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Welcome to AXA

Thank you for choosing AXA

Please read carefully all documents that we have provided and keep them in a safe place. If you have any questions, need anything explaining or believe this contract does not meet your needs, please contact us or your insurance adviser.

Your policy

This **policy** is a contract of insurance between **you** and **us** and **you** have a duty to make a fair presentation to **us** in accordance with the law.

The **policy** describes the insurance cover for which **we** have accepted **your** premium.

This insurance is renewable provided that we agree to accept your premium for any subsequent period of insurance. A new schedule will be issued for each period of insurance showing any changes to your cover.

Your policy booklet is divided into a number of sections and must be read together with your schedule and any endorsements. Where a section does not apply, your schedule will state that it is 'not covered'.

Throughout this **policy**, **we** use definitions and headings. Definitions are used to explain what a word means and are highlighted in bold blue print. Details of the Policy definitions can be found on page 29.

Headings have been used for your guidance and do not form part of the contract.

To help **you** understand the cover provided **we** have added 'What is covered' and 'What is not covered'.

Under the heading 'What is covered' we give information on the insurance provided. This must be read with 'What is not covered', the Policy exclusions, the Policy conditions and the Section conditions at all times.

Under the heading 'What is not covered' we draw your attention to what is excluded from your policy.



rradar advisory service and important phone numbers

rradar assistance included in your policy

Access to rradar, an award-winning legal, regulatory and risk management advice company, is included in your policy. rradar gives you the tools and support to confidently run your business in compliance with relevant legislation, whilst expertly guiding you to safety if problems do arise.

Whether you're worried about a business-related legal issue, or you'd like to know more about spotting or managing potential legal pitfalls, rradar can help. At any stage of your policy, rradar can answer your questions, educate your business or assist with any specific concerns or investigations against you, whilst offering advice on the full remit of legal and regulatory issues which could face **your** business, including:

- · Human resources and employment
- Health and safety regulations
- Waste and environmental regulations
- Taxation
- Money laundering, fraud, bribery and corruption, anti-competitive practices
- Legal advice on a wide range of areas including corporate governance, directors' and shareholders' duties, contracts, intellectual property, data protection and cybercrime, financial crime, motoring and criminal offences.

How to use rradar

Whether your front-line supervisor has a quick, query on-the-go, or your Board needs an in-depth conversation on its legal position, there should be a way to access rradar which suits your business needs. Every business can face risk and loss, so please use the information below to get the assistance, training and legal freedom which you deserve, today.

rradarstation: expert, friendly advice

Enquiry line: **0800 955 6111** (Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) Email: contactus@rradar.com (responses during **rradar**station hours)







rradarstation's telephone and email enquiry lines are available for you and your nominated employees to use as many times as you would like; offering your business the very best in business related regulatory or legal advice.

Staffed by UK based experts including HR professionals, health and safety specialists and former tax inspectors, as well as leading accountants, solicitors and barristers, **rradarstation** offers advice on HR and employment matters and every business-related regulator, allegation, investigation and prosecution, as well as commercial disputes.

To access: call **0800 955 6111** or email **contactus@rradar.com** and quote **your policy** number.

rradarstation: online resources, tools, training and information for you



Online resources: www.rradar.com (available 24/7, see log-in details below)

You and any employees who **you** authorise, also have unlimited access, at any time, to **rradarstation**'s online digital resources. **rradarstation** online is packed full of easy to read compliance and risk management information, including templates, draft contracts of employment, specimen letters, 'how to' articles, case studies, video training process guides, policies and more.

rradarstation also provides online training and education resources to simplify law and regulation for **you** and **your** employees, so **you** can feel more informed to take compliance and risk management business decisions.

Login via www.rradar.com You will need your policy number to log in.

rradargrace: your virtual legal assistant, for information on the go

Download 'grace' in the App or Play store and log in with your rradarstation online details



rradargrace is your business' virtual legal assistant: for instant legal support, no matter where or when you need it. Download grace as an app to your smart device/ phone, or use her online and she will deliver you guidance, tools and templates, at the verbal ask of your question or the click of a button. grace is constantly learning from our legal and risk management experts to increasingly support your business areas. She will also become more helpful and tailored to your business needs, the more your business works with her. grace is a worldfirst, pioneering tool to free your business from legal fear and is available to you now, under this policy.

rradar crisis legal helpline: helping you at the toughest times

Crisis helpline: 0800 955 6222



Should an incident occur, **rradar's** experienced team of expert defence and investigation lawyers and industry experts are on hand to help **you** when **you** need expert legal advice: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The **rradar** legal team have experience of defending every type of investigation or prosecution in every court and by every regulator. Advice can be provided over the phone, by email, or face to face wherever needed. **rradar** will provide on-going support throughout a case and aim to provide advice to prevent the same problem from happening again in the future.

All incidents that require instant defence or investigation expertise covered under **your policy** have immediate access to **rradar's** expert team.

For crisis assistance call **0800 955 6222** and quote **your policy** number.

rradar: always supporting you

rradar's purpose is entirely focussed on supporting **you** and **your** business. Through the ever-expanding legal support which **you** need and updating the key resources and support tools available to **you** at least four times a year, meaning **your policy** never stops improving. Please also regularly visit **www.rradar.com** for more information including upcoming education pieces, reporting tools, podcasts, webinars and more.

rradar can provide expert legal advice, representation and document reviews or drafting for concerns falling outside the scope of **your policy**, as well as bespoke legal education, support or training for **your** business. A simple fixed fee for such out of policy work will be agreed with **you**, before any work begins.

Legal privilege: peace of mind for you

rradar is a fully authorised and regulated legal practice. This means that legal advice, or communication with **rradar** because of specific claims against **you**, may not be disclosed in related legal proceedings.

Making a claim

If you need to make a claim please first check your policy to make sure you are covered. You must then follow the instructions provided on pages 8 and 9 under the Claims notification condition and Claims procedure condition under Policy conditions.

Please contact **your** insurance adviser who will help us deal with **your claim** quickly and fairly.

Your insurance adviser should e-mail full details of your claim to claims@rradar.com

Making a complaint

If you are not happy with the way in which a claim or any other matter has been dealt with, please read 'Making a complaint' on page 38 of the policy.

Crisis public relations advice

Crisis PR advice is available when making a claim under your policy.

Please contact rradar for crisis PR access: 0800 955 6111

(Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) or 0800 955 6222 (crisis line – outside office hours)

Policy conditions

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of your policy. If you do not comply then we may at our option take one or more of the following actions:

- 1 Cancel your policy
- 2 Declare your policy void (treating your policy as if it had never existed)
- 3 Change the terms of your policy
- 4 Refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of claim payments.

If you are unsure about any of these conditions or whether you need to notify us about any matter, please contact us.

Arbitration condition

If we agree to pay your claim and you disagree with the amount to be paid it may be referred to an arbitrator who is jointly appointed. Alternatively, depending on the size of your business, you may be able to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). In either case this will not affect your right to take legal action against us over this disagreement.

Cancellation condition

- 1 You may cancel your policy within 14 days of receiving your policy for the first period of insurance if for any reason you are dissatisfied or the policy does not meet your requirements
- 2 We can cancel the Employment practices liability section and/or the Company or association legal liability section immediately, if the premium has not been paid.

Cancellation of this **policy** will not affect any **claims** or rights **you** or **we** may have before the date of cancellation.

We do not have to offer renewal of your policy; in this case cover will cease on the expiry date.

Claims conditions

You and/or any insured person must reimburse us for any defence costs paid where it is later determined that there is no cover under this policy.

If a claim is made which is not completely covered by any section of this policy, we will agree with you or any insured person a fair allocation between loss (as defined in each section of the policy) that is covered and loss (as defined within each section of the policy) not covered by this policy.

Claims notification condition

You must:

- 1 as soon as possible within the period of insurance or where this is not possible, at the latest within 45 days after it expires:
 - a give us, and the crisis public relations consultants where appropriate, notice of any claim under this policy, in accordance with the terms of each section
 - b give us, and the crisis public relations consultants where appropriate, all the information we request

Policy conditions continued

2 immediately

- a on receipt send us every letter, court order, summons or other legal documents served upon you
- b tell us about any investigation, prosecution, inquest or fatal accident inquiry or dispute for referral to adjudication or court proceedings in connection with any potential claim, in accordance with the terms of each section
- unless otherwise agreed by us in writing notify the police of any fraudulent or criminal activity upon discovery.

If you do not comply with this condition we have the right to refuse to pay your claim.

Claims procedure condition

- 1 You must take, or allow others to take, practical steps to minimise any claim
- 2 At your expense you must provide us with
 - a full details in writing and any further information we may reasonably require
 - b any assistance to enable us to settle or defend a claim
 - c details of any other relevant insurances

3 Unless agreed with us in writing, rradar legal will deal with your claim. Where we agree to your legal representation the maximum following hourly rates shall apply:

Partner - £185 per hour

Associate - £150 per hour

Solicitor – £115 per hour

Paralegal – £90 per hour.

Where a **claim** is made against **you** and/or more than one **insured person**, unless there is a conflict of interest, the same legal representative should be used. If it is not possible to obtain **our** consent before incurring **defence costs**, **we** will agree to this providing **our** agreement is obtained within 14 days

- 4 You must not accept, negotiate, pay, settle, admit or reject any claim without our prior written consent
- 5 We have the right to fully participate in the defence of any claim including the negotiation of any settlement.
 We will also have the right to defend any claim made against you.
- 6 Under the Employment practices liability section of your policy, where it is assessed by rradar legal that the claim has greater than 60% prospect of a successful defence, you shall have the right to decide whether to defend the claim or agree a settlement.

If **you** do not comply with this condition **we** have the right to refuse to pay **your claim**.

Fair presentation of risk condition

You have a duty to make a fair presentation of the risk you wish to insure. This applies prior to the start of your policy and prior to each renewal. If you do not comply with this condition then

- 1 If failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is deliberate or reckless we can elect to make your policy void and keep the premium. This means treating the policy as if it had not existed and that we will not return your premiums, or
- 2 If the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is not deliberate or reckless and we would have not have provided cover had you made a fair presentation, then we can elect to make your policy void and return your premium, or
- 3 If the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is not deliberate or reckless and we would have issued cover on different terms had you made a fair presentation of the risk then we can:
 - a reduce proportionately any amount paid or payable in respect of any claim under your policy using the following formula. We will divide the premium actually charged by the premium which we would have charged had you made a fair presentation and calculate this as a percentage. The same percentage figure will be applied to the full amount of the claim to arrive at the proportion of the claim to be paid or payable; and/or

- b treat your policy as if it had included the different terms (other than payment of the premium) that we would have imposed had you made a fair presentation
- 4 Where we elect to apply one of the above then
 - a if we elect to make your policy void, this will be from the start of the policy or the date of renewal.
 - b we will apply the formula calculated by reference to the premium that would have been charged to claims from the start of the policy or from the date of renewal
 - c we will treat the policy as having different terms imposed from the start of the policy or from the renewal date

depending on when the failure to make a fair presentation occurs.

Fraud condition

If you or anyone acting for you;

- 1 knowingly makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under your policy
- 2 knowingly makes a false statement in support of a claim whether or not the claim itself is genuine or
- 3 knowingly submit a false or forged document in support of a claim whether or not the claim itself is genuine

we will:

- a refuse to pay the claim
- b declare your policy void from the date of the fraudulent act without any refund of premiums.

We may also inform the police of the circumstances.

Instalments condition

If you fail to pay a premium instalment to us on the due date, this will result in the Employment practices liability and Company or association legal liability sections being cancelled from the date the missed instalment was due. You will not be entitled to any return of premium where this happens.

If a **claim** has been made or there has been any **circumstance** during the current **period of insurance** the annual premium remains due in full.

Law applicable to this policy

You and we can choose the law which applies to this policy. We propose that the Law of England and Wales apply. Unless we and you agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales will apply to this policy.

Notification of potential claims

You may give us notice of any circumstance which might lead to a claim under this policy giving reasons for the expectation and including full details of the people and dates involved.

Where we accept the circumstance any future claim arising from this circumstance shall be deemed to have been made in the period of insurance in which the circumstance was first notified.

Sanctions condition

This contract of insurance is subject to sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions. It is a condition of your policy that we will not provide cover, or pay any claim or provide any benefit under your policy to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose us, or our parent, subsidiary or any AXA group member company, to any trade or economic sanctions, or violate any laws or regulations of the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United States of America or any other territory.

Subrogation (our rights) condition

We will be entitled to undertake in **your** name or on **your** behalf steps to enforce rights against any other party before or after payment is made by **us**.

Third party rights condition

The rights of this contract will not be enforceable by any party other than **you** or **us** because of the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Policy exclusions

Your policy is subject to exclusions and these tell **you** what is not covered.

The Policy exclusions are set out below and apply to **your policy** as a whole. There are also specific exclusions under each section of cover under the heading 'What is not covered'.

Bodily injury or property damage exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation:

- 1 for psychological or emotional distress other than an employment practice claim
- 2 for sickness, disease, bodily injury or death other than a safety legislation claim or manslaughter claim
- 3 for the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property, electronic systems or data including loss of use of that property.

Breach of professional duty exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation caused by a breach of or failure to provide professional duties or services

Defined benefit pension schemes exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation caused by:

- 1 an insured person's operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme
- 2 an insured person's breach of any legislation or regulation relating to any defined benefit pension scheme.

Excess exclusion

We will not pay the excess detailed in your policy schedule (under each section of cover). The excess shall only be payable at the conclusion of any claim and/or investigation.

Prior claims, investigations and circumstances exclusion

We will not cover any loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation caused by any claim, investigation or circumstance which you were aware of before the start of the period of insurance.

Prior litigation exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation caused by any previous or known litigation or proceedings (including allegations from the same or essentially the same facts) involving an insured person, you or an outside company started before the date of your first purchase of Directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Share offerings exclusion

We will not cover any loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation caused by any claim for a wrongful act relating to any public offering of your share capital unless:

- we have given our prior written agreement; and
- 2 you have paid any additional premium and accepted any amendments we may need to make to the terms and conditions of this policy.

Takeovers and mergers exclusion

We will not cover any loss (as defined in each section of the policy) or investigation caused by any claim for a wrongful act after you:

- 1 merge or consolidate with another company; or
- 2 any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital.

Policy extensions

Extended claims notification period cover

Your schedule will show if you have this cover.

If we or you refuse to renew the policy for any reason other than nonpayment of premium or insolvency, you may purchase an extended claims notification period of 12 months upon payment of 50% of the full **policy** annual premium.

This extended notification period is only available if:

- 1 we receive your written notice of purchase within 30 days following the end of the period of insurance; and
- 2 the **policy** is not replaced by any other policy; and
- 3 at the end of the period of insurance, you have not merged with another company, nor has any party acquired 50% or more of your issued share capital.

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

Condition of the cover

Where you have taken this cover, the policy Claims notification condition on page 8 is deleted and replaced with the following:

You must:

- 1 as soon as possible within the extended notification period
 - a give us notice of any claim under this policy, in accordance with the terms of each section

- **b** give **us** all the information **we** request
- 2 immediately
 - a on receipt send us every letter, court order, summons or other legal documents served upon you
 - **b** tell **us** about any **investigation**, prosecution, inquest or fatal accident inquiry or dispute for referral to adjudication or court proceedings in connection with any potential claim, in accordance with the terms of each section
 - c notify the police of any fraudulent or criminal activity upon discovery.

If you do not comply with this condition we have the right to refuse to pay your claim. We will not refund any premium to you if you cancel the extended notification period before it ends.

Directors', officers' and trustees' liability section

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Meanings of defined terms

You can find the meanings for words in bold blue on page 29. There are some words that may only appear in this section or are defined differently. You can find the meanings to the defined terms for this section on page 33.

Limit of cover

The most we will pay for any one claim including defence costs and/or investigation costs is the limit of liability.

Each claim will be treated as being made when we receive written notice of the claim. Investigation costs will be treated as being made when attendance of an insured person is notified as being required.

✓ What is covered

Additional limit for non-indemnifiable loss cover

Where the limit of liability has been exhausted, the limit of liability shall be increased by £100,000 per claim and/or investigation for each insured person provided that such limit shall be in excess of:

- 1 any other available insurance
- 2 any other available indemnification.

Bail costs cover

We will pay on behalf of any insured person bail costs caused by a claim for a wrongful act.

Brexit cover

We will pay for any insured person's loss for a wrongful act in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Circumstance investigation costs cover

We will pay the costs of rradar legal in the investigation of any circumstance reported to us during the period of insurance including the steps that might be appropriate to avert or reduce the potential of a claim.

The most we will pay for all circumstance investigation costs claims in any one period of insurance is £50,000.

Claims against an insured person cover

We will pay the loss incurred by any insured person caused by a claim for a wrongful act.

Company reimbursement cover

We will pay for the loss which you are legally allowed to pay on behalf of an insured person caused by a claim for a wrongful act.

Compensation for court attendance cover

We will pay you at the rate of £250 per day for each day that an insured person's attendance is needed at court in connection with any claim or investigation.

Crisis public relations costs cover

We will pay crisis public relations costs for any insured person caused by a claim for a wrongful act.

Deprivation of assets cover

We shall pay the loss of any insured person for deprivation of asset expenses.

The most we will pay under this cover is £250,000 for any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all deprivation of asset claims in any one period of insurance.

Employment practice claims cover

We will pay for the loss caused by an employment practice claim during the period of insurance brought by a current, former or potential employed person. This cover does not apply if the insured person is covered under the Employment practices liability section of this policy.

Extradition proceedings cover

We will pay, for any insured person, the loss caused by any extradition proceedings against any insured person during the period of insurance caused by a claim for any wrongful act.

Insolvency hearing costs cover

We will pay the insolvency hearing costs of any insured person.

The most we will pay under this cover is £25,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all insolvency hearing costs claims in any one period of insurance.

Investigation costs cover

We will pay the investigation costs caused by an investigation first notified as being required during the period of insurance.

Management buy-out cover

If during the **period of insurance** members of **your** existing management team conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms as this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act** carried out by any **insured person** within this 30 day period.

Manslaughter claims cover

We will pay for the defence costs which you are legally allowed to pay on behalf of an insured person caused by a manslaughter claim against an insured person for a wrongful act.

Outside company cover

We will pay for the loss incurred by any insured person for any wrongful act within the policy territories carried out in their role as a director or officer of an outside company.

Provided that the **insured person** acts in that role at **your** written request and the **claim** does not arise from a **wrongful act** carried out after the **insured person** stopped acting in this role.

We will only pay after any cover provided by the outside company to its directors or officers and any other insurance available to its directors and officers has been used.

Pension/employee benefit schemes cover

We will pay for the loss caused by a claim for a wrongful act in connection with an insured person's operation or administration of any of your pension schemes (other than a defined benefit scheme), employee benefit schemes or trust funds.

Pollution claims cover

We will pay for the loss arising from pollution caused by a claim for any wrongful act.

Retired directors/trustees cover

In the event that this **policy** is not renewed or replaced with a similar policy, cover will continue for any **insured person** who voluntarily stops being a director before the date of non-renewal for reasons other than:

1 disqualification from holding such a position; or

2 a takeover or merger,

for an unlimited period from the date of non-renewal (the 'run-off period'), provided that:

- a cover will only apply to claims caused by any wrongful act carried out or alleged before the date of retirement of the insured person
- b the run-off period will run at the same time as any extended notification period
- c no similar insurance is in place elsewhere.

Safety legislation claims cover

We will pay for the defence costs which you are legally allowed to pay on behalf of an insured person caused by a safety legislation claim (or similar legislation in any other jurisdiction) against an insured person for a wrongful act.

Tax cover

If you become insolvent, this section will extend to pay for any claim against an insured person alleging a wrongful act relating to your unpaid tax liability within the policy territories.

Optional section extension of cover

Takeovers and mergers extension of cover

Your policy schedule will show if **you** have this cover

If during the **period of insurance you**:

1 merge with another company, or

2 any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital,

you may on payment of an additional premium, of 200% of the annual policy premium, request that this section continue in force for a period of 72 months from the expiry date of the current period of insurance.

This extension only applies to **claims** caused by any **wrongful act** carried out or alleged before the date of the takeover or merger.

What is not covered

Deliberate or dishonest acts exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by:

- 1 a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation carried out by any insured person
- 2 an act by any insured person intended to obtain or which does obtain a personal profit or advantage which was not legally theirs
- 3 an act intended to obtain or which does obtain a profit for any company other than you where an insured person is a director, officer or employee of that company.

This exclusion will only apply after a court ruling or an admission by an **insured person** that such an act did take place.

Related party claims in the United States of America exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by any claim brought by you, an outside company or an insured person within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion will not apply to:

1 defence costs

- 2 any shareholder derivative proceedings in your name without your or any insured person's solicitation, assistance or participation
- 3 any claim brought by your liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body
- 4 any employment practices claim
- 5 any claim made by a previously insured person of yours
- 6 any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if that claim would be covered by this section if made against an insured person.

Specific United States of America legislation exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by the following legislation in the United States of America:

- 1 any breach of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act 18 USC Sections 1961 et seq., any amendments to this Act or any rules or regulations made under it
- 2 any breach of the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, both as amended, the rules or regulations of the Securities Exchange Commission under either or both Acts.

- similar securities laws or regulations of any state, or any laws of any state relating to any transaction caused by, involving or relating to the sale of securities
- 3 any breach of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended, or any rules or regulations made under it, or similar provisions of any federal, state or local law.

Section conditions

The Policy conditions all apply equally to each insured person and to you other than:

Fair presentation of risk condition

The policy condition, Fair presentation of risk condition on page 10 will only apply under this section to an **insured person** who had knowledge of a misstatement or omission before the **period of insurance** that could affect the terms and/or conditions of this **policy**.

In these circumstances **we** waive **our** right to cancel the **policy** on the grounds of non-disclosure, fair presentation or fraud.

Severability

All information which any insured person provided before we agreed to insure you will be considered as a separate application for each insured person.

The knowledge of or any statement made by any **insured person** will not be applied to any other **insured person** for the purposes of deciding whether cover is available for any **claim**.

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Limit of cover

The most we will pay for any one claim including defence costs and/or investigation costs is the limit of liability.

Each claim will be treated as being made when we receive written notice of the claim. Investigation costs will be treated as being made when your or an insured person's attendance is notified as being required.

✓ What is covered

Claims by employees cover

We will pay for your or any insured person's loss caused by a claim by an employed person alleging an employment practice wrongful act.

The excess will not apply to any claim brought only against an insured person.

Claims by others cover

We will pay for your or any insured person's loss caused by a claim by anyone other than an employed person alleging an employment practice wrongful act.

Compensation for court attendance cover

We will pay you at the rate of £250 per day for each day that an insured person's attendance is needed at court in connection with any claim or investigation.

Investigation costs cover

We will pay for your or any insured person's investigation costs caused by an investigation first notified as being required during the period of insurance.

The excess will not apply to any investigation that only involves an insured person.

Management buy-out cover

If during the period of insurance members of your existing management team conduct a management buy-out, we agree to provide cover for the new company at the same level and terms of this policy for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any employment practice wrongful act carried out by any insured person within this 30 day period.

Outside company cover

We will pay for the loss incurred by any insured person for any employment practice wrongful act carried out by an insured person in their role as an employed person of an outside company.

Provided that the **insured person** acts in that role at **your** written request and the **claim** does not arise from a **wrongful act** carried out after the **insured person** stopped acting in this role.

We will only pay after any cover provided by the **outside company** to its directors or officers and any other insurance available to its directors and officers has been used.

X What is not covered

Claims outside of the United Kingdom exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by an employment practice claim outside of the United Kingdom.

Collective bargaining agreements exclusion

We will not cover any claim caused by your failure to act in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement other than:

- 1 allegations of retaliatory treatment
- 2 defence costs and/or investigation costs.

Contractual payments exclusion

We will not cover any claim caused by your failure to pay any amount you must pay under contract to an employed person.

This includes but is not limited to:

- payments for notice periods
 (contractual or statutory); or
- 2 any breach of any minimum wage requirements.

This exclusion does not apply to **defence costs** and/or **investigation costs**.

Deliberate and dishonest acts exclusion

We will not cover any deliberate breach of employment regulation, deliberately not following the advice provided by the employment helpline, or any other dishonest or fraudulent act carried out by you or any insured person, claim, loss or **investigation** caused by any dishonest or fraudulent act carried out by **you** or any **insured person**.

Legal requirements exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by your legal duties in relation to your:

- 1 health and safety requirements
- 2 payment of unemployment benefits
- 3 payment of social security benefits
- 4 payment of retirement benefits
- 5 payment of disability benefits.

This exclusion does not apply to **defence costs** for any **claim** caused by **retaliatory treatment**.

Non-compensatory payments exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by:

- 1 the failure to pay for anyone else's liability which you must legally take on under any contract or agreement. This does not apply to any claim that would have happened without such contract or agreement
- 2 any non-financial order
- 3 any amount for the costs of agreeing or refusing to agree with a court or other order for the reinstatement of an employed person other than basic salary from the original date of dismissal to the date of court or other order.

This exclusion does not apply to **defence costs** and/or **investigation costs**.

Pension rights exclusion

We will not cover any claim caused by:

- 1 any employed person's loss of any right or benefit under any pension scheme, private health insurance or other employee benefit scheme
- 2 the operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund
- 3 your breach of any legislation or regulation related to these activities.

This exclusion does not apply to **defence costs** and/or **investigation costs**.

Tax exclusion

We will not cover any claim caused by your failure to pay taxes. This exclusion does not apply to defence costs and/or investigation costs.

Trade Union membership exclusion

We will not cover any claim caused by membership or non-membership of any trade union or similar organisation other than:

- 1 allegations of retaliatory treatment
- 2 defence costs and/or investigation costs.

Section conditions

The Policy conditions all apply equally to each insured person and to you other than:

Fair presentation of risk condition

The policy condition, Fair presentation of risk condition shown on page 10 will only apply under this section to an **insured person** who had knowledge of a misstatement or omission before the **period of insurance** that could affect the terms and/or conditions of this **policy**.

Severability

All information which any insured person provided before we agreed to insure you will be considered as a separate application for each insured person.

The knowledge of or any statement made by any **insured person** will not be applied to any other **insured person** for the purposes of deciding whether cover is available for any **claim**.

Company or association legal liability section

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Your schedule will show if this section is covered.

Meanings of defined terms

You can find the meanings for words in bold blue on page 29. There are some words that may only appear in this section or are defined differently. You can find the meanings to the defined terms for this section on page 35.

Limit of cover

The most we will pay for any one claim including defence costs and/or investigation costs is the limit of liability.

Each claim will be treated as being made when we receive written notice of the claim. Investigation costs will be treated as made when your or an insured person's attendance is notified as being required.

✓ What is covered

Breach of Data Protection cover

We will pay for your loss for a breach of Data Protection law.

Brexit cover

We will pay for your loss caused by a claim for a wrongful act in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Circumstance investigation costs cover

We will pay the costs of rradar legal in the investigation of any circumstance reported to us during the period of insurance including any steps that might be appropriate to avert or reduce the potential of a claim.

The most we will pay under this cover is £50,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all infringement of copyright claims in any one period of insurance.

Compensation for court attendance cover

We will pay you at the rate of £250 per day for each day that an insured person's attendance is needed at court in connection with any claim.

Contractual liability cover

We will pay your defence costs caused by any contractual liability claim.

The most we will pay under this cover is £100,000 for any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all contractual liability claims in any one period of insurance.

Crisis public relations costs

We will pay crisis public relations costs caused by any claim made against you for a wrongful act.

Cyber liability cover

We will pay your loss arising from any cyber liability.

The most we will pay under this cover is £50,000 for any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all cyber liability claims in any one period of insurance.

Data protection breach cover

We will pay the costs of rradar legal in contacting your customers and suppliers as legally required following a data protection breach.

The most we will pay under this cover is £100,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all data protection breach claims in any one period of insurance.

Employee dishonesty cover

We will pay for your direct financial loss caused by the dishonesty of an employed person discovered during the period of insurance.

Provided that there was a clear intention to cause **you** financial loss or damage and for that person to obtain a financial gain other than salary, bonus or commission.

The most we will pay under this cover is £100,000 for any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all Employee dishonesty claims in any one period of insurance.

Company or association legal liability section continued

Identity fraud cover

We will pay for your loss resulting from identity fraud.

Infringement of copyright cover

We will pay your defence costs caused by any infringement of copyright claim.

The most we will pay under this cover is £50,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all infringement of copyright claims in any one period of insurance.

Investigation costs cover

We will pay for your investigation costs caused by an investigation against you which you first notified as being required during the period of insurance.

Manslaughter claims cover

We will pay for your defence costs caused by a manslaughter claim made against you for a wrongful act.

Negative social media crisis public relations costs cover

We will pay crisis public relations costs necessary to mitigate the adverse effect or potentially adverse effect to your reputation following any sustained negative publicity in relation to your business activities or practices that is posted on any internet-based social media platform or website.

The most we will pay under this cover is £50,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all negative social media public relations costs claims in any one period of insurance.

Other wrongful acts cover

We will pay for your loss caused by any claim made against you for a wrongful act.

Pension/employee benefit schemes cover

We will pay for your loss caused by any claim made against you for a wrongful act in connection with your operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund.

Pollution claims cover

We will pay for your defence costs caused by any claim made against you for a wrongful act in connection with pollution.

The most we will pay under this cover is £100,000 for any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all claims, made against you for a wrongful act in connection with pollution, in any one period of insurance.

Pollution claims clean up costs cover

We will pay your loss for pollution clean up costs for any claim and/or investigation made against you.

The most **we** will pay under this cover is £25,000 any one **claim**. This is also the most **we** will pay for all **pollution** clean up claims in any one **period of insurance**.

Regulatory mitigation cover

We will pay your regulatory mitigation costs for any regulatory self reporting.

Safety legislation claims cover

We will pay for your defence costs caused by a safety legislation claim caused by any claim made against you for a wrongful act.

Tax cover

We will pay for your defence costs caused by a claim for breach of any tax law, act or regulations.

Tax investigation cover

We will pay your tax defence costs for any tax investigation.

Telephone fraud cover

We will pay your direct financial loss discovered during the period of insurance caused by telephone fraud.

The most we will pay under this cover is £10,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all third party electronic funds transfer cover claims in any one period of insurance.

Third party electronic funds transfer cover

We will pay for **your** direct financial loss caused by the dishonesty of any third party accessing **your** computer systems and transferring funds with the intention of obtaining an improper financial gain.

The most we will pay under this cover is £10,000 for any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all third party electronic fund transfer claims in any one period of insurance.

Third party fraud or forgery cover

We will pay your direct financial loss discovered during the period of insurance caused by third party fraud or forgery.

The most we will pay under this cover is £10,000 any one claim. This is also the most we will pay for all third party fraud or forgery claims in any one period of insurance.

X What is not covered

Claims outside of the policy territories exclusion

We will not cover any loss or investigation caused by any claim outside the policy territories.

Deliberate or dishonest acts exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** caused by:

- 1 a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation carried out by any insured person acting for you
- 2 an act by any insured person intended to obtain or which does obtain a personal profit or advantage which was not legally theirs other than a claim under the employee dishonesty or third party electronic funds transfer cover
- 3 an act intended to obtain or which does obtain a profit for any company other than you where an insured person is a director, officer or employee of that company.

Company or association legal liability section continued

Employment exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by any employment practice claim.

Employee dishonesty, third party fraud or forgery, telephone fraud and third party funds transfer exclusions

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by employee dishonesty or third party funds transfer in relation to:

- 1 any accounting or arithmetical error, omission or unexplained shortage
- 2 any default on a credit or other loan agreement
- 3 any loss of interest, loss of profit or any other indirect financial loss.

We will also not cover your costs of establishing the amount of your direct financial loss

Failure to fund pension, share ownership or employee benefit schemes exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by your failure to fund any pension, share ownership employee benefit or any other similar scheme.

Products liability exclusion

We will not cover any claim, loss or investigation caused by the sale, manufacture, installation or supply of any of your products. This exclusion does not apply to any investigation costs cover and/or any criminal or regulatory proceeding.

Virus exclusion

Other than as provided by **cyber liability cover**, **we** will not pay any **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** caused by the transmission or receipt of a **virus or similar mechanism**.

Meanings of defined terms

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Meanings which apply to the whole policy

These meanings apply throughout your policy. If a word or phrase has a defined meaning, it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used.

Bail costs

Costs agreed with us, to pay for a bond to guarantee an insured person's bail or equivalent in another country as required by a court of law.

Circumstance

Any verbal or written complaint made against you or an insured person that could give rise to a claim. This does not include any routine employee disciplinary action or employee dismissal.

Claim

Any written demand or civil, criminal, arbitration or regulatory proceeding first made against **you** or an **insured person** during the **period of insurance**:

- 1 seeking monetary damages
- 2 seeking a penalty or other legal action and alleging a wrongful act
- 3 alleging an employment practice wrongful act.

Any claims involving the same or essentially the same facts shall be treated as one claim.

Crisis public relations consultants

Specialist crisis public relations consultants as appointed or agreed in writing by **rradar** legal or **us**.

Crisis public relations costs

Costs incurred by the **crisis public relations consultants** following a **claim** and/or **investigation** to prevent, limit or reduce the actual or potential damage to **your** or any **insured person's** reputation from negative publicity or media attention.

Defence costs

Costs agreed with us, in writing, to:

- 1 investigate or defend any claim
- 2 fund an appeal against a ruling or judgement (including payment of an appeal bond).

Employed person

Anyone:

- under a contract of service or apprenticeship with you or a worker as defined in Section 230 of The Employment Rights Act 1996
- 2 who is
 - a employed by you or for you on a labour only basis
 - **b** hired to **you** or borrowed by **you** from another employer
 - a voluntary helper or someone taking part in a work experience or training scheme

and under your control or supervision.

Employment practice claim

- 1 Any claim by any employed person for any actual or alleged:
 - a wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment
 - **b** breach of written or implied contract

- c employment related misrepresentation, wrongful denial of a career opportunity, failure to grant employment or negligent employee evaluation
- d harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies
- e retaliatory treatment
- f defamation or invasion of privacy
- 2 Any other claim happening only as a result of you employing any current, former or prospective employed person.

Employment practice wrongful act

- 1 Any actual or alleged act, conduct, error or omission carried out or attempted by you, an insured person or a third party where you are held to be legally responsible for any actual or alleged:
 - a wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, termination of employment
 - **b** breach of written or implied contract
 - c employment related misrepresentation, wrongful denial of a career opportunity, failure to grant employment or negligent employee evaluation
 - d harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies
 - e retaliatory treatment
 - f defamation or invasion of privacy

2 Any other claim happening only as a result of you employing any current, former or prospective employed person.

Employment related benefits

Any payment to an **insured person** as well as normal salary including:

- 1 payments made or due (including options to purchase, acquire or sell) under a share option
- 2 pension scheme or other employee benefit program incentive or deferred salary.

Excess

The first amount of any claim or claims as detailed in your policy schedule for which you are responsible. The excess applies to loss (as defined in each section of the policy), crisis public relation costs, defence costs and investigation costs, however, it will not apply to any claim successfully defended. The excess will only be charged at the end of any claim or investigation.

Extradition proceeding

Any **claim** or proceeding brought against an **insured person** under United Kingdom extradition law or similar law in any other country.

Insured person

- 1 Any person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, trustee, partner, member or officer of yours
- 2 Any natural person acting in the capacity as a director of yours (not including any administrator, liquidator, receiver or auditor)

- 3 Any shadow director as defined under United Kingdom law or similar legislation in any other country
- 4 Any employed person of yours
- 5 Any trustee of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund operated or administered by you
- 6 The lawful husband, wife, civil or unmarried partner of an insured person described in 1 to 5 above, only because of their relationship, following a claim against the insured person
- 7 The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any insured person above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only in relation to a **claim** against the insured person.

Insolvency hearing costs

Costs incurred by **rradar** in any **insured person's defence costs** in any official investigation into **your** or an **insured person's** affairs following **your** insolvency or administration.

Investigation

Other than investigations by HMRC, any official hearing, investigation, examination, official enquiry or enquiry into **your** or an **insured person's** business carried out by any government department, regulator or third party with legal rights to do so.

For HMRC investigations, investigation is restricted to those enquiries undertaken by the Special Civil Investigations Office under Code of Practice 8 or Code of Practice 9, an enquiry held under section 60 or 61 of the Vat Act 1994 or any matters

handled by the National Investigations Service of HMRC.

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

Investigation costs

Legal and other professional costs and expenses agreed with **us** in writing, incurred directly by **you** or an **insured person** in preparing for and attending any **investigation**.

This does not include salary or any other additional costs of **yours**.

Limit of liability

The amount shown in **your** policy schedule as the limit of liability.

Manslaughter claim

Any court action brought for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide.

Outside company

Any company other than you:

- 1 that is a charity or association, or;
- 2 in which you hold any issued share capital

but this does not include

- a any company registered in the United
 States of America
- **b** any listed company
- c any financial services company.

Period of insurance

The period from the start date to the expiry date of **your** cover, shown in **your** policy schedule.

Policy

The policy and schedule and any endorsements attached or issued.

Pollutant

Any contaminant, irritant or other substance including, but not limited to: asbestos, lead, smoke, vapour, water, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals, waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed).

Pollution

Actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any **pollutant** or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any **pollutant**.

Regulatory mitigation costs

Costs incurred by **you** in reporting and representing **you** following a report to any regulator to reduce or avoid any potential fine or penalty.

Retaliatory treatment

Any actual or alleged action by **you** against an **employed person** as a result of the **employed person** using or trying to use their legal rights.

This includes but is not limited to their rights under employment discrimination statutes.

Safety legislation claim

Any court action alleging a breach of statutory duty under health and safety, consumer protection or food safety legislation.

Subsidiary

Any company where you;

- 1 own more than 50% of the share capital
- 2 have a majority of the voting rights
- 3 have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the company's board of directors
- 4 control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If a company ceases to be a subsidiary cover will continue but only for a **claim** caused by a **wrongful act** carried out before it stopped being a subsidiary.

Tax investigation claim

- 1 Aspect investigation by HM Revenue and Customs
- 2 Full enquiry by HM Revenue and Customs
- 3 A challenge following a compliance review by HM Revenue and Customs
- 4 An appeal to VAT or Duties Tribunal up to and including First Tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal.

Tax investigation will not include:

- a any cost incurred in the normal completion of tax or VAT returns
- b any tax investigation where returns have been submitted more than 30 days after the statutory filing deadline

- c any tax investigation where you or any insured person have failed to maintain proper accounting records
- d any tax investigation where rradar assess HMRC findings to be reasonable and there is no realistic prospect of a successful defence.

Virus or similar mechanism

Program code, programming instruction or any other set of instructions intentionally constructed with the ability to damage, interfere or otherwise adversely affect computer programs, data files or operations whether involving self replication or not including but not limited to trojan horses, worms or logic bombs.

We/us/our

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You/your/yourself

The firm, company or organisation shown in the policy schedule as the insured.

Meanings which apply to the Directors', officers' and trustees' liability section

These meanings apply within the Directors', officers' and trustees' liability section of your policy.

If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used in the Directors', officers' and trustees' liability section.

Deprivation of asset expenses

Costs and expenses of any **insured person** paid directly to the provider of the services listed below as a direct result

of any interim or interlocutory order confiscating or suspending the rights of ownership over personal assets or real property of any **insured person** during the **period of insurance**

- 1 schooling
- 2 housing;
- 3 utilities; or
- 4 personal insurances.

Such costs and expenses shall only be paid where a personal allowance has been directed by a Court to meet such payments and that personal allowance has been exhausted.

Loss

Costs and expenses of any claimant and monetary regulatory penalties which an **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay and incurred with **our** prior written agreement, to investigate or defend a **claim** against any **insured person** and this will include

- 1 defence costs and investigation costs
- 2 awards of damages (including punitive and exemplary damages where legally allowed)
- 3 pre and post judgement interest on a judgement or award covered by this section
- 4 settlements

but this will not include any criminal fines or penalties, taxes (other than those covered under the Tax cover), salary or **employment related benefits**. Civil fines are covered only where they are insurable under United Kingdom law.

Policy territories

Worldwide other than the United States of America.

Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission carried out or attempted by an **insured person** during the performance of their duties but only in their role as **your** director, officer or **employed person** including:

- breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty
- 2 breach of trust
- 3 negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation
- 4 defamation
- 5 wrongful trading as defined under United Kingdom law
- 6 breach of warranty or authority
- 7 any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly carried out or attempted by an insured person only because of their position as a director, officer or employed person of yours.

You/your

In addition to the policy definition this will include:

- 1 a subsidiary, and any subsidiary created or acquired during the period of insurance provided that the newly created or acquired subsidiary:
 - **a** is not registered in the United States of America; or
 - does not trade any of its securities on any United States of America exchange;

But only for a **claim** against an **insured person** caused by a **wrongful act** carried out after the date of creation or acquisition.

2 any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours.

Meanings which apply to the Employment practices liability section

These meanings apply within the Employment practices liability section of **your policy**.

If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used in the Employment practices liability section.

Loss

Costs and expenses of any claimant which you or an insured person becomes legally liable to pay and incurred with our prior written consent, to investigate or defend a claim against you or any insured person and this will include:

- 1 defence costs and investigation costs
- 2 awards of damages (including punitive and exemplary damages where legally allowed)
- 3 pre and post judgement interest on a judgement or award covered by this section
- 4 settlements

But this will not include any civil, regulatory or criminal fines or penalties, salary or **employment related benefits**.

Policy territories

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

You/your

In addition to the policy definition this will include:

1 a subsidiary, and any subsidiary created or acquired during the period of insurance provided that the newly created or acquired subsidiary is not registered outside of the United Kingdom;

But only for a **claim** against you or an **insured person** caused by a **wrongful act** carried out after the date of creation or acquisition.

2 any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours.

Meanings which apply to the Company or association legal liability section

These meanings apply within the Company or association legal liability section of **your policy**.

If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used in the Company or association legal liability section.

Cyber liability claim

Any **claim** made against **you** by a third party for damage caused by **your** electronic systems.

Identity fraud

Any agreement entered into by anyone other than **you**, pretending to be **you**, for the purpose of committing a criminal or malicious act.

Infringement of copyright

Infringement of copyright, patent, trademark or any other intellectual property rights.

Loss

Costs and expenses of any claimant which you become legally liable to pay and incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate or defend a claim against you and this will include:

- 1 defence costs and investigation costs
- 2 awards of damages (including punitive and exemplary damages where legally allowed)
- 3 pre and post judgement interest on a judgement or award covered by this section
- 4 settlements

But this will not include any criminal fines or penalties, taxes, salary or **employment related benefits**.

Civil regulatory penalties are covered only where they are insurable under United Kingdom law and are restricted to the following:

- a Fees for intervention payments due under Health & Safety (Fees) Regulations 2012
- **b** Penalties due under Pensions Act 2008, 2004 and earlier legislation

 Environment Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency or equivalent fees following an investigation.

Products

Products that **you** supply, provide or deliver including containers, packaging, labelling, instructions, advice and services in connection with **your** product.

Policy territories

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Telephone fraud

The dishonest access and use of **your** telephone sytems by any third party.

Third party fraud or forgery

- 1 The signing, creation or alteration of any cheque, draft, promissory note or other written or electronic instrument with the intention to deceive.
- 2 Telephonic or written instructions acted on by you when the instructions are purported to have come from an insured person, client, customer, supplier or financial institution but have in fact come from a fraudster.

Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission carried out or attempted by **you** including but not limited to:

- breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty
- 2 breach of trust

Meanings of defined terms continued

- 3 negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation
- 4 breach of warranty or authority.

You/your

In addition to the policy definition this will include:

- 1 a subsidiary, and any subsidiary created or acquired during the period of insurance as long as the newly created or acquired subsidiary is not registered outside of the United Kingdom;
 - But only for a **claim** against you caused by a **wrongful act** carried out after the date of creation or acquisition.
- 2 Any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours.

Making a complaint

AXA Insurance aims to provide the highest standard of service to every customer.

If our service does not meet your expectations we want to hear about it so we can try to put things right.

All complaints **we** receive are taken seriously. Following the steps below will help **us** understand **your** concerns and give **you** a fair response.

How to make your complaint

The majority of complaints can be resolved quickly and satisfactorily by the department you are dealing with. If your complaint relates to a claim on your policy, please contact the department dealing with your claim. If your complaint relates to anything else, please contact the agent or AXA office where your policy was purchased. Telephone contact is often the most effective way to resolve complaints quickly.

Alternatively you can write to us at

AXA Insurance complaints



AXA Insurance Commercial complaints AXA House 4 Parklands Lostock Bolton BL6 4SD

All claims complaints:



Tel: 01204 815359



Email: commercial. complaints@ axa-insurance. co.uk

When **you** make contact please tell **us** the following information:

- Name, address and postcode, telephone number and email address (if you have one).
- Your policy and/or claim number, and the type of policy you hold.
- The name of **your** insurance agent/firm (if applicable).
- The reason for **your** complaint.

Any written correspondence should be headed 'COMPLAINT' and **you** may include copies of supporting material.

Beyond AXA

Should you remain dissatisfied following our final written response, you may be eligible to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

The FOS is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products. The FOS can only consider your complaint if we have given you our final decision.

You have six months from the date of our final response to refer your complaint to the FOS. This does not affect your right to take legal action.

The Financial Ombudsman Service



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Telephone: 0800 023 4567* or 0300 123 9123**

Fax: 020 7964 1001



Email: complaint.info@ financial-ombudsman. org.uk

Website:

www.financialombudsman.org.uk

Our promise to you

We will

- Acknowledge written complaints promptly.
- Investigate your complaint quickly and thoroughly.
- Keep you informed of progress of your complaint.
- Do everything possible to resolve your complaint.
- Learn from our mistakes.
- Use the information from complaints to continuously improve **our** service.

Telephone calls may be monitored and recorded.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

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

The European Commission has also provided an Online Dispute Resolution Service for logging complaints.
To use this service please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/odr

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