

# Healthcare Malpractice and Broadform Liability Policy Wording



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# General Information & Important Notices

# How We protect Your privacy

We use information provided by **Our** customers to allow **Us** to offer **Our** products and services. This means **We** may need to collect **Your** personal information, and sometimes sensitive information about **You** as well (for example, **Your** claims history). **We** will collect this information directly from **You** where possible, but there may be occasions when **We** collect this information from someone else.

**We** will only use **Your** information for the purposes for which it was collected, other related purposes and as permitted or required by law. **You** may choose not to give **Us Your** information, but this may affect **Our** ability to provide **You** with insurance cover.

**We** may share this information with companies within **Our** group, government and law enforcement bodies if required by law and others who provide services to **Us** or on **Our** behalf, some of which may be located outside of Australia.

By applying for, using or renewing any of **Our** products or services, or providing **Us** with **Your** information, **You** agree to this information being collected, held, used and disclosed as set out in this policy.

**You** can access **Our** privacy policy at <u>www.pacificindemnity.com.au/privacy-policy.</u>

**You** can access the Insurers privacy policies on their websites at either: <u>CGU.com.au/privacy</u> or <u>zurich.com.au/important-information/privacy</u>

# **General Insurance Code of Practice**

**We** proudly support the General Insurance Code of Practice (Code). The purpose of the Code is to raise the standards of practice and service in the general insurance industry. The objectives of the Code are:

- to commit Us to high standards of service;
- to promote better, more-informed relations between **Us** and **You**;
- to maintain and promote trust and confidence in the general insurance industry;
- to provide fair and effective mechanisms for resolving complaints **You** make about **Us**; and
- to promote continuous improvement of the general insurance industry through education and training.

The Code Governance Committee is an independent body that monitors and enforces insurers' compliance with the Code.

# **Our service commitment**

**We** are proud of **Our** service standards and support the General Insurance Code of Practice. In an unlikely event that **You** are not satisfied with the way in which **We** have dealt with **You**, as part of **Our** commitment to customer service, **We** have an internal dispute resolution process in place to deal with any complaint **You** may have.

Please contact **Us** if **You** have a complaint, including if **You** are not satisfied with any of the following:

- one of Our products;
- · Our service;
- the service of Our authorised representatives;
- Our claims representatives; or
- Our decision on Your claim.

**Our** staff will help **You** in any way they can. If they are unable to satisfy **Your** concerns, they will refer the matter to their supervisor or manager. If the manager cannot resolve the matter, the manager will escalate the matter to **Our** Internal Dispute Resolution Department. Details of **Our** internal dispute resolution process are available from **Our** office.

# **Intermediary Remuneration**

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd pays remuneration to insurance intermediaries when **We** issue, renew or vary a policy the intermediary has arranged or referred to **Us**. The type and amount of remuneration varies and may include commission and other payments. If **You** require more information about remuneration **We** may pay **Your** intermediary **You** should ask **Your** intermediary.

# **CGU** and **Zurich**

This **Policy** is jointly issued on a co-insurance basis whereby each insurer provides cover under the same terms and conditions but with a limited share of liability. Insurance Australia Limited ABN 11 000 016 722 AFSL 227681, trading as CGU Insurance (CGU) provides cover for 75% of the liability under Policy A - Professional Indemnity Policy. Zurich Australian Insurance Limited ABN 13 000 296 640 AFSL 232507 (Zurich) provides cover for 25% of the liability under Policy A - Professional Indemnity Policy and 100% of the liability under Policy B - Broadform Liability Policy.

# CGU's contact details are:

Level 13, Tower Two, Darling Park, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney NSW 2000 Telephone. 1800 045 517

# Zurich's contact details are:

118 Mount Street, North Sydney NSW 2060 Telephone. 132 687

In the first instance, **You** should contact Pacific Indemnity in relation to this insurance.

# **Pacific Indemnity**

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 14 606 511 639 AFSL 480863 (Pacific Indemnity) has developed this **Policy**, which is jointly underwritten by CGU and Zurich.

Pacific Indemnity has authority from CGU and Zurich, pursuant to a binder arrangement, to arrange, enter into/bind and administer this insurance (including handling and settling claims). This means that when issuing this **Policy**, Pacific Indemnity will be acting as an agent



for CGU and Zurich, not for You.

# Pacific Indemnity's contact details are:

Level 3, 84 William Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000

PO Box 2, Collins Street West, Melbourne VIC 8007 Telephone. (03) 9042 3506

# Wholesale only

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd is only licensed to offer or provide General Insurance products or services to wholesale clients as defined by the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).



# Policy A - Professional Indemnity Policy

# **Insuring Clauses**

We will pay to You or on Your behalf all awards of damages and awards of claimant's costs against You resulting from any Claim for Civil Liability arising from the provision of Healthcare Services in Private Practice by or on behalf of the Named Insured.

We do this only for Claims which:

- a) are made against You during the Period of Insurance; and
- We are told about in writing as soon as reasonably possible during the Period of Insurance; and
- arise out of an act error or omission after the Retroactive Date, if any, specified in the **Schedule**.

We will also pay on Your behalf (and as needed advance) the Claim Investigation Costs for Covered Claims. We are not however obliged to defend, or to continue to defend, and Claim or pay, or continue to pay, Claim Investigation Costs, once the Policy Limit (or the Sub Limit, as the case may be) has been exhausted.

All **Cover** provided under this **Policy** is subject to the Insuring Clauses and all the **Policy** terms, conditions, exclusions and limits contained in or endorsed on this **Policy** and the payment of the Gross Premium stated in the **Schedule**.

# **Insuring Clause clarifications**

For clarity, and subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limits of the **Policy**, **Civil Liability Covered** by this **Policy** includes (but is not necessarily limited to) liability for the following arising from the provision of **Healthcare Services** in **Private Practice** for the following:

- Malpractice, including for unpaid volunteer and Good Samaritan Healthcare Services;
- · Breach of confidentiality;
- Breach of privacy;
- Defamation;
- Loss of or damage to **Documents** (to the full **Policy Limit**);
- Liability for the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions of persons for whom **You** are responsible

   vicarious liability (subject to the Additional Special Provisions for Misappropriation of Money, Dishonesty & Fraud):
- Intellectual Property breaches;
- Breaches of the consumer protection provisions of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) and corresponding consumer protection provisions of New Zealand and Australian state and territories Fair Trading legislation and any antecedents to any of this legislation (but not for criminal liability in respect of any such matters);

- Misleading and deceptive conduct breaches under the Australian Securities and Investment Commission Act 2001(Cth);
- · Unintentional breaches of warranty of authority.

# **Extensions**

Each of the following extensions automatically applies unless otherwise stated in the endorsements or the **Schedule**. Each of the extensions is subject to the Insuring Clause and all other terms, exclusions, conditions and the **Policy Limit** of this **Policy**, unless otherwise expressly stated.

# **Practice Staff**

**Cover** is extended to **Your Practice Staff** (except for any **Medical Practitioner**), for amounts for which they become legally liable for **Civil Liability** in respect of **Claims** made against them arising from **Healthcare Services** (as otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**) which they have provided for **You** or on **Your** behalf.

# **Telehealth**

**Cover** is extended to **You** for **Claims** (as otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**), which are made against **You** arising out of **Telehealth Healthcare Services** to patients within Australia.

# Advice on goods sold

**Cover** is extended to **You** in respect of **Your** liability for **Claims** made against **You** in relation to negligent advice provided by **You** associated with the sale or supply of any goods or products, directly in connection with the provision of **Healthcare Services**.

# Enquiries – legal costs cover – including for regulatory, licensing, disciplinary or coronial enquiries

For those **Enquiries** of which **You** first become aware (and of which **We** are told about in writing as soon as reasonably possible) while this **Policy** is in force, **We Cover You** and **Your Employees** up to a **Sub Limit** of \$250,000 in the aggregate in respect of **Claim Investigation Costs** for **Your** representation at any such **Enquiry**. This **Cover** does not extend to paying **Your** regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees, or those of **Your Employees**.

The Excess applicabe to the Cover under this extension is the Excess stated in the Schedule.



# **Court Attendance Costs**

For any person described in a) and b) below who is required to physically attend at Court for the purposes of giving evidence as a witness in connection with a **Covered Claim**, then it is agreed that **Claim Investigation Costs** will include the following payments, per day on which attendance in court is required:

- a) Payable to any Principal or Former Principal \$500
- b) Payable to any Employee \$250

No Excess shall apply to the Cover provided under this extension.

# **Public Relations Cover**

**We** will pay the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses of a public relations consultant retained by **You** with **Our** prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld) to design and implement a **Publicity Campaign** approved by **Us**, to prevent or mitigate damage to **Your** reputation in consequence of a **Covered Claim** arising from the provision of **Healthcare Services**.

**Our** total liability for the payment of such fees, costs and expenses under this extension shall not exceed a **Sub Limit** of \$50,000 any one claim and \$100,000 in the aggregate, which is included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

The Excess applicable to the Cover provided under this extension is the Excess specified in the Schedule for each and every Publicity Campaign.

# **Privacy Remediation Expenses**

We will pay, on Your behalf, Privacy Remediation Expenses in respect of a privacy breach event which is notified to Us during the Period of Insurance, subject to a Sub Limit of \$100,000 any one privacy breach event and in the aggregate for all such privacy breach events.

