reckless.



## Interpretation

### In this **Policy**:

- 1. reference to a statute, order or regulation includes reference to that instrument as revised or replaced;
- 2. reference to an entity created by statute, order or regulation includes a successor to that entity;
- 3. words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- 4. reference to persons includes corporate and unincorporated entities;
- 5. reference to a gender includes all genders;
- 6. if a term, condition, exclusion or endorsement or part of the **Policy** is invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the **Policy** will remain in full force and effect; and
- 7. headings are for reference only and must be disregarded when interpreting the **Policy**.

## **Definitions**

The following Definitions apply to the whole **Policy**. These words and phrases have the meanings shown below where they appear capitalised and in bold.

## **Adjudication Notice**

A written notice that a dispute is being referred to adjudication.

### Circumstance

An incident, occurrence, fact, matter, act or omission that might give rise to a Claim.

### Claim

A demand made by a third party against **You** (whether oral or in writing) consisting of a:

- 1. demand (or an assertion of a right) for damages or compensation;
- 2. notice of intention to commence legal proceedings;
- 3. written communication invoking any pre-action protocols; and/or
- 4. notification of litigation, arbitration, adjudication, mediation or any other recognised formal dispute resolution proceedings.

#### **Computer System**

A computer, hardware, software, communications system, electronic device (including, but not limited to, smart phone, laptop, tablet, wearable device), server, cloud or microcontroller including similar systems or configuration of the aforementioned and including associated input, output, data storage device, networking equipment or back up facility.

## **Connected With**

Relating to the specified event, incident or state of affairs, in that:

- 1. the specified event, incident or state of affairs was a direct or indirect cause of the related event, incident, state of affairs, injury, damage or loss;
- 2. the specified event, incident or state of affairs wholly or partly contributed to the related event incident, state of affairs, injury, damage or loss; and/or
- 3. the specified event, incident or state of affairs increased the risk of the related event, incident, state of affairs, injury, damage or loss occurring.

## **Cyber Act**

An unauthorised, malicious or criminal act or series of related unauthorised, malicious or criminal acts, or the threat or hoax thereof, involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of a **Computer System**.

#### Data

Information, facts, concepts, code or other information recorded, converted or transmitted in a form to be used, accessed, processed, transmitted or stored by a **Computer System**.

#### **Data Protection Law**



Applicable data protection and privacy legislation or regulations in any country, province, state, territory or jurisdiction which govern the use, confidentiality, integrity, security and protection of personal data or guidance or codes of practice relating to personal data issued by a data protection regulator or authority from time to time.

#### **Documents**

**Data**, deeds, wills, agreements, maps, plans, records, books, letters, policies, forms and documents whether written, printed or reproduced by any other method (other than bearer bonds, coupons, bank notes, currency notes and negotiable instruments) which are **Your** property or in **Your** custody or control.

#### Employee

A person, including any trainee or consultant, other than a director, partner or principal in the **Insured** named in the **Schedule**, who is or has been under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **You** and is or has been under **Your** control and supervision in connection with the **Professional Business**.

#### **Excess**

The first amount of each **Claim** or **Loss** as shown in the **Schedule**, or any applicable endorsement, for which **You** are responsible.

#### **Financial Services Work**

Regulated activities as more fully described in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland Act 2004 or similar or successor legislation and regulations.

#### **Limit of Indemnity**

The amount specified in the **Schedule** being the maximum amount payable (including costs and expenses payable under Insuring Clause 2) by **Us** in the aggregate in any **Period of Insurance**, irrespective of the number of claimants or number of **Insureds**.

#### Loss

All damages, compensation and interest, including claimants' costs and expenses, payable by **You** whether by judgment, arbitration award or other settlement.

#### **Period of Insurance**

The Period specified in the **Schedule**.

### Policy

The following documents which together comprise the contract of insurance:

- 1. this policy wording;
- 2. the Proposal Form and/or Statement of Fact;
- 3. the **Schedule**; and
- 4. any amendments and endorsements.

#### Pollution

Seepage, pollution or contamination by naturally occurring or man-made substances, forces or organisms.

#### **Professional Business**

The professional services performed for or professional advice given to a third party by or on behalf of the **Insured** in relation to the activities declared in the **Proposal Form.** 

#### **Proposal Form or Statement of Fact**

A record of the information that **You** provided to **Us** upon which **Your** insurance is based.

#### Schedule

The Schedule attached to this Policy.

#### We, Us, Our

The Insurer as set out in the section of the **Policy** headed Insurer.



## You, Your, Insured

Any of the following:

- 1. the person, company or organisation named in the **Schedule** as the insured and the predecessors in business, as disclosed to and accepted by **Us**;
- 2. those persons named in the **Proposal Form** and any other person or persons who have subsequently become director/partner/principal in the insured named in the **Schedule** prior to the expiry of the **Period of Insurance**;
- 3. any former director/partner/principal of the insured named in the **Schedule** in respect of services performed for and on behalf of the insured named in the **Schedule** including a director/partner/principal remaining as a consultant to the insured named in the **Schedule**;
- 4. any Employee; and/or
- 5. legal representatives of any of the persons noted under 2., 3. or 4. above in the event of their death, incapacity, insolvency, or bankruptcy.



# **Insuring Clauses**

In consideration of the payment of the Premium shown in the **Schedule** and subject to all terms, conditions and exclusions of this **Policy**, **We** will provide the insurance described below, provided that **We** will not pay more than the **Limit of Indemnity**.

## 1. Legal Liability

We will pay up to the Limit of Indemnity for a Loss or Claim first made against You during the Period of Insurance and notified to Us in accordance with the Claims Conditions, for legal liability arising from Your negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the Professional Business.

This Insuring Clause includes liability which **You** may incur in respect of any **Claim** first made against **You** during the **Period of Insurance** as a result of any decision by an adjudicator appointed to resolve a dispute in accordance with the Scheme for Construction Contracts as contained in the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or an adjudication clause or rules contained in a contract.

## 2. Defence Costs and Expenses

We will pay for reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred with **Our** prior written consent in the defence or settlement of a **Claim** under Insuring Clause 1. However, if a payment in excess of the **Limit of Indemnity** has to be made to dispose of a **Claim**, **Our** liability for costs and expenses will be the same proportion as the **Limit of Indemnity** bears to the amount paid to dispose of that **Claim**.

## 3. Loss of Documents

We will pay for reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred with **Our** prior written consent in replacing or restoring **Documents**, having been discovered during the **Period of Insurance** to have been destroyed, damaged, lost or mislaid and which after diligent search by **You** cannot be found, provided that:

- a. for Data, a back- up copy has been made and stored separately off site; and
- b. the maximum **We** will pay for all costs and expenses will not exceed GBP 50,000 for any one **Claim** and GBP 150,000 in the aggregate during the **Period of Insurance**, which will be included and not in addition to the **Limit of Indemnity**.

## 4. Data Protection Prosecution Defence Costs

We will pay for reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred with **Our** prior written consent or the defence of criminal proceedings brought against **You** during the **Period of Insurance** and notified to **Us** in accordance with the Claims Conditions arising out of an alleged offence under **Data Protection Law** provided that:

- a. such alleged offence arises out of services performed in the course of the Professional Business; and
- b. the maximum **We** will pay for all costs and expenses will be GBP 100,000 in the aggregate in any **Period of Insurance**, which will be included and not in addition to the **Limit of Indemnity.**

## 5. Prosecution Defence Costs

## (including under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015)

We will pay for reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by You with Our prior written consent in the defence of criminal proceedings brought against You during the Period of Insurance and notified to Us in accordance with the Claims Conditions arising out of an alleged breach of a statutory regulation relating to building or construction works provided that:

- a. such alleged breach arises during the course of the Professional Business;
- b. We reasonably believe that representation could protect You against a Claim or Loss or assist You in the defence of any subsequent or concurrent Claim which would otherwise be covered under the Policy; and
- c. the maximum **We** will pay for all costs and expenses will be GBP 100,000 in the aggregate in any **Period of Insurance** which will be included and not in addition to the **Limit of Indemnity**.

## 6. Legal Representation Costs

We will pay for reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by You with Our prior written consent, which are not otherwise indemnified as costs and expenses under Insuring Clause 2, for representation at any properly constituted hearing, tribunal or proceeding having the power to compel Your attendance and notified to Us in accordance with the Claims Conditions provided that:



- a. We reasonably believe that representation could protect You against a Claim or Loss or assist You in the defence of a subsequent or concurrent Claim, which would otherwise be covered under this Policy and
- b. the maximum **We** will pay for all costs and expenses will be GBP 100,000 in the aggregate in any **Period of Insurance** which will be included and not in addition to the **Limit of Indemnity.**

## 7. Compensation for Court Attendance

We will pay compensation to You:

- a. if **Your** legal advisers, with **Our** prior written consent, require **You**, any director partner or principal of **Yours**, or an **Employee** to attend any court, tribunal, arbitration, adjudication, mediation or other hearing as a witness; or
- b. if **We** request the attendance of any director, partner, principal or **Employee** of **Yours**, as an interested party at any mediation in connection with a **Claim** made against **You** and notified under this **Policy**.

We will provide compensation to You at the following rates for each day on which attendance is required:

- i. directors, partners or principals GBP 250
- ii. Employees GBP 100

# **Excess Clause**

- 1. We will only pay for that part of each and every Claim which exceeds the Excess.
- 2. You will reimburse Us on demand for any such amount of the Excess paid by Us.
- 3. The Excess will be as specified in the Schedule for Insuring Clause 1 and will apply to each and every Claim or Loss.
- 4. The Excess will be applicable to costs and expenses payable under Insuring Clause 2 except in respect of Claims or Losses arising directly or indirectly out of Pollution.
- 5. In respect of Insuring Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 the **Excess** will be GBP 1,000 which will apply to each and every loss under Insuring Clause 3, each and every prosecution under Insuring Clauses 4 and 5 and each and every hearing, tribunal or proceeding under Insuring Clause 6.
- 6. In respect of Insuring Clause 7 the **Excess** will be nil.



# **Exclusions**

We will not pay for:

## Asbestos and Mould

## Liability Connected With:

- 1. asbestos, or any products or materials containing asbestos, asbestos fibres;
- 2. the actual, potential, alleged or threatened formation, growth, presence, release or dispersal of any fungi, moulds, spores or mycotoxins of any kind;
- 3. any action taken by any party in response to the actual, potential, alleged or threatened formation, growth, presence, release or dispersal of fungi, moulds, spores or mycotoxins of any kind, such action to include investigating, testing for, detection of, monitoring of, treating, remediating or removing such fungi, moulds, spores or mycotoxins; or
- 4. any governmental or regulatory order, requirement, directive, mandate or decree that any party take action in response to the actual, potential, alleged or threatened formation, growth, presence, release or dispersal of fungi, molds, spores or mycotoxins of any kind, such action to include investigating, testing for, detection of, monitoring of, treating, remediating or removing such fungi, molds, spores or mycotoxins.

This Exclusion will not apply where such **Claim** or **Loss** arises from a negligent act, negligent error or negligent omission in the conduct of the **Professional Business** provided that the **Claim** is:

- a. for the cost of re-designing, re-specifying, remedying and/or rectifying the defective structure; and/ or
- b. for the diminution in value of structures arising out of a survey and/or valuation undertaken by **You** in accordance with RICS Practice Statements or standard market procedures relating to surveys and valuations

and provided that:

- i. We will only pay for that part of a **Claim** or **Loss** which relates to the cost of re-designing, re-specifying, remedying and/or rectifying the defective structure and We will not pay for the cost of remedying and/or rectifying any loss or damage to the land from resulting **Pollution**;
- ii. We will not pay for a Claim Connected with Death or Injury; and
- iii. We will not pay more than GBP 250,000 in the aggregate for all **Claims** made in the **Period of Insurance** and this amount will be included and not in addition to the **Limit of Indemnity.**

## **Contractual Liability and Collateral Warranties**

A Claim or Loss Connected With liability assumed by You under any contractual agreement unless:

- 1. the liability assumed by **You** does not exceed the liability **You** would have at law without the contractual agreement; or
- 2. the liability arises from a collateral warranty or duty of care agreement except that **We** will not pay a **Claim** or **Loss** where **You** have agreed:
  - a. any warranty or agreement under which **You** assume a standard of care greater than the standard of reasonable skill and care normally expected in **Your** profession;
  - b. any acceptance or warranty or guarantee of fitness for purpose;
  - c. any warranty or agreement which provides greater or longer lasting benefit than that given to the party with whom **You** originally contracted; or
  - d. any express guarantee contractual penalty or liquidated damages.

Notwithstanding this Exclusion **We** will pay a **Claim** or **Loss** under Insuring Clause 1 (and costs and expenses under Insuring Clause 2) in respect of liability assumed under the standard Warranty Agreements published by the British Property Federation or the Construction Industry Council or the Scottish Building Contract Committee.

## **Controlling Interest**

A **Claim** brought by or on behalf of

- 1. You or
- 2. a firm, company or organisation controlling **You** or of which any director, partner or principal of **Yours** has control

unless such **Claim** originates from an independent third party.



## Cyber

A Claim, Loss, costs, expense, fines, penalties, mitigation costs or any other amount Connected With:

- 1. a Cyber Act;
- 2. partial or total unavailability or failure of a Computer System;
- provided the Computer System is owned or controlled by You or any other party acting on Your behalf;
- 3. receipt or transmission of malware, malicious code or similar by You or a party acting on Your behalf;
- 4. the failure or interruption of service provided;
  - to You or a party acting on Your behalf by an internet service provider, telecommunications provider or cloud provider, but not including the hosting of hardware and software owned by You;
  - b. by any utility provider where such failure or interruption of service impacts a **Computer System** owned or controlled by the **You** or a party acting on **Your** behalf; or
- 5. costs of reconstituting or recovering lost, inaccessible or damaged **Data**.

Except as expressly provided in this Exclusion, or by other restrictions in this **Policy** specifically relating to the use of, or inability to use, a **Computer System**, no cover otherwise provided under this **Policy** will be restricted solely due to the use of, or inability to use, a **Computer System**.

### **Data Protection Law**

Any **Claim**, **Loss**, damages, fines, penalties, mitigation costs or any other amount not covered under Insuring Clause 4 for actual or alleged breach of **Data Protection Law** by **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf.

### **Death or Injury**

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** human death, bodily injury, disease, illness or mental injury (other than emotional distress arising from any libel or slander) unless directly arising from negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the **Professional Business** 

## **Directors and Officers and Trustees Liability**

A **Claim** against **You** in **Your** capacity as a director, officer or trustee for performance or non-performance of duties as a director, officer or trustee.

#### **Dishonesty and/or Fraud**

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** any dishonesty and/or fraud of any person.

#### **Employment**

#### A Claim or Loss Connected With:

- 1. a dispute between **You** and an **Employee** or a person to whom **You** have offered employment, in connection with such employment; or
- 2. the death, bodily injury, disease, psychological injury, emotional distress, of any Employee

## EWS 1 Form (External Wall System)

A **Claim** or **Loss** where **You** have relied upon the EWS 1 form (or as revised) and the valuation report does not exclude liability to the lender or any person deriving title to the mortgage for any losses or potential losses arising directly and solely from the valuation being provided in reliance upon the EWS 1 form.

#### Excess

The Excess specified in the Schedule and payable by You.

## **Fines Penalties and Punitive Damages**

Taxes, fines, penalties, punitive, exemplary, aggravated or other non-compensatory damages where such damages can be identified separately within any award of a court or tribunal.

#### **Goods and Products**



A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** the supply of any goods by **You** or on **Your** behalf, or products manufactured, constructed, altered, repaired, treated, sold, supplied or distributed by **You** or on **Your** behalf, unless such **Claim** or **Loss** is **Connected With Your** negligent advice, design or specification.

#### Insolvency

A Claim or Loss Connected With Your insolvency or bankruptcy.

#### **Joint Venture**

- 1. A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** a joint venture conducted with a third party other than in respect of a **Claim** or **Loss** in connection with the **Professional Business;** or
- 2. A **Claim** made by the other party to the joint venture unless such **Claim** originates from an independent third party.

### **Jurisdictional Limits**

A Claim brought against You:

- in the United States of America or Canada or their territories or possessions (whether for enforcement of judgement brought in another jurisdiction or otherwise) or in which it is contended that the laws of any country state or political sub-division of the United States of America or Canada or their territories and possessions Canada should apply; or
- 2. outside the United States of America or Canada or their territories or possessions for the enforcement of judgement brought in the United States of America or Canada or their territories or possessions.

#### Market Fluctuation/Investment/Insurance/Financial Services Work

#### A Claim or Loss Connected With:

- 1. the financial return of any investment or the depreciation or loss of investments when such financial return depreciation or loss is as a result of fluctuations in any financial stock commodity or other markets;
- 2. a warranty or guarantee for the financial return of an investment;
- 3. investment of, or advice on the investment of, third party funds;
- 4. the effecting or maintenance of insurance and/or in connection with the provision of finance and/or advice on financial matters, or any arrangement fee(s), interest, or finance charges of whatsoever nature, **You** may be obligated or liable to pay in connection with any bank loans, overdrafts, mortgages, or financial arrangements obtained by **You** for whatever reason; and/or
- 5. Financial Services Work.

## **Other Insurance**

A Claim or Loss which:

- 1. is also covered wholly or partly under another insurance policy except for any excess beyond the amount which would have been covered under such other insurance had this **Policy** not been put in place; or
- 2. should be indemnified by a more specific policy of insurance.

#### **Patent and Trade Secrets**

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** infringement or alleged infringement of a patent and/or use of a trade secret.

#### Pollution

A Claim or Loss (including loss of value) Connected With Pollution.

This Exclusion will not apply where such **Pollution** is caused by a sudden, unintended and unexpected happening during the **Period of Insurance** and the **Claim** or **Loss** is **Connected With** negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the **Professional Business** carried on by **You** or on **Your** behalf.

#### **Prior Awareness**

A Claim or Circumstance or Loss:

- 1. which has been notified under any policy of insurance attaching prior to the inception of this Policy;
- 2. disclosed to Us in the Proposal Form/Statement of Fact; or
- 3. which was known to **You** or which should have been known to **You** at the inception of this **Policy**.



## Property

### A Claim or Loss Connected With:

- 1. Your ownership, occupation, and/or control of any buildings, premises or land or that part of any building owned, leased, occupied or rented by You;
- 2. loss of or damage to property, unless directly **Connected With** negligent advice, design, specification or omission to perform a professional duty in the course of the **Professional Business.**

### Radiation

#### A Claim or Loss Connected With:

- 1. ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
- 2. the radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component.

#### **Reckless Act**

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** any conduct committed by **You**, or any party acting on **Your** behalf that is malicious or is in reckless disregard of another party.

### **Retroactive Date**

A **Claim** or **Loss** where the cause of such **Claim** or **Loss** occurred or was alleged to have occurred prior to the Retroactive Date specified in the **Schedule**.

#### **Specialist Sub-contractors/Consultants**

A Claim or Loss Connected With the actual or alleged failure on Your part to:

- 1. ensure that rights of recourse against specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors are not waived or otherwise impaired; and
- obtain written evidence that the specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors have in place professional indemnity insurance cover to a limit of indemnity to at least a level equivalent to the Limit of Indemnity.

#### Surveys, Reports and Energy Performance Certificates (qualifications and experience)

#### A Claim or Loss Connected With:

- 1. a Condition Report, Home Buyers' Survey, Building Survey or Home Survey unless it was undertaken by a certified Home Inspector or RICS surveyor;
- 2. an Energy Performance Certificate unless it was undertaken by a certified Home Inspector or an accredited Domestic Energy Assessor;
- 3. any other type of survey unless it was undertaken by the following:
  - a. Fellow or Professional Member or Technical Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS);
  - b. A RICS Registered Valuer, registered in accordance with the RICS Valuation Standards;
  - c. Fellow or Associate of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers (ISVA);
  - d. Fellow or Associate of the Architects and Surveyors Institute (ASI);
  - e. Fellow or Associate of the Faculty of Architects and Surveyors (FFAS);
  - f. Fellow or Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA);
  - g. An architect registered with the Architects Registration Board (ARB);
  - h. Fellow or Associate of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS);
  - i. Chartered or Incorporated Engineer;
  - j. person with at least five years' experience of such work; or
  - k. any other person delegated by **You** to undertake such work as part of their training subject to the work being supervised by a person in categories a. to j. above, or prior written agreement having been obtained from **Us**.

#### **Territorial Limits**

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** work and/or contracts carried out in the United States of America, Canada or their territories or possessions.

#### Terrorism



A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** the action, threat of action, or attempt at action, by individual(s) or group(s) of individuals or body/bodies or organisation(s), whether acting alone, on behalf of, or in concert with any other body, organisation, or government, where such action, threat, or attempt is designed to influence, intimidate, or coerce, a government or international governmental organisation or the population or a section of the population, or a community, and the action, threat, or attempt, is made for the purpose of advancing a political, religious, or ideological cause. Including, but not limited to:

- 1. the use of violence against a person;
- 2. the causing of loss of, or damage to, property;
- 3. acts which endanger a person's life;
- 4. acts involving the use of biological or chemical materials or weapons, or a nuclear device, nuclear material, or radioactive substance;
- 5. acts which create a risk to the health of an individual, the public, or a section of the public; and
- 6. acts designed or intended to interfere with, disrupt, or cause the malfunction of, electronic or mechanical equipment.

## **Trading Losses**

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** trading losses or trading liabilities incurred by **You** or a business managed or carried on by **You**, including loss of ay client account or business.

## War and Government Action

## A Claim or Loss Connected With:

- 1. war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, mutiny, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to popular rising, military rising, insurrection, rebellion, revolution or military or usurped power; and/or
- 2. any action taken in controlling, preventing suppressing or in any way relating to war or the acts described in 1. above; and/or
- 3. martial law, confiscation, nationalization, requisition or destruction of property by or under the order of a government or local authority; and/or
- 4. civil commotion in Northern Ireland.

## Vehicles

A **Claim** or **Loss Connected With** the use of motor vehicles, aircraft, watercraft or hovercraft by **You**, or any party acting for **You** or on **Your** behalf.



# **Series Conditions**

Where a series of **Claims** or **Losses** arise from a breach of or repeated breaches of a single duty or identical duties owed and arising from a single cause, all **Claims** and **Losses** within that series will be treated as a single claim for the purpose of the **Limit of Indemnity** and the **Excess**.

# **Claims Conditions**

We will not pay a Claim or Loss unless You comply with the following conditions:

## Adjudication Clauses (Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996)

## 1. Special provisions relating to Notification and Conduct

We will not pay for a **Claim** under the above Act unless **You** comply with the following conditions. **You** will:

- a. notify **Us** within one working day of any of the following:
  - i. the receipt by **You** of any **Adjudication Notice** or intention to adjudicate;
  - ii. the service by **You** of any **Adjudication Notice** or the intention to adjudicate on any other party;

iii. upon **You** having reasonable grounds to believe that an **Adjudication Notice** may be served on **You**; provided that, in each such case, the subject matter of the **Adjudication Notice** (or any part thereof) may, or does, give rise to a **Claim** against **You** which is likely to be indemnified under this **Policy**;

- b. provide **Us** with all information and documentation relating to any dispute referred to adjudication including the **Adjudication Notice**;
- c. allow **Us** to appoint solicitors and/or experts to handle any adjudication on **Your** behalf and to have conduct (including the right but not obligation to take over the conduct) of the adjudication;
- d. permit **Us** and/or our appointed solicitors and/or experts immediate and unfettered access to all documents in **Your** possession which are relevant to the subject matter of the **Adjudication Notice**.
- e. cooperate fully with **Us** and/or our appointed solicitors and/or experts in relation to all matters that are required to be performed or done to comply with the requirements of the adjudicator;
- f. not agree with any other party that an adjudication will finally determine any dispute unless we have provided **Our** written consent; and
- g. cooperate with Us and/or our appointed solicitors and/or experts and take all practicable steps to assist Us and/or our appointed solicitors and/or experts to pursue legal or arbitration or any other necessary proceedings to finally determine the matters referred to in the Adjudication Notice (or any part thereof) and/or to challenge the validity of any adjudicator's decision and/or to provide for any stay of proceedings.

Subject to the provisions of Condition 2: Mixed Awards below and the application of any costs-inclusive **Excess** payable by **You**, **We** will pay all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred in the appointment of solicitors and/or experts.

**Our** acceptance of any notification under these provisions and the instruction of solicitors and/or experts to handle any adjudication on **Your** behalf will in all cases be without prejudice to the **Policy** terms and will not be construed as a waiver of **Our** rights to refuse indemnity to **You** in respect of any part of an adjudicator's decision which does not fall within the scope of the Insuring Clauses of this **Policy**.

## 2. Mixed Awards

- a. For the purposes of this Condition:
  - i. Award means the sum which You become liable to pay by reason of any adjudicator's decision; and
  - ii. Insured Part means that part of the Award which is covered under the Policy.
- b. If only part of the **Award** is covered under the **Policy**, **We** will only be required to indemnify **You** in respect of the **Insured Part**.
- c. If the **Insured Part** exceeds 50% of the **Award**, **We** will pay all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred in handling the adjudication.
- d. If the **Insured Part** equals or is less than 50% of the **Award We** will pay only a rateable part of the costs and expenses incurred in handling the adjudication, to be calculated in the same proportion as the **Insured Part** bears to the total amount of the **Award**.



### 3. Jurisdiction

Cover will apply only to adjudications which take place pursuant to construction contracts entered into in the United Kingdom and which are subject to the appropriate United Kingdom law.

#### Admission of Liability

You will not admit liability for, or settle, any Claim, Loss or Circumstance, or incur any costs or expenses for such Claim, Loss or Circumstance, without Our prior written consent.

### **Claims Control**

- 1. We will be entitled, but not obliged, at any time to take over and conduct the defence, settlement or investigation of a Claim, Loss or Circumstance in Your name.
- 2. If a common course of action with regard to the contesting of any legal proceedings (whether defence or prosecution) cannot be agreed between Us and You, the dispute will be resolved by reference to King's Counsel of the English Bar, to be mutually agreed between Us and You, who will advise whether such proceedings should be contested with the probability of success of more than 50%.
- 3. King's Counsel's decision will be binding.
- 4. In the event of disagreement regarding the appointment of King's Counsel, the King's Counsel will be appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Bar Council. The costs of such an exercise will be allocated by the agreed or appointed party on a fair and equitable basis.

### **Co-operation**

- 1. You will give to Us all such information and assistance as We may reasonably require and is in Your power to provide.
- 2. You will co-operate with Us and Our appointed representatives:
  - a. by providing all such information, assistance, signed statements or depositions as may be required to facilitate compliance with all and any Civil Procedure Rules, Practice Directions and Pre-Action Protocols as may be issued;
  - b. by assisting them to present the best possible defence of a Claim;
  - c. by ensuring access to all and any information that **We** or **Our** representatives may require in the defence of a **Claim** or in the investigation of any **Circumstance** or **Loss**, whether or not privileged;
  - d. by making payment on demand of the **Excess** in order to comply with the terms of any settlement agreed by **Us**;
  - e. by providing all such information, assistance, signed statements or depositions as may reasonably be required to permit **Us** to exercise rights of subrogation; and
  - f. by ensuring that all documents of any description (whether kept in paper, magnetic or electronic form) relevant to any **Claim, Circumstance** or **Loss** are preserved in their entirety.

#### **Defence and Settlement of Claims**

If **We** feel it is necessary, **We** will appoint our adjuster, solicitor or other appropriate person to deal with a **Claim**. If you ask **Us**, **We** may agree to appoint **Your** solicitor, but only if **We** are satisfied that **Your** solicitor has the necessary expertise to undertake this work, only on a similar fee basis as **Our** solicitor and only for work done with **Our** prior written approval.

#### **Dishonesty and Fraud**

- 1. At **Our** request and expense **You** will take all reasonable steps to obtain reimbursement from any person committing or condoning any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or from their estates or legal representatives.
- 2. If You make a fraudulent claim under this Policy, We may:
  - a. recover from You any sums paid by Us to You in respect of the fraudulent claim; and
  - b. by notice to **You**, treat this **Policy** as terminated with effect from the date of the fraudulent act.

If **We** exercise our rights under a. and b. above, **We** will not be liable to **You** in respect of a genuine **Claim**, **Circumstance** or **Loss** which occurs after the time of the fraudulent act and **We** and need not return any of the premium paid.

## Notification



As soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 30 days of expiry of the **Period of Insurance, You** must provide **Us** with details in writing if:

- 1. You receive any Claim made against You or any Insured during the Period of Insurance;
- 2. You become aware of any facts, errors, omissions, incidents or circumstances which may give rise to a **Claim** against **You** or any **Insured**;
- 3. You receive notice of any intention to make a Claim against You or any Insured;
- 4. You become aware or have suspicion of dishonesty or fraud on the part of You or any Insured whether giving rise to a Claim or not;
- 5. You become aware of any potential requirement to make a claim under any Insuring Clause.

Notifications made under 2 and 3 above which subsequently give rise to a **Claim** will in each case be deemed to have been notified to **Us** during the **Period of Insurance**.

## **General Conditions**

### Cancellation

This **Policy** may be cancelled:

- 1. by **Us** pursuant to the Premium Payment Condition for non-payment of premium; or
- 2. by **You,** with immediate effect upon **Our** receipt of **Your** written notice of such cancellation, provided that:
  - a. If You have notified Us of a Claim or Circumstance, You will not be entitled to the return of the premium
  - b. If **You** have not notified **Us** of a **Claim** or **Circumstance**, **You** will be entitled to the return of a proportionate part of the premium in respect of the unexpired term of this **Policy**; or
- 3. by mutual agreement between the **Us** and **You**.

If You wish to cancel this Policy, You should first contact the insurance agent who arranged this Policy for You.

#### **Choice of Law**

This **Policy** will be subject to and construed solely in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

## **Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

A person or entity not a party to the **Policy** has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce a term of this **Policy**.

#### **Disputes and Jurisdiction**

- 1. Any dispute between **Us** and **You**:
  - a. as to the correct interpretation of this Policy, or
  - b. regarding the application of the Failure to Make a Fair Presentation Clause

will be referred by either party for arbitration in accordance with the law and procedure of England and Wales to King's Counsel, whose decision will be binding on both parties.

- 2. In resolving the dispute, the King's Counsel will have due regard to the interests of both You and Us.
- 3. In the event of disagreement regarding the appointment of King's Counsel, the King's Counsel will be appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Bar Council. The costs of such an exercise will be allocated by the agreed or appointed party on a fair and equitable basis.
- 4. Save as aforesaid, the Courts of England and Wales are to have exclusive jurisdiction for hearing and determining any dispute arising out of or in connection with this **Policy**.

#### Entity to act as Agent

All persons falling within the definition of the **Insured** agree that the first named entity in the **Schedule** is their agent for all purposes in connection with this **Policy**. This **Policy** may be varied or rescinded by agreement between **Us** and that entity, without requiring the consent of any other person falling within the definition of the **Insured**.

#### **Premium Payment**

1. We will not pay any Claim or Loss unless You have paid the premium shown in the Schedule. If We have agreed



that **You** may pay the premium using an instalment facility, **We** will not pay any **Claim** or **Loss** unless **Your** instalment payments are up to date.

2. You must pay the premium in full to Us within 60 days of the start of the Period of Insurance. If the premium has not been paid, We will have the right to cancel this Policy completely. We will give You at least 14 days written notice of cancellation via Your broker. If You pay the premium in full before the notice period expires, cancellation will be automatically revoked.

### **Relinquish Control by Payment of Claim**

We may at any time free ourselves from further liability for a **Claim** or **Loss** under this **Policy** by paying to **You** the **Limit of Indemnity** or lesser amount for which a **Claim** can be settled, after deducting payments already made. We will pay costs and expenses incurred with **Our** prior consent up to the date of such payment.

#### Sanctions

The provision of any cover, the payment of any **Claim** and the provision of any benefit will be suspended, to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose **Us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under any:

- 1. United Nations' resolution(s); or
- 2. the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

Such suspension will continue until such time as **We** would no longer be exposed to any such sanction, prohibition or restriction.

#### **Subrogation**

Where a payment is made under this **Policy** in respect of a **Claim** or **Loss**, **You** will grant **Us** all rights of recovery that **You** would have had against any parties from whom a recovery may be made. **You** will take all reasonable steps to preserve and not prejudice those rights.

We will not take any steps to seek recovery from an **Employee** unless such claim has been caused by the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act /omission of the **Employee**.

You must not enter into any contract or other agreement that restricts Your rights of recovery in respect of any Claim that may be covered by this Policy.

## VAT

All payments to You under the Policy will be exclusive of VAT unless You are unable to reclaim VAT from HMRC.



# How to Complain

**Our** aim is to ensure that all aspects of **Your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. **We** are committed to providing the highest standard of service at all times.

If You have an enquiry about Your Policy, please contact Your insurance agent who arranged the Policy for You.

If You have cause to make a complaint, You can do so at any time by contacting Us:

- Email: complaints@archinsurance.com
- Tel: 0333 207 2268
- Post: Complaints Manager Arch Insurance (UK) Limited 5th Floor 60 Great Tower Street London EC3R 5AZ

If **We** do not succeed in resolving **Your** complaint, or if **You** have not received a final response within 8 weeks of the complaint being made, **You** may have the right to refer **Your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

You can contact the FOS at:

Tel: 0800 023 4567 (calls to this number are free from "fixed lines" in the UK)

or

0300 123 9123 (calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers on mobile phone tariffs in the UK)

- Post: The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR
- Web: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/make-complaint
- Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The FOS is an independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and businesses providing financial services. **You** can find more information on the FOS at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

Following this procedure does not affect **Your** right to take legal action.

# **Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)**

Arch Insurance (UK) Limited is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from FSCS if **We** are unable to meet our obligations to **You** under this insurance.

If **You** are entitled to compensation from the FSCS, the level and extent of compensation will depend on the nature of this insurance. Further information about FSCS is available on their website: www.fscs.org.uk or **You** can write to them at PO Box 300, Mitcheldean, GL17 1DY.

# **Privacy Notice**

Arch Insurance (UK) Limited ("Arch") is committed to safeguarding the privacy and security of all personal information held by **Us**. This notice explains who **We** are, the types of personal information **We** hold, how and why **We** use it, who **We** share it with, how long **We** keep it and **Your** data protection rights. Further details can be found within **Our** full privacy notice which is available on **Our** group website <u>www.archcapgroup.com/privacy.</u>

## Who We are

Arch is part of the Arch Capital Group Ltd. group of companies and is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office, registration number Z2421416. Arch is the Data Controller of the information **You** provide to **Us** for the products and services **We** provide to **You**.

Further information about Arch can be found at **Our** website listed above.

## What personal information we collect about You

**We** will collect personal information which may include **Your** name, telephone number, email address, postal address, occupation, date of birth, prior insurance history (including previous claims), details of the insurance product or service **You** wish to use and payment details (including bank account number and sort code). **We** may collect credit and anti-fraud information such as **Your** credit history.

**We** may also need to request and collect sensitive personal information about **You**, such as details of relevant criminal offences and convictions or **Your** medical history. **We** will only collect and process sensitive personal data where it is critical for the delivery of a product or service and without which the product or service cannot be provided.

## How and why We use Your personal information

We will use Your personal information to:

- Provide quotations and set up **Your** policy.
- Manage **Your** policy and provide the products or services **You** have requested.
- Process claims, including the defence or prosecution of legal claims, and to investigate and prevent fraud.
- Develop new products and services.
- Undertake statistical analysis.

We may process Your personal information for the following reasons:

- For the purpose of managing **Your** insurance and any claims **You** make.
- It is necessary to meet the terms of an insurance contract with **You** or a third party on **Your** behalf.
- It is necessary to meet an obligation **We** have by law.
- It is in **Our** or a third party's legitimate interest, such as to prevent and detect fraud, performing data analytics for risk modelling purposes and for any sale, merger or takeover of all or part of Arch.

## How We collect Your personal information

We may collect information about You from various sources, including:

- You or a representative such as a family member, Your insurance agent or employer.
- Other insurance companies or their representatives.
- Credit reference agencies.
- Anti-fraud databases or sanctions lists providers.
- Government agencies such as HM Revenue & Customs and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency.
- Publicly available sources such as court judgments and electoral registers.
- Third-party service providers (such as a loss adjustor) or any third parties involved with a claim.

## Who We share Your personal information with

We may share Your information with:

- Third parties who help **Us** deliver **Our** products and services to **You**. This can include claims handlers, loss adjustors, legal representatives and data-storage providers.
- Your insurance agent/broker.
- Other insurers and reinsurers.
- Credit reference bureaus and other financial firms involved in any financial payments.



- National anti-fraud databases and fraud prevention agencies including the Claims and Underwriting Exchange and the Motor Insurers Anti-Fraud and Theft Register.
- Auditors, regulators, police or law enforcement bodies and statutory or regulatory authorities, including but not limited to the Employer's Liability Tracing Office and the Motor Insurers' Bureau
- Companies within the Arch Capital Group Ltd group of companies to help deliver **Our** products and services.

When **We** use third parties to deliver **Our** products and services, **Your** personal information will only be used for the provision and administration of the services provided to **You**. We require third parties to take all steps which are reasonably necessary to ensure that **Your** data is treated securely and in accordance with this notice. The data **We** collect about **You** may be transferred to, and stored at, a destination outside of the United Kingdom ("UK") or the European Economic Area ("EEA"). We will ensure that such transfers of personal information are protected by appropriate contractual clauses and that the transfer of information complies with all relevant data protection laws.

### How long We keep Your personal information for

We will not keep Your personal information for any longer than is necessary for the purpose for which it was provided, unless We are required to by law.

We will normally keep information for at least seven years after the termination or cancellation of a product, contract or service that We provide. In certain cases, We will keep Your information for longer, particularly for types of insurance for which a claim could potentially be made by You or a third party at a future date, even after Your contract with Us has ended.

### Your rights relating to Your personal information

Under data protection law **You** have several data protection rights. These include the right to request a copy of **Your** personal information, request to have **Your** information updated or corrected, request to have **Your** information deleted (right to be forgotten), object to how **We** are using **Your** information (including **Our** legitimate interests mentioned above), or request to have **Your** information sent directly to a third party. These rights may not apply in all cases or there might be restrictions to how these apply. If **You** wish to exercise any of **Your** rights, please contact **Our** Data Protection Officer whose contact details are below. If **You** have any concerns about how **We** may use or have used **Your** personal information, please contact **Us** and **We** will try to resolve **Your** concerns. **You** may also contact the UK Data Protection Regulator - the Information Commissioner's Office, whose details can be found on their website <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>.

#### How to contact Us

**You** can contact **Us** for any data protection queries by email: DPO@archinsurance.com or by writing to The Data Protection Officer, 4th Floor, 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London, EC3M 5BN.