# **Sexual misconduct defence Costs**

We Cover Your Claim Investigation Costs for proceedings brought against You during the Period of Insurance in respect of actual or alleged molestation or physical abuse of a person by any of Your Employees. This extension does not provide Cover to any of You who committed or condoned the actual or alleged molestation or abuse.

Our total liability for the payment of such Claim Investigation Costs shall not exceed a Sub Limit of \$50,000 in the aggregate, which is included within and not in addition to the Policy Limit.

# **Vicarious Liability**

The performance of **Healthcare Services** by **You** includes, for the purpose of this **Policy**, acts, errors or omissions of:

 a) another person who **You** are observing, supervising, mentoring or teaching; or

# b) a locum

in the provision of care, treatment, advice, service or goods (consistent with **Your** modality of practice) and which are intended for the physical or mental health of **Your** patient,

In the event this other person is a **Healthcare Professional** or a locum (as the case may be) then **You** must require and take reasonable steps to ensure that they hold their own current malpractice insurance at all relevant times. Such other **Healthcare Professional**(s) or locum(s) are not **Covered** under this extension.

# **Electronic Health Records Breach**

**We** will **Cover You** for any **Claim** for **Civil Liability** directly arising from any unintentional breach of confidentiality owed by **You** to a patient arising from **Your** use of the 'My Health Record', as defined in the *My Health Records Act 2012 (Cth)* or under any amended, replacement, re-enactment, successor, equivalent or similar Federal or state and territory legislation.

# Medicare fraud defence and investigation costs

We will Cover You for Claim Investigation Costs reasonably and necessarily incurred by You to successfully defend a complaint which is first made against You and notified to Us in the Period of Insurance in relation to any alleged dishonest, fraudulent or criminal act, error or omission in connection with the Medicare benefits scheme in the course of Healthcare Services performed by You.

To the extent that **We** advance any **Claim Investigation Costs** under this extension and **You** are unsuccessful in defending any such allegation of dishonest, fraudulent or criminal act error or omission then **You** shall as soon as reasonably possible, at **Our** request, reimburse to **Us** any **Claim Investigation Costs** so advanced.

**Our** total liability for **Claim Investigation Costs** under this extension shall not exceed the **Sub Limit** of \$50,000 in the annual aggregate, which is included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

# **Continuous Cover**

**We Cover You** for any **Claim**, otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**, arising from a **Known Circumstance** (notwithstanding the exclusion for **Claims** arising from **Known Circumstances** within this **Policy**) if:

- there has been no fraudulent non-disclosure or fraudulent misrepresentation in respect of such Known Circumstance; and
- We were Your professional liability insurer when You first knew of such Known Circumstance; and
- We continued without interruption to be Your professional liability insurer up until this Policy came into effect; and



- d) had We been notified by You of the Known Circumstance when You first knew of it, You would have been entitled to Cover under the policy in force at that time but are not now entitled to be Covered by that policy, and You would (but for the Claims or Facts Which May Give Rise To Any Claim or Loss or Liability or Enquiry exclusion of this Policy) otherwise be Covered under this Policy; and
- e) neither the Claim nor Known Circumstance have previously been notified to Us or to any other insurer.

If **You** were entitled to have given notice under any other policy of insurance but did not (for whatever reason) and have therefore lost an entitlement to indemnity, then this Continuous Cover extension does not apply to provide indemnity under this **Policy** to the extent that indemnity would have otherwise been available to **You** had you provided the notice required under that other policy of insurance.

**We** may reduce the amount **We** pay out under this extension by the amount that fairly represents the extent to which **Our** interests were prejudiced in consequence of any delayed notification to **Us**.

The **Policy Limit** of the **Cover We** provide under this extension is the lesser available under the terms of the policy in force at the earlier time referred to in paragraph d) above, or under this **Policy**. The terms of this **Policy** otherwise apply.

# Prior Corporate Entities and Former Subsidiaries - Run-off Cover

This **Policy** extends to **Cover** (as if they were **You**):

- a) corporate entities through which the Named Insured previously traded, in the course of the provision of Healthcare Services in Private Practice, provided that those corporate entities are still owned by the Named Insured; and
- b) any of **Your** former **Subsidiary** companies or other former incorporated entities,

provided that such **Cover** shall only apply in respect of:

- (i) Claims arising from the provision of Healthcare Services; and
- (ii) acts, errors or omissions which occurred after the Retroactive Date specified in the Schedule and prior to the date on which such Subsidiary ceased to be Your Subsidiary or ceased to trade.

This extension of **Cover**, however, is subject to receipt by **Us**, at the time of any such **Covered Claim**, of an express written request from the **Named Insured** under the **Policy** to extend the **Cover**.

# **Mergers & Newly Acquired Subsidiaries**

This **Policy** extends to **Cover** entities (practicing in the same professional discipline as **You**), in respect of **Claims** arising from the provision of **Healthcare Services** of substantially the same type as those **Covered** by this **Policy**. This **Cover** is only an interim cover for a maximum of thirty days from the date of the merger or acquisition (or until the **Policy** expires if that is sooner). **We** may agree to extend this period (subject to additional premium) after receipt of a satisfactory underwriting submission in respect of the merged or acquired entity. The Retroactive Date for such **Cover** is deemed to be the date of the merger with or acquisition by **You** unless **We** otherwise agree in writing.

# Run-off cover until policy expiry date following mergers, acquisitions and winding up

In the event that a **Run-Off Event** occurs to **You** during the **Period of Insurance** specified in the **Schedule**, then the **Cover** provided by this **Policy** shall continue until the expiry date of this **Policy** but only in respect of any **Claim** otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy** arising from any act, error or omission prior to the date of the **Run-Off Event**.

# Cover to Spouse, domestic partner, Estates, Administrators & Executors and Legal Representatives

If **You**, or anyone entitled to **Cover** under this **Policy**, dies or becomes legally incompetent or insolvent, **We Cover Your** spouse, domestic partner, estate, legal representative or assigns, or the party entitled to **Cover**, to the same extent as **Cover** would otherwise have been available to **You**, but only in respect of **Your** acts errors or omissions and not of the spouse, domestic partner, estate, administrator, executor, legal representatives or assigns.

# **Non-Renewal Extended Notification Period**

- a) In the event that this **Policy** is not renewed or is cancelled for any reason, other than fraud or non-payment of premium, then **You** have until such time that **You** effect another insurance policy which **Covers** substantially the same risk as this **Policy**, either with **Us** or any other insurer(s), or a period of thirty (30) days commencing on the day immediately following expiry/cancellation of this **Policy**, whichever is sooner, to notify **Us** of any **Claims** made against **You** while this **Policy** is in force;
- b) **Cover** under this extension:
  - does not reinstate or increase the Policy Limit or extend the Period of Insurance.
  - (ii) will only apply to acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed by **You** before the end of the **Period of Insurance** or the cancellation date of this **Policy** where this **Policy** has been cancelled; and
  - (iii) is limited to Claims and Enquiries arising from an act, error or omission which occurred on or after the Retroactive Date specified in the Schedule.



# What is not Covered

We do not Cover You for or in respect of:

# Claims or Facts Which May Give Rise To Any Claim or Loss or Liability or Enquiry

**Claims**, or facts which may give rise to any **Claim** or loss or liability or **Enquiry**:

- a) known to **You** at the inception date of this **Policy**; or
- b) arising from a **Known Circumstance**; or
- directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any **Known Circumstance** or known **Claims**, losses, liabilities or **Enquiries**; or
- d) disclosed in the **Proposal** or arising from or associated with facts or circumstances disclosed in the **Proposal**; or
- e) where the **Policy** is endorsed or amended mid-term, arising from a **Known Circumstance** (from the effective date of the amendment or endorsement) to the extent that the **Claim** would not have been **Covered** by the **Policy** before such endorsement or amendment.

# **Foreign Courts**

# Claims:

- a) first brought in or determined pursuant to the laws of, the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their territories or protectorates; or
- b) arising out of the enforcement of judgments, orders or awards obtained in or determined pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their territories or protectorates; or
- where the proper law of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their territories or protectorates is applied to any of the issues in any Claim or Covered Claim, Covered by this Policy.

# **Assumed duty or obligation**

# Claims which:

- allege a liability under a contractual warranty, guarantee or undertaking (unless the liability would have existed regardless of the contractual warranty, guarantee or undertaking); or
- arise from circumstances where a right of contribution or indemnity has been given up by **You**; or
- arise from circumstances where someone has done work or provided services under an arrangement or agreement with **You** which limits any potential right for **You** to receive contribution or indemnity from that person; or

- d) arise from any **Civil Liability** which **You** agree to accept in connection with the provision of the **Healthcare Services** which is more onerous than that which **You** would otherwise have at common or statute law; or
- e) arise from any business not conducted for or on behalf of the Named Insured.

# **Related parties**

Claims against any of You brought by or on behalf of:

- a) any other of **You**; or
- any company in respect of which **You** or any person or party specified in a) above holds (beneficially or otherwise) more than 10% of the voting shares or rights and/or an executive role; or
- any trust in respect of which **You** or any person or party specified in a) above is a trustee and/or beneficiary and/or has a direct or indirect financial interest; or
- any other person, firm or incorporated body having control of over 10% or more of the voting shares or rights or an executive role in the operation of the **Named Insured**.

# **Refund of Healthcare Fees and Trading Debts**

# Claims:

- for (or calculated by reference to) the refund of Healthcare Services fees or charges (by way of damages, offset or otherwise): or
- for the costs and expenses incurred by **You** or on **Your** behalf in complying with any contractual obligations or making good any faulty product; or
- c) directly or indirectly arising from the provision of cost guarantees, estimates of probable costs, estimates of probable financial savings or contract price or cost estimates being exceeded; or
- related to a liability to pay trading debts, or the repayment of any loan.

# **Profit**

Any forgone or un-realised profit. In particular, there is no **Cover** under this **Policy** for any component of profit which would have been derived or derivable by **You** from the sale or supply of any goods, services or rights by **You** or on **Your** behalf.

# Insolvency

Liability or loss directly or indirectly arising out of **Your** insolvency, bankruptcy or liquidation.



# **Goods & Workmanship**

**Claims** directly or indirectly arising from:

- a) the manufacture, maintenance, installation, assembly, processing, sale, supply or distribution of goods or products by **You** or on **Your** behalf (other than advice associated with the sale or supply of goods or products directly in connection with the provision by **You** of **Healthcare Services**); or
- workmanship in manufacture, fabrication, construction, erection, installation, assembly, alteration, maintenance, servicing, remediation, repair, demolition or disassembly (including any materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection therewith) by **You** or on **Your** behalf; or from supervision of such workmanship by any of **You**.

# Employers Liability, Directors' & Officers' Liability, Occupier's Liability, Motor, Marine, Aircraft

# Claims:

- a) directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to or in consequence of **Your** liability as an employer; or
- for bodily injury (including mental anguish or emotional distress), sickness, disease or death of any **Employee**, apprentice, contractor, volunteer or any worker who is under **Your** direction, control and/or supervision or for whose workplace safety **You** are responsible; or
- arising out of or in respect of actual or alleged unlawful discrimination (or other unlawful act, error or omission) by any of **You** against any **Employee** or employment applicant; or
- arising out of or in respect of actual or alleged acts, errors or omissions of any of **You** who is a director or officer of any incorporated body and while acting in that capacity; or
- e) arising from occupation (or alleged occupation) of land or buildings by any of **You**; or
- arising from or in respect of **Your** liability as an owner or operator of any aircraft, marine craft or motor vehicles of any kind.

# **Punitive & Exemplary & Liquidated Damages**

For punitive, aggravated or exemplary or liquidated damages or for fines or penalties. Further, this **Policy** does not provide **Cover** for any investigation or defence costs associated with such damages, fines or penalties.

# **Intentional or Dishonest Damage or Loss**

Intentional or dishonest damage or loss:

- arising from Your acts, errors, omissions or conduct, or acts, errors, omissions or conduct by a party otherwise entitled to Cover under this Policy, with the intention (or with reckless disregard for the consequences) of either:
  - causing loss, damage or injury (including mental or emotional damage); or

- (ii) depriving a third party (or another of **You**) of a tangible or intangible asset or thing to which they are entitled; or
- arising from any wilful breach of any statute, contract or duty by **You**; or
- arising from Your fraudulent or dishonest or criminal or malicious acts or omissions or conduct.

This exclusion does not restrict **Cover** otherwise provided under the **Policy** for vicarious liability for the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions of persons for whom **You** are responsible.

# Sexual misconduct, harassment, bullying or discrimination

**Claims** arising from any sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, bullying or discrimination associated with the provision or purported or alleged provision of **Healthcare Services** by **You**.

# **Inappropriate practices**

**Claims** alleging **Your** engagement in inappropriate practice within the meaning of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth).

# **Communicable disease**

**Claims** arising from any communicable disease that **You** had at the inception of the **Policy**, which **You** knew or ought reasonably to have known or suspected that **You** had; or arising from any communicable disease where **You** are diagnosed with the disease within 3 months of the date that this **Policy** incepted.

# **Transmission of contagious disease**

**Claims** arising from the transmission of a contagious disease or virus by **You** if **You** knew or should reasonably have known or suspected that **You** were carrying the disease or virus.

# Intoxication

**Claims** arising from the provision of any **Healthcare Services** while **You** are under the influence of an intoxicant, narcotic or other drugs affecting or which may affect neurocognitive competence.

# Breach of registration or lack of qualifications

Any **Claim** arising from any **Healthcare Service You** have provided:

- a) when You were not registered as a Healthcare Professional and You were required (by any law, rule or regulation) to be registered; or
- which are in breach of terms, conditions, undertakings or limitations on **Your** registration as a **Healthcare Professional**; or
- where You have not completed the recognised training for or lack the qualifications to provide such Healthcare Services.



# **Clinical Trial**

**Claims** arising from **Healthcare Services** which **You** provide in relation to a **Clinical Trial**, which trial is not expressly specified on the **Schedule** to this **Policy**.

# **Public Patients**

Claims arising from Healthcare Services for Public Patients.

# **Medical Practitioners**

**Claims** against **Medical Practitioners**, or against **You** arising from the acts, errors or omissions of **Medical Practitioners** regardless of whether such **Medical Practitioners** are employed by **You** or were acting as **Your** contractor.

# **Pregnancy termination**

**Claims** arising, whether directly or indirectly, out of any operation to terminate pregnancy unless medically indicated.

# Voluntary euthanasia

**Claims** arising directly out of any procedure or advice rendered concerning voluntary euthanasia.

# **De-Registration**

**Claims** arising from acts, errors or omissions by or on **Your** behalf which occurred at a time when a statutory registration or licence (which was required by law in order for **You** to be entitled to practice or provide the **Healthcare Services**) was not held, was cancelled or suspended or was otherwise not current or valid for the **Healthcare Services** provided.

# **Asbestos**

**Claims** which would not have arisen but for or in respect of the existence of aspectos.

# **Radioactivity & Nuclear Hazards**

# Claims arising from:

- a) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear material; or
- the hazardous properties of any nuclear explosive, assembly or component.

This exclusion however does not apply to **Claims** arising from the use of radio-isotopes, radium or radium compounds when used in or incidental to medical procedures and away from the place where such substances are made.

# **War & Uprisings**

**Claims** arising directly from:

- a) war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, civil or military uprisings, hostilities (even if war is not declared), or government power being taken unlawfully; or
- property being taken, damaged or destroyed by a government or public or local authority.

# **Terrorism**

**Claims** directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or arising out of or in connection with:

- a) any act of **Terrorism** regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss, damage, illness, injury, death, cost or expense; or
- b) any action in controlling, preventing, suppressing, retaliating against, or responding to any act of **Terrorism**.

# **Pollution**

**Claims** arising directly or indirectly from the discharge, dispersal, release or escape of **Pollutants** into or upon land, the atmosphere, or any water course or body of water.

# **Sanctions**

**We** will not be liable to provide any **Cover** or provide any benefit under this **Policy** (including any refund of premium), to the extent that such **Cover**, **Claim**, benefit or refund may contravene or expose **Us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or any trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of any country.

# **Limits & GST**

**Cover** under this **Policy** shall not exceed the **Policy Limit** for any one **Claim** or series of **Claims** (including **Covered Claims**) arising from the same or interrelated acts, errors or omissions. For the purposes of this **Policy**, all such **Claims** shall be deemed to have been made against **You** in the earliest **Period of Insurance** in which such a **Claim** is first made against **You** (or during which **You** first become aware of facts that might give rise to a **Claim**).

Where the same **Claim** is made against more than one of **You** then the limit is not increased by reason of the number of persons against whom the **Claim** is made.

# **Aggregate Policy Limit**

Subject to the above and the following qualifications, **We** will provide **Cover** to a maximum of twice the **Policy Limit** for all **Claims Covered** by this **Policy**.



# **Aggregate Limit qualifications**

To the extent permitted by law, if there is other insurance cover available to **You**, then subject to Section 45 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth), **Cover** in excess of one **Policy Limit** (up to a maximum of twice the **Policy Limit**) is only available for so much of the liability (otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**) which is not **Covered** by such insurance.

# **Limit of Cover for Claim Investigation Costs**

Where **Cover** is provided under this **Policy** for any **Claim**, then **Claim Investigation Costs** are payable in respect of that **Claim** in addition to the **Policy Limit** but only up to an amount equal to the **Policy Limit**. The aggregate amount **We** will pay in total for **Claim Investigation Costs** for or in respect of all **Claims Covered** by this **Policy** shall not exceed an amount equal to twice the **Policy Limit**.

# **Sub Limits**

If this **Policy** or the **Schedule** indicates any **Sub Limits** for specific types of **Cover** under this **Policy**, then the applicable **Sub Limits** and not the **Policy Limit** apply only to these **Claims**. These **Sub Limits** are included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

# **GST Input Tax Credits**

- a) Where and to the extent that **We** are entitled to claim an Input Tax Credit for a payment made under the **Policy**, then any monetary limit in the **Policy** on **Our** obligation to make such a payment, shall be net of **Our** entitlement to the Input Tax Credit.
- b) Where and to the extent that You are entitled to claim an Input Tax Credit for a payment required to be made by You as an Excess, then the amount of the Excess shall be net of Your entitlement to the Input Tax Credit.
- c) Where payment is made under this **Policy** for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any Input Tax Credit that **You** are, or will be, entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth) in relation to that acquisition, whether or not that acquisition is made.
- d) Where payment is made under this **Policy** as compensation instead of payment for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any Input Tax Credit that **You** would have been entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth) had the payment been applied to acquire such goods, services or other supply.

# **Claim Conditions**

**You** have certain responsibilities that are set out in this section and in the **Policy**. These responsibilities also apply to any person that is **Covered** by the **Policy**.

If **You** do not meet these responsibilities, **We** may refuse to pay a **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or reduce **Cover** under the **Policy**. **We** may also decide to cancel the **Policy** if permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth).

The course of action **We** take when **You** fail to do any of these things will be considered in each circumstance based on what impact or effect **Your** failure to do so caused or contributed to the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or changes **Our** liability under the **Policy**.

# Investigation, defence and settlement of Claims

#### We must be told about Claims

**You** must tell **Us** in writing about any **Claim** or losses as soon as reasonably possible and while this **Policy** is in force. If this is not done, **Your** right to **Cover** under this **Policy** may be affected.

# Claims co-operation

# Each of You must:

- a) diligently do, and allow to be done, everything reasonably practicable to avoid or lessen Your liability in relation to a Claim (or Covered Claim) or loss otherwise Covered by this Policy; and
- as soon as reasonably possible give to **Us** the help and information that **We** may reasonably require to:
  - (i) investigate, mitigate and defend a **Claim** or loss; and
  - (ii) determine Our liability under this Policy.

**We** will only request information and documents relevant to handling **Your** claim and **We** will explain why it is needed.

# We can protect Our position

When **We** receive a notification of a **Claim**, or **Covered Claim**, then **We** can take whatever action **We** consider appropriate to protect **Our** position.

This does not, however:

- a) indicate that any of **You** is entitled to be **Covered** under this **Policy**; or
- b) prejudice **Our** rights under the **Policy** or at law.



We can manage the Claim (or Covered Claim) on Your behalf

#### We can:

- take over and defend or settle any Claim (or Covered Claim) in Your name; and
- claim in Your name, any right that You may have for contribution or indemnity.

**We** will act reasonably in exercising this right. **We** will keep **You** reasonably informed and updated with the progress of any such matter.

You must not admit liability for or settle any Claim (or Covered Claim)

#### You must not:

- a) admit liability for, or settle any Claim (or Covered Claim); or
- incur any Claim Investigation Costs without first obtaining Our written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld). If Our prior written consent is not obtained, Your right to Cover under this Policy may be affected.

# Your right to contest

If **You** elect not to consent to a settlement that **We** recommend and **You** want to contest or continue the dispute or legal proceedings, then **We** will only **Cover You** (subject to the **Policy Limit**) for:

- a) the amount **We** could have settled the matter for; less
- b) the relevant **Excess** specified in the **Schedule**; plus
- the Claim Investigation Costs calculated to the date You elected not to consent to the settlement.

# **Senior Counsel**

Unless a **Senior Counsel**, that **We** and **You** both agree to instruct, advises that the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** should be contested, then to the extent permitted by law (subject to Section 43 of the Insurance Contracts Act) 1984 (Cth) neither **We** nor **You** can require the other to contest any legal proceedings about a **Claim** if the other does not agree to do so.

In formulating his or her advice, **Senior Counsel** must be instructed to consider the economics of the matter, having regard to but not limited to:

- a) the damages and costs likely to be recovered; and
- b) the likely costs of defence; and
- Your prospects of successfully defending the Claim or Covered Claim.

The cost of **Senior Counsel**'s opinion will form part of the **Claim Investigation Costs**.

If **Senior Counsel** advises that the matter should be or is appropriate to be settled and if the terms of settlement which **We** recommend are within limits which are reasonable (in **Senior Counsel**'s opinion and in the light of the matters he/she is required to consider), then **You**:

- a) cannot (subject to the provisions herein under the heading "Your right to contest") object to the settlement; and
- b) will be required to pay the relevant **Excess** specified in the **Schedule** as soon as reasonably possible.

# **Payments to settle potential Claims**

Any money **We** pay to settle anything which might give rise to a **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**), is taken to be:

- a) a payment to settle a Claim (or Covered Claim); and
- b) a payment for the purpose of calculating the total of all **Claims** (or **Covered Claims**) under this **Policy**.

# **Recovering money from Employees**

We will not recover any amount paid out in respect of a Claim or loss under this Policy from any of Your Employees or former Employees unless the Claim (or Covered Claim) arose from dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions of such Employee or former Employee.

Offsetting of costs & expenses You owe Us against what We owe You

If **We** incur costs or expenses above **Our** liability under the **Policy** for **Claim Investigation Costs**, then **You** will be required to pay whatever amount is above that liability as soon as reasonably possible after **We** ask for it.

**We** can offset that payment due from **You** against (and deduct that amount from) any amount **We** must pay to or on behalf of **You** under this **Policy**.

# The Excess

- a) We only provide Cover (up to the Policy Limit) for that part of the Covered Claim above the Excess specified in the Schedule:
- There is no Excess for Claim Investigation Costs when We Cover You for the Covered Claim;
- Only one Excess is payable for any one Claim or series of Claims (including Covered Claims) arising from the same or interrelated acts, errors or omissions.



# **Advancement of Claim Investigation Costs**

If **We** elect not to take over and conduct the defence or settlement of any **Claim**, then **We** will pay all reasonable and necessary **Claim Investigation Costs** provided that:

- a) We have not already denied indemnity under the Policy; and
- Our written consent is obtained prior to You incurring such Claim Investigation Costs (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

**We** reserve the right to recover any **Claim Investigation Costs** paid under this provision from **You**, in the event and to the extent that:

- You make an admission in writing of any fraudulent, dishonest, malicious or intentional conduct; or
- it is subsequently established, directly or indirectly, by admission, judgment or other final adjudication, that You were not entitled to Cover under this Policy.

# **Allocation**

- a) If a Claim includes both matters which are Covered and matters which are not Covered by this Policy, then both You and We will allocate (based upon Your relative legal and financial exposures to matters Covered and matters not Covered by this Policy) any amounts which have been incurred by You or on Your behalf.
- b) If both **You** and **We** cannot agree on an allocation of such amounts incurred by **You** or on **Your** behalf then:
  - (i) We will advance such portion of the Claim Investigation Costs which We deem to be Covered under this Policy, unless and until a different and final allocation is mutually agreed upon between You and Us or is judicially determined.
  - (ii) We may, in Our sole discretion, pay amounts (other than amounts for Claim Investigation Costs) which We deem to be Covered under this Policy, unless and until a different and final allocation is mutually agreed upon between You and Us or judicially determined.
  - (iii) any allocation of damages, Claim Investigation Costs or other amounts which are mutually agreed upon between You and Us or judicially determined in accordance with this provision will be applied retroactively to such amounts notwithstanding any prior payment or advancement, as the case may be, to the contrary.
  - (iv) any allocation or advancement of Claim Investigation Costs will not apply to or create any presumption with respect to the allocation of amounts in respect of a Claim, other than in respect of Claim Investigation Costs.

Disclosure of information to Us in respect of the Cover and the Claim (or Covered Claim)

The solicitors instructed by **Us** for any **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**) can disclose to **Us** any information that they may receive in that capacity, wherever and from whomsoever they obtain it and notwithstanding that they may also be representing **You** in respect of the notified circumstance or **Covered Claim**. By claiming under this **Policy**, **You** (and any person entitled to indemnity under this **Policy**) authorise such solicitors to disclose this information to **Us**.

# Additional Special Provisions for Misappropriation of Money, Dishonesty and Fraud

When the **Claim** under this **Policy** involves the theft or misappropriation of **Money** (excluding the theft or misappropriation from a trust account operated by the **Named Insured**):

- a) the Cover is subject to the Policy Limit for all such Claims;
   and
- the Cover is subject to the Policy terms and conditions for Claim Investigation Costs, including the Limit of Cover for Claim Investigation Costs; and
- for any Claim, or Claims (including Covered Claims) arising from one act, error or omission, the aggregate Cover under this Policy for Claims involving or arising from the theft or misappropriation of Money shall not exceed the Policy Limit; and
- the Named Insured will be required to pay only one Excess inclusive of Claim Investigation Costs for all Covered Claims involving or arising from the theft or misappropriation of Money arising from the one act, error or omission.

When the **Claim** under this **Policy** involves theft or misappropriation of money from a trust account operated by the **Named Insured**, then **We** only provide **Cover**, if:

- a) the trust account was audited at least annually by a qualified independent accountant; and
- all cheques prepared on that trust account are required to be signed by a **Principal** or two authorised people; and
- all electronic fund transfers are required to be authorised by a **Principal** and accounts which are accessible on line are reviewed at least weekly.

**You** must take and continue to take all reasonable precautions to prevent any **Claim** arising from fraud or dishonesty and continue to perform all the supervision, controls, checks and audits reasonably practicable to avoid or lessen a **Claim** arising from fraud or dishonesty.



**We** deduct from any money **We** pay for a **Claim** or loss arising from fraud or dishonesty:

- a) the amount of any money which You would have paid to the fraudulent, dishonest, criminal or malicious person the subject of Cover under this Policy, if they had not been fraudulent, dishonest, criminal or malicious; and
- the amount of any money of, or to which the person referred to in paragraph a) above is entitled, which **You** hold (if **We** can do so by law).

Notwithstanding express **Cover** extensions for vicarious liability arising from fraud or dishonesty of **Employees**, there is no **Cover** under this **Policy** to any person or entity the subject of **Cover** under this **Policy**, for any **Claim** or loss directly or indirectly based upon, or attributable to, or in consequence of any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions or conduct of which:

- a) any such person or entity had knowledge, or had reason to suspect, at or prior to the time of such acts or omissions; and
- b) failed to take any reasonable action to prevent.

There is no **Cover** under this **Policy** for any **Claim** arising from or related to or which involves any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious acts, errors or omissions or conduct.

For the purpose of this **Policy**, **Money** means local or foreign currency, coins, bank notes, cheques, travellers cheques, registered cheques, postal orders, money orders, negotiable instruments, bearer bonds or coupons, stamps and bullion.

# **General Provisions - Part A**

# **Premium Payment**

The **Cover We** provide in this **Policy** is subject to full payment of the Gross Premium as stated in the **Schedule**. Otherwise, any outstanding premium or part thereof may be deducted from the amount **We** pay **You**.

# **Cover Beneficiaries**

In so far as **Cover** is extended under this **Policy** to individuals and entities who are not a contracting party under this **Policy**, such **Cover** is subject to those individuals and/or entities (as the case may be) agreeing in writing within a reasonable time of notification to **Us** of the **Claim** or **Covered Claim**:

- to be bound by the terms, conditions, exclusions and limits of this **Policy**;
- to be bound by obligations of utmost good faith as if they were a contracting party; and
- to be liable individually, and together with You, for paying the Excess (or any other payment due to Us under this Policy) in respect of any Cover provided to them under this Policy.

# **Loss Prevention**

**You** shall, as a condition to **Cover** under this **Policy**, take all reasonable steps to prevent any act, error, omission or circumstance which may cause or contribute to any **Claim** or loss which may be **Covered** under this **Policy**.

# Other Insurance Which May Cover The Risk

This **Policy** shall apply in excess of and shall not contribute to any policy arranged by any other party which has been endorsed to name **You** as a beneficiary of cover under that policy and where **You** are a non-contracting party to that policy.

**You** must as soon as reasonably possible advise **Us** in writing of any insurance already affected or which may subsequently be affected **Covering**, in total or in part and whether absolutely or contingently, the Liability, **Claim** Loss or **Claim Investigation Costs**, or any part of them, **Covered** by this **Policy**.

# Responsibilities and notification of change of material risk

- a) You must as soon as reasonably possible advise Us in writing of a material change in the risk, including but not limited to notifying Us if any of the following occurs during the Period of Insurance:
  - undertaking activities that are materially different from the **Professional Services**;
  - (ii) any cancellation or suspension, or loss of or condition imposed, upon any licence, registration or other authority required by You to conduct the Professional Services; or
  - (iii) You being insolvent, bankrupt or in liquidation; or
  - (iv) a Run-Off Event.
- When **We** receive notification of a change, **We** may decide to either:
  - continue **Cover** with no change to the premium payable;
  - reduce the premium payable and return any refund to the **You**;
  - (iii) charge **You** an additional premium (**You** can cancel the policy if the additional premium is not acceptable); or
  - (iv) cancel the **Policy** if permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth).
- c) It is important for **You** to know that **We** may make changes to this **Policy** as a result of a change in information. When there is a change, **We** will inform **You**.
- d) If You do not notify Us of a material change, We may refuse to pay a Claim or Covered Claim or reduce Cover under the Policy. We may also decide to cancel the Policy if permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth).



e) The course of action **We** take when **You** fail to notify **Us** of a material change will be considered in each circumstance based on what impact or effect **Your** failure to do so caused or contributed to the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or changes **Our** liability under the **Policy**.

# The Proposal – Severability and Non-imputation

The **Proposal We** were given by or on **Your** behalf before this **Policy** commenced, is taken to be a separate **Proposal** for each natural person or entity **Covered** under this **Policy**.

If there is any incorrect fact or misstatement in the **Proposal** that relates to one of **You** who is a natural person then, for the purposes of this **Policy**, **We** do not attribute it to any other of **You** who was not aware of the incorrect fact or misstatement.

# Authority to accept notices & to give instructions

The person or entity first listed as the **Named Insured** in the **Schedule** is appointed as agent of:

- a) each of You; and
- any person or entity who is entitled to a benefit under this Policy (when they request Cover or suffer a loss under this Policy),

in all matters relating to this **Policy**, and to **Claims** or **Covered Claims** which are (or are to be) **Covered** by the **Policy**.

In particular (but without limitation) the person or entity first listed in the **Schedule**, as the **Named Insured**, is the agent for the following purposes:

- to give and receive notice of **Policy** cancellation, to pay premiums and to receive any return premiums that may become due under this **Policy**; and
- (ii) to accept endorsements or other notices provided for in this **Policy**; and
- (iii) to give instructions to solicitors or counsel that **We** appoint or agree to, and to receive advice from them and to act on that advice; and
- (iv) to consent to any settlement that We recommend; and
- to do anything that We or Our legal advisers think might help with the procedures set out in this Policy for settling and defending Claims or Covered Claims; and
- (vi) to give Us information relevant to this Policy, which We can rely on when We decide whether to accept the risk, and set the Policy terms or the premium.

# **De-registration**

**You** must tell **Us** as soon as reasonably possible in writing if **Your** statutory registration or licence, (which you are legally required to hold to provide **Healthcare Services**) is cancelled, suspended or terminated or has had conditions imposed during the **Period of Insurance** specified in the **Schedule**.

# **Payment in Australian dollars in Australia**

All premiums and **Claims** must be paid in Australian dollars in Australia.

# Law of the Policy

This **Policy** is governed by the law of the Territory or State where the **Policy** was issued (which is specified in the **Schedule**). The courts of that place have jurisdiction in any dispute about or under this **Policy**.

# **Territorial & Jurisdiction Limits**

**Cover** under this **Policy** is not restricted by where anything giving rise to the **Claim** occurred. However, **Our Cover** is restricted in accordance with the Foreign Courts exclusion in this **Policy**.

# Schedule must be included

This **Policy** is only legally enforceable if it includes a **Schedule** issued by **Us**.

# **Cancelling the Policy - Part A**

# You can cancel the Policy

**You** are entitled to cancel this **Policy** with effect from the date **We** receive a written request to cancel the **Policy**, provided that any such cancellation is subject to the following terms:

- if a Claim has been paid under the Policy or if You have notified a Claim or facts which may give rise to a Claim) under the Policy then no return premium is payable.
- b) if there has been no **Claim** made or notified under the **Policy** then **We** will be entitled to retain premium for pro-rata 'time on risk' plus applicable statutory charges.

# We can cancel the Policy

- a) We may cancel this Policy at any time in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth), by giving notice in writing to You of the date from which cancellation is to take effect.
- We may deliver this notice to You personally, or post it by certified mail (to Your broker or to the address You last gave Us). Proof that We mailed the notice is sufficient proof that You received the notice.
- Under Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth),
   We may cancel this Policy at any time where:
  - it is in force by virtue of Section 58 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth); or
  - (ii) it is an interim contract of general insurance.

After cancellation pursuant to this Clause, **We** will refund the premium for the time remaining on the **Policy**, less any non-refundable duties.



# How to read Part A of this Insurance Policy

# Words with special meanings

Some of the words in this **Policy** wording have special meanings. These meanings can be found in the **Definition** Section of the **Policy** ('Words with special meanings'). If a word has a special meaning, it appears in this **Policy** in bold type and with a capital letter. These words may appear without bold type in endorsements in the **Schedule**.

# **Policy Interpretation**

Except where the context otherwise requires it:

- a) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular; or
- if a word or phrase is defined, its grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning; or
- c) words importing a gender include every other gender.

# **Paragraph Headings**

The paragraph headings in this **Policy** are included for the purpose of references only and do not form part of this **Policy** for interpretation purposes.

# References to legislation

References to legislation in this **Policy** includes any amendment, replacement, re-enactment, successor, equivalent or similar legislation.

# **Definitions**

Whenever the following words are used in this **Policy** in bold type and with a capital letter, they have the special meanings set out below. These words may appear without bold type in endorsements in the **Schedule**.

# **Civil Liability**

Liability for the compensatory damages, costs and expenses which a civil court orders **You** to pay on a **Claim** (as opposed to criminal liability or penalties). It includes the legal costs of the person making the **Claim**, for which **You** become liable.

# Claim (or Claims)

# The receipt by **You** of:

- any originating process (in a legal proceeding or arbitration), cross claim or counter claim or third party or similar notice claiming compensation against **You**; or
- b) any written or verbal demand from a third party claiming compensation against **You**.

# **Claim Investigation Costs**

The reasonable and necessary legal costs and expenses (other than regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees of any of **You**) incurred by **You** or on **Your** behalf with **Our** prior approval (which **We** will not unreasonably withhold) in the investigation, defence or settlement of any **Claim** or **Covered Claim** which is **Covered** by this **Policy** at the time the legal costs and expenses arise.

# **Clinical Trial**

A Clinical Trial or research project approved by a properly constituted ethics committee in accordance with National Health and Medical Research Guidelines and conducted in accordance with any conditions and approvals made by that ethics committee.

# Cover (and 'Covered')

Indemnity under this **Policy**, which shall not include any component of profit.

# **Covered Claim**

#### The:

- a) Claims, liabilities, losses, costs; or
- b) facts which may give rise to a Claim,

which We may Cover or agree to Cover under this Policy.

# **Documents**

Documents of any nature including the electronically stored data, software or computer programs for or in respect of any computer system; but not including bearer bonds, coupons, bank notes, currency notes or negotiable instruments.

Loss or damage to Documents does not include:

- a) loss or damage (including rearrangement) to such electronically stored data, software or computer programs arising from any computer virus or malware or from any design or programming defect in any computer program or computer operating system; or
- b) normal wear and tear or the action of insects or rodents or other gradual process; or
- documents lost, damaged or mislaid outside of Australia or New Zealand.

# **Employee**

A natural person (including a **Practice Staff** member) who is not a **Principal**, but who is or was, at the time the relevant act, error or omission giving rise to the **Claim**, a person who is or was:

 a party to a contract of service with the Named Insured and is or was remunerated by the Named Insured for that service; or



- neither a party to a contract of service with the Named Insured, nor an independent contractor, but a party to a contract for services with the Named Insured for the provision of services to the Named Insured for reward; or
- c) a volunteer worker; or
- d) a student,

and in respect of a), b), c) and d) above is (or was) at the time of the act, error or omission which gave rise to the **Claim** under **Your** direct control and supervision in the provision of **Healthcare Services**.

# **Enquiry (or Enquiries)**

Any legal or quasi legal enquiry including coronial enquiry (into a matter arising out of the provision of **Healthcare Services** and such matter is the subject of and is not excluded from **Cover** under this **Policy**) in respect of which **You** are legally required to participate by reason of the fact that the body conducting the enquiry (including a regulatory, licensing or statutory body) has legal jurisdiction over **You** or any of **You** (either by reason of a statutory power or by reason of **Your** membership of a professional association which has the power to discipline its members).

# **Excess**

The part You will be required to pay of each Covered Claim.

# **Former Principal**

A person who has been, but is no longer:

- a) a **Principal** of **You**; or
- b) the **Principal** of any firm or incorporated body declared in the **Proposal**, which previously conducted the **Healthcare Services** which is now being conducted by the **Named Insured**.

# **Healthcare Services**

The Healthcare Services undertaken by **You** or on **Your** behalf which are specified as Professional Services in the **Schedule** including:

- a) any care, treatment, advice, service or goods provided by **You**in respect of the physical or mental health of a patient; or
- a medical examination, medical report or medical opinion prepared by **You** at the request of a third party, such as a Lawyer, insurer or statutory body; or
- to the extent that it provides medical information or medical advice, the provision or giving of education, a paid presentation or address or the publication of an article by You in a newspaper, newsletter or journal; or
- d) any care, treatment, advice, service or goods provided by **You** to a person in an emergency that is necessary to stabilise that person or to prepare that person for transfer; or
- e) **Your** administrative services associated with any of the above.

# **Healthcare Professional**

A person who provides **Healthcare Services** who is either:

- a) a Medical Practitioner; or
- b) a **Health Practitioner**; or
- any person who is practising in a recognised healthcare vocation in Australia where he or she is not required to be registered.

# **Health Practitioner**

A person, other than a **Medical Practitioner**, who practises a healthcare related vocation and in order to practise that vocation is required to be registered under the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory of Australia.

# **Intellectual Property**

Copyright, design, patent, trade mark or moral right, including false attribution of authorship under the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth).

# **Known Circumstance**

Any fact, situation or circumstance which:

- a) any of You was aware of at any time before this Policy began or before this Policy was amended or endorsed; or
- b) a reasonable person in **Your** professional position would have thought, at any time before this **Policy** began or before this **Policy** was amended or endorsed,

might result in someone making an allegation against any of **You** in respect of a liability or loss that might be **Covered** by this **Policy** or any amendment or endorsement of this **Policy**.

# **Medical Practitioner**

A person registered as a Medical Practitioner under the laws of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory of Australia.

# **Named Insured**

Any person or entity expressly identified in the **Schedule** as the Named Insured.

# **Period of Insurance**

The 'Period of Insurance' specified in the **Schedule** – being the period between the inception date of this **Policy** and the expiry date of this **Policy** at 4.00 PM. The time being determined at the place where the **Policy** was issued.



# **Policy**

The insurance contract made up of:

- a) this document; and
- b) the **Schedule**; and
- c) the endorsements, if any, contained or referred to in the **Schedule**.

# **Policy Limit**

The 'Policy Limit' specified in the **Schedule**.

# **Practice Entity**

Any corporate entity that is in the business of providing **Healthcare Services** and which is wholly controlled or wholly owned by **You**.

# **Practice Staff**

Any person engaged or employed by or otherwise working for **You** (other than a **Medical Practitioner**) who is supervised or instructed in their activities by **You** at the time of an incident.

# **Principal**

A sole practitioner, a partner of a firm, or a director of a company, which firm or company is **Covered** by this **Policy**.

# **Privacy Remediation Expenses**

Reasonable and necessary expenses for:

- a) advertising or other media services; or
- b) broadcast, electronic, printed, telecast or telephonic announcements, communications or notices; or
- c) public relation services,

incurred solely to comply with a law, ordinance or regulation concerning the notification of others consequent upon the potential or actual unauthorised access to or unauthorised use by another person of an individual's personal information which is not publicly available.

# **Private Practice**

The provision of **Healthcare Services** to private patients. Private Practice does not include attending to private patients as an employee of a private hospital, medical centre, clinic or similar entity or attending to any **Public Patient**, as an employee, at a public healthcare institution.

# **Proposal**

The written proposal form (the date of which is specified in the **Schedule**) together with any other material which was given to **Us** by or on **Your** behalf, and relied on by **Us** to effect this **Policy**.

# **Publicity Campaign**

A publicity and/or public relations campaign which is designed and implemented by a public relations consultant.

# **Public Patient**

A person to whom a hospital or area health service has agreed to provide medical care, including medical, nursing and diagnostic services

# **Run-Off Event**

Any **Named Insured** which, during the **Policy Period**, ceases to exist or operate, or which is disposed of or merged with or acquired by another entity.

# **Schedule**

The schedule to this **Policy** wording, which is issued by **Us**.

#### **Senior Counsel**

means a barrister in active practice who is entitled to use the post-nominals KC or SC in any one or more superior court in the Commonwealth of Australia.

# Sub Limit(s)

The limit of **Cover** for each of the matters referred to in this **Policy** as being subject to a Sub Limit of **Cover**. If this **Policy** indicates any Sub Limits for specific types of **Cover** under this **Policy**, then the applicable Sub Limits and not the **Policy Limit** apply only to these **Claims**. These Sub Limits are included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

# **Subsidiary**

Any company or other incorporated entity which, at the commencement of the **Period of Insurance**, and by virtue of Australian law was, or is, either directly or indirectly a subsidiary of any incorporated body identified in the **Schedule**.

# **Telehealth**

The remote delivery of **Healthcare Services** via telecommunications technologies.

# **Terrorism**

Any act, or preparation in respect of action, or threat of action designed to influence the government, whether de jure or de facto, of any nation or any political division thereof, or in pursuit of political, religious, ideological, or similar purposes to intimidate the public or a section of the public of any nation by any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) de jure or de facto, and which:

- a) involves violence against one or more persons; or
- b) involves damage to property; or



- endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or
- d) creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
- e) is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.

# You / Your

Each of the following, individually and jointly:

- each person, firm or incorporated body (including Practice Entity) identified in the Schedule as a Named Insured and each Principal or Former Principal of any such firm or incorporated body; and
- any Practice Entity which is engaged in the provision of Healthcare Services and which is created and controlled, while this Policy is in force, by anyone identified in the Schedule as a Named Insured; and
- anyone who becomes a **Principal** of the **Named Insured** while this **Policy** is in force (but only in respect of work undertaken for or on behalf of the **Named Insured** firm or incorporated body); and
- any person, firm or incorporated body who is entitled to Cover under the terms of this Policy (as a beneficiary); and
- e) and Practice Staff, Employee or former Employee.

# We or Us or Our

Insurance Australia Limited ABN 11 000 016 722 AFSL 227681, trading as CGU Insurance (CGU), Zurich Australian Insurance Limited ABN 13 000 296 640 AFSL 232507 (Zurich) and Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 14 606 511 639 AFSL 480863 (Pacific Indemnity) acting as agent for CGU and Zurich.



# Policy B - Broadform Liability Policy

# The Cover We provide

**We** will pay to or on **Your** behalf all sums provided by the **Policy** which **You** shall become legally liable to pay as compensation for:

- a) Personal Injury;
- b) Property Damage; or
- c) Advertising Liability,

caused by an **Occurrence** during the **Period of Insurance** within the **Geographical Limits** as specified in the **Policy** and happening in connection with **Your** Business.

All cover provided under this **Policy** is subject to 'The Cover We Provide' clause and all the **Policy** terms, conditions, exclusions and limits contained in or endorsed on this **Policy** and the payment of the **Gross Premium** stated in the **Schedule**.

# **Supplementary Payments**

We will pay in addition to the applicable Policy Limit:

- a) all expenses incurred by Us, all costs taxed against You in any suit We defend, and all interest on the entire amount of any judgement which occurs after the entry of the judgement and before We have paid or tendered or deposited in Court that part of the judgement which does not exceed the limit of Our liability thereon; and
- reasonable expenses incurred by **You** at **Our** request in assisting **Us** in the investigation or defence of any claim but excluding loss of earnings; and
- expenses incurred by You for the first aid to others at the time of an Occurrence for Personal Injury covered by this Policy.

We shall have the right and duty to defend any suit against You seeking compensation on account of such Personal Injury or Property Damage or Advertising Liability even if the allegations of the suit are groundless, false or fraudulent and may make such investigation and settlement of any claim or suit as We consider reasonably necessary. We shall not be obliged to pay any claim or judgement or to defend any suit after We have paid the Policy Limit.

# **Limit of Liability**

Our liability in respect of any one Occurrence shall not exceed the Policy Limit stated in the Schedule for Public Liability, Products Liability and Advertising Liability. All Personal Injury, Property Damage and Advertising Liability arising out of continuous or repeated exposure to substantially the same general conditions will be construed as arising out of one Occurrence and deemed to occur at the time of the first relevant event. Our total aggregate limit during any one Period of Insurance for all claims arising out of Products Liability and Advertising Liability only shall not exceed the Policy Limit. Provided that the Policy Limit in respect of Occurrences in the North America will be inclusive of Supplementary Payments and will apply in the aggregate to all claims in any one Period of Insurance.

# What is Not Covered

We shall not be liable to indemnify You in respect of:

# **Advertising Liability**

Liability for Advertising Liability arising from:

- a) offences committed prior to the **Period of Insurance**; or
- b) offences made at the direction of **You** with knowledge of the illegality or falsity thereof; or
- breach of contract, other than misappropriation of advertising ideas under an implied contract; or
- d) incorrect description of the price of Your Products, goods or services, infringement of trade mark, service mark or trade name by use thereof as the trade mark, service mark or trade name of Your Products, goods or services sold, offered for sale or advertised, but this exclusion does not apply to titles or slogans; or
- e) failure of **Your Products**, goods or services to conform with advertised performance, quality, fitness or durability; or
- any of **You** whose business is advertising, broadcasting, publishing or telecasting.

# **Agreement Limiting Rights**

Any claim under the **Policy** if **You** have entered into any agreement which excludes or limits a right which **You** may have against any party. Subject to the Insurance Contracts Act 1984, We will not be liable for any claim under the **Policy** to the extent of such exclusion or limitation.

# **Aircraft and Watercraft**

Liability for **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** arising from the ownership, possession, operation, use or legal control by **You** of:

- a) any **Aircraft**; or
- any Watercraft or vessel exceeding eight (8) metres in length.



# **Aircraft Products**

Any liability arising out of the selling, leasing, hiring or manufacture and/or supply of parts and/or products that are used with **Your** knowledge in **Aircraft** or any aerial device.

# **Asbestos**

Liability for **Personal Injury**, **Property Damage** or **Advertising Liability** caused by, arising out of, or in connection with, the use or presence of asbestos.

# **Contractual Liability**

Liability for **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** or **Advertising Liability** to the extent such liability has been assumed under an agreement unless such liability:

- a) would have attached in the absence of such agreement; or
- b) is specifically allowed by Our written endorsement; or

is assumed by **You** under a warranty of fitness or quality, or is implied by law, in respect of **Your Products**.

# **Cyber Risks**

Liability for loss, damage or destruction arising, directly or indirectly, out of or in any way connected with or contributed to, or from a **Cyber Event**.

However, this exclusion will not apply to the extent any liability, loss, damage or destruction arises, directly or indirectly, out of or is in any way connected with or contributed to, or from **Your Internet Operations** where **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** arises out of any material:

- a) which is already in print in support of Your Products, including but not limited to product use and safety instructions or warnings; and
- which is also published by You via Your Internet Operations.

Notwithstanding the above, **We** shall not be liable to indemnify **You** in respect of **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** arising out of any other advice or information published by **You**, via **Your Internet Operations**, that is used for the purpose of attracting customers.

# **Damage to Your Products**

Liability for:

- a) physical damage to or destruction or loss of Your Products or any part of Your Products arising out of them or any part of them; or
- loss of use of any tangible property caused by physical damage to or destruction or loss of **Your Products** or any part of **Your Products** arising out of them or any part of them.

This exclusion does not apply to **Your Products** repaired, serviced or treated by **You** after **Your Products** were originally sold, supplied or distributed by **You**.

# **Electronic Data**

Loss of, damage to or destruction of any electronic data.

# **Employer's Liability**

- Liability for Personal Injury to any of Your Employees arising out of, or in the course of their employment in Your Business;
- Liability for Personal Injury to any person who is deemed to be Your Employee pursuant to any legislation relating to workers' compensation;
- Liability for claims which **You** are entitled to seek indemnity under any policy of insurance required to be taken out pursuant to any legislation relating to workers' compensation, whether or not **You** are a party to such policy of insurance;
- Liability imposed by the provisions of any workers' compensation legislation or any industrial award or agreement or determination;
- Any liability howsoever or whatsoever for claims related to or arising from Employment Practices.

Provided that exclusions a), b) and c) above do not apply to the extent that **Your** legal liability would not be covered under any such policy of insurance or fund set up pursuant to or required by any legislation relating to workers' compensation had **You** complied with **Your** obligations pursuant to such law.

# **Electromagnetic Fields**

Any liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, in connection with or contributed to by or arising from electromagnetic fields (EMF) or electromagnetic interference (EMI).

# **Faulty Workmanship**

Any liability for the cost of performing, completing, correcting or improving any work done or to be undertaken by **You**.

# **Fines and Punitive Damages**

Liability for fines, penalties, liquidated damages, punitive damages, exemplary damages, or aggravated damages.



# Libel and Slander

Liability arising out of the publication or utterance of a libel or slander:

- a) made prior to the **Period of Insurance**; or
- made at **Your** direction with the knowledge of the falsity thereof; or
- related to advertising, publishing or printing, broadcasting or telecasting activities conducted by or on behalf of **You**.

# Loss of Use

The loss of use of property which has not been physically damaged or destroyed flowing from:

- a delay in or lack of performance by or on **Your** behalf of any contract; or
- the failure of any products to meet the level of performance, quality, fitness or durability expressly or impliedly warranted or represented by **You**.

# **Motor Vehicles**

Liability for:

- a) Personal Injury arising out of the ownership, operation or use of any Vehicle where such Personal Injury occurs in circumstances in which such Vehicle is required by law to have compulsory insurance against such Personal Injury, or where such insurance cover is in force; or
- Property Damage arising out of the ownership, operation or use by You of any Vehicle that is registered.

Provided that this exclusion shall not apply to **Vehicles** whilst being operated or used by **You** as a **Tool of Trade**.

# North American Jurisdiction

- a) Legal proceedings brought within the North America; or
- The enforcement of any judgment or award obtained within or determined pursuant to the laws of the North America; or
- Legal proceedings in which the laws of the North America are applicable even if only in a limited respect.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (i) overseas business visits by any of Your directors, partners, officers, executives or employees, who are non-resident in North America, but not where they perform manual work in North America.
- (ii) Products exported to North America without Your knowledge.

# **Nuclear**

Liability for **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused or contributed to by or arising from ionising radiation, or contamination by radioactivity from nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste. For the purpose of this Exclusion combustion shall include any self-sustaining process of nuclear fission.

# **Other Insurance**

**Claims** or losses for which cover is provided or available under the accompanying 'Part A - Professional Indemnity Policy' of this **Policy**.

# **Pollution**

- a) Liability for Personal Injury, Property Damage or Advertising Liability caused by or arising directly or indirectly out of the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, release or escape of smoke, vapours, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids or gases, waste materials or other irritants, contaminants or pollutants into or upon any property, land, the atmosphere or any watercourse or body of water (including groundwater) but this exclusion does not apply if the actual discharge, dispersal, release or escape:
  - (i) is neither reasonably expected nor intended by You;
  - (ii) occurs outside of **North America**; and
  - (iii) is the consequence of a sudden and instantaneous cause which takes place at a clearly identifiable point in time during the **Period of Insurance**.
- b) Liability for any costs or expenses incurred in the preventing, removing, nullifying, or cleaning up any discharge, dispersal, release or escape as described in a) above, unless such costs or expenses are consequent upon an unexpected, unintended sudden and instantaneous cause which occurs outside of North America and takes place at a clearly identifiable point in time during the Period of Insurance and results in Personal Injury, Property Damage or Advertising Liability and is not otherwise excluded by this Policy; or provided that Our total aggregate liability during any one Period of Insurance in respect of all claims arising out of such Personal Injury, Property Damage or Advertising Liability or such costs or expenses shall not exceed the Policy Limit stated in the Schedule.

# **Product Recall**

Any costs incurred in withdrawing or recalling any products (including any costs involved in inspecting, repairing or replacing) because of any known or suspected defect or deficiency.

# **Product Recall and Repair**

Liability for damages claimed for the withdrawal, inspection, repair, replacement or loss of use of **Your Products**.



# **Professional Errors and Omissions Liability**

Liability for the rendering of or failure to render professional advice or service by **You** or error or omission connected therewith.

# **Property in Physical or Legal Control**

Liability arising out of or in any way connected with **Property Damage** to property which **You** own, lease, hire, is loaned or rented to **You**, or is otherwise in **Your** physical or legal control other than:

- a) premises or part of any premises (including the contents of such premises), leased or rented to **You**, or temporarily occupied by **You** for the purpose of the **Business**. This exclusion for "Property in Physical or Legal Control" does not extend to any liability where **You** have assumed the responsibility to effect or maintain insurance with respect to any premises referred to in this clause;
- b) premises temporarily occupied by **You** (including the contents of such premises), for the purpose of carrying out work in connection with the **Business**. This exclusion for "Property in Physical or Legal Control" does not extend to liability for physical damage to or destruction of any premises or contents on which **You** were or are working, if such physical damage or destruction arises from such work;
- any other property temporarily in **Your** possession for the purpose of being worked upon. This exclusion for "Property in Physical or Legal Control" does not extend to liability for physical damage to or destruction of that part of any property on which **You** were or are working, if such physical damage or destruction arises from such work;
- any Vehicle (including its contents, spare parts and accessories while they are in or on a Vehicle), not belonging to or used by You while such Vehicle is in a car park owned or operated by You, provided that You do not operate the car park for reward as a principal part of the Business;
- e) any other property not owned by **You** (and not referred to in a) d) above), but temporarily in **Your** physical or legal care, custody or control, whether or not **You** have accepted or assumed legal liability for such property, subject to a maximum of \$500,000, or other higher amount stated in the **Schedule**, for any one **Occurrence** and in the aggregate during any one **Period of Insurance**.

# **Sanctions**

Liability in respect of which and to the extent that such cover, payment, service, benefit and/or any **Business** or activity of **Yours** would violate any applicable trade or economic sanctions, law or regulation.

# **Silica**

Liability for **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, or alleged to be caused by or contributed to, in whole or in part, by or arising out of the presence, ingestion, actual, alleged, threatened or suspected inhalation or absorption of **Silica** or **Silica Related Dust**.

# **Terrorism**

Liability for **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to, by, or arising from or happening through or in connection with any act of Terrorism.

# War

Liability for **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** directly or indirectly caused by or in consequence of war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (with or without the declaration of war), civil war, rebellion, insurrection, military or usurped power.

# **Claims Provisions - Part B**

# **Claims Control**

**You** must fully and promptly comply with all of **Our** reasonable requests for assistance and cooperation in relation to a claim on the **Policy**, including:

- a) supplying **Us** with all information and assistance **We** may reasonably require;
- allowing **Us** to negotiate, defend or settle a claim against **You**:
  - (i) in Your name and on the Your behalf; or
  - (ii) in the name of and on behalf of any other party covered by the **Policy**;

however, **We** will not settle any claim against any party covered by the **Policy** without the consent of that, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed;

- c) claim, writ, summons, or full details of other relevant legal or other proceedings such as an impending prosecution or inquest **You** receive or become aware of; and
- as far as possible, preserve any product, appliance, plant or other items which might prove necessary or useful as evidence until **We** have had a reasonable opportunity of inspection.

**You** shall not, without **Our** prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, admit or repudiate liability, negotiate, or make any offer, promise or payment in connection with any claim against it or **Occurrence**.



# **Discharge of Liabilities**

We may at any time pay to You in respect of all claims against You arising directly or indirectly from the one Occurrence the amount of the liability or such other amount specified in respect thereof (after deduction of any sum or sums already paid by Us which sum or sums would reduce the amount of Our unfulfilled liability in respect thereof) or any lesser sum for which the claim or claims can be settled and upon such payment, and notwithstanding anything else to the contrary, We shall relinquish conduct or control of and be under no further liability under the Policy in connection with such claim or claims except for costs charges or expenses recoverable from You in respect of the period prior to the date of such payment (whether or not pursuant to an order made subsequently) or incurred by Us or by You with Our written consent prior to the date of such payments.

# **Reasonable Care and Loss Risk Management**

# You shall:

- a) take all reasonable precautions to:
  - prevent Personal Injury, Property Damage or Advertising Liability; and
  - prevent the manufacture, sale or supply of defective products; and
  - (iii) comply with all statutory obligations, by-laws or regulations imposed by any public authority for the safety of persons and property.
- at Your own expense take reasonable action to trace, recall or modify any products containing any defect or deficiency which defect or deficiency You have knowledge of or has reason to suspect.

# **Cross Liabilities**

Where more than one party comprises **You** each of the parties shall be considered as a separate and distinct unit and the word **You** shall be considered as applying to each of **You** in the same manner as if a separate policy had been issued to each of the said parties provided that nothing in this clause shall result in the increase of **Our** liability under this **Policy** in respect of any **Occurrence** or **Period of Insurance**.

# **Waiver of Subrogation**

**We** hereby agree to waive all **Our** rights of subrogation under this **Policy** against:

- each of the parties described under the definition of You or Your; and
- any corporation, organisation or person which or who owns or controls the majority of the capital stock of any corporation or organisation to which or to whom protection is afforded under this **Policy**.

Where such corporation, organisation or person is protected from liability insured against hereunder by any other policy of indemnity or insurance, **Our** right of subrogation is not waived to the extent and up to the amount of such other policy.

# **Subrogation**

In the event of payment under this **Policy** to or on behalf of **You**, **We** shall be subrogated to all **Your** rights of recovery against all persons and organisations and **You** shall execute and deliver instruments and papers and do all that is necessary to assist in the exercise of such rights. **We** will consider **Your** reasonable preferences as they relate to subrogated recovery and will act contrary to such preferences only in circumstances where it is reasonably necessary to protect **Our** legitimate recovery interests. **We** will pay the costs of prosecuting subrogated recovery claims which **We** institute.

# **Goods and Services Tax**

Where **We** make a payment under this **Policy** for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply We will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any Input Tax Credit **You** are, or will be, or would have been entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999, in relation to that acquisition, whether or not that acquisition is actually made. Where **We** make a payment under this **Policy** as compensation instead of payment for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of payment by the amount of any Input Tax Credit that **You** would have been entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 had the payment been applied to acquire such goods, services or other supply.

# **General Provisions - Part B**

# **Alteration of Risk**

- a) You must as soon as reasonably possible, provide Us with written notice of every change which materially varies any of the facts or circumstances existing at the commencement of this Policy that comes to Your knowledge, which will also be deemed to include the knowledge of any person whose knowledge would in law be Your knowledge. This includes (but is not necessarily limited to):
  - (i) if Your business changes;
  - if You start doing anything that You were asked about when commencing or renewing Your Policy and You then replied that You did not;
  - (iii) if there has been a loss or condition imposed upon any license or authority that **You** require to conduct **Your** business; or
  - (iv) if You become insolvent or if any circumstances arise that make it more likely that You might become insolvent.



When You advise Us of a matter such as that set out above, We will advise You whether We are to provide additional cover or continue offering cover, and if so on what terms (for example, any endorsement, additional excess or special condition that may need to be applied) and for what additional premium (if any). This will be based on Our risk appetite and underwriting guidelines. If the change in risk means that the risk is no longer acceptable under Our risk appetite or underwriting guidelines, We may cancel the **Policy**. Any offer by **Us** to cover the changes in risk notified to **Us** is not effective until **We** receive **Your** written acceptance of Our offer. Until then, the changes notified are not covered. You are entitled to cancel the Policy at anytime, including where **We** do not offer to cover the changes that you notified, or if You do not accept Our offer to cover the changes. If a claim arises from the changes in risk which are not covered or **We** do not agree to provide cover, **We** may reduce or refuse to pay such claim to the extent it arises from the change in risk.

# **Inspection and Premium Adjustment**

**We** are permitted, but not obligated, to inspect **Your** property and operations, subject to **Us** providing **You** with reasonable notice in advance of any such inspection. **We** may exercise this right for underwriting or claims management purposes. Neither **Our** right to make inspections nor the making thereof nor any report thereon shall constitute an undertaking on behalf of **You** or for **Your** benefit or others, to determine or warrant that such property or operations are safe.

We may examine and audit Your books and records, subject to Us providing You with reasonable notice in advance of any such inspection, during the Period of Insurance and extensions thereof and within three (3) years after the final termination of this Policy, as far as they relate to the subject matter insured. If the first or renewal premium for the Policy or part thereof shall have been calculated on estimates furnished by You, then You shall keep an accurate record containing all particulars relative thereto and shall, within a reasonable time following receipt of Our request, allow Us to inspect such records. The Named Insured shall within thirty (30) days after the expiry of each Period of Insurance furnish to Us such particulars and information as We may require. The premium for such period shall thereupon be adjusted and any difference paid or allowed to You as the case may be subject to receipt and retention of any minimum premium charged by Us.

# **Other Insurances**

If **You** make a claim under this **Policy** in respect of an **Occurrence** recoverable under this **Policy** which **Occurrence** is or may be covered in whole or in part by any other insurance, then **You** must advise **Us** of the full details of such other insurance when making a claim under this **Policy**. Subject to the Insurance Contracts Act 1984, **We** reserve the right to seek contribution from the other insurer(s).

# **Insurance Arranged By Principal**

If **You** enter into an agreement with any other party (who for the purpose of this clause is called the "Principal") pursuant to which the Principal has agreed to arrange a policy of insurance which is intended to indemnify **You** for any loss or liability then **We** will (subject to the terms and conditions of this **Policy**) only indemnify **You** for loss or liability not covered by the policy of insurance provided by the Principal.

# **Cover Beneficiaries**

In so far as cover is extended under this **Policy** to individuals and entities who are not a contracting party under this **Policy**, such cover is subject to those individuals and/or entities (as the case may be) agreeing in writing within a reasonable time of notification to **Us** of an **Occurrence**:

- a) to be bound by the terms, conditions, exclusions and limits of this **Policy**; and
- b) to be bound by obligations of utmost good faith as if they were a contracting party; and
- to be liable individually, and together with You, for paying the Excess (or any other payment due to Us under this Policy) in respect of any cover provided to them under this Policy.

# The Proposal – Severability and Non-imputation

The **Proposal We** were given by **You** or on **Your** behalf before this **Policy** commenced, is taken to be a separate **Proposal** for each natural person or entity covered under this **Policy**.

If there is any incorrect fact or misstatement in the **Proposal** that relates to one of **You** who is a natural person then, for the purposes of this **Policy**, **We** do not attribute it to any other of **You** who is a natural person and who was not aware of the incorrect fact or misstatement at the time it was made.

# Authority to accept notices & to give instructions

The person or entity first listed as the **Named Insured** in the **Schedule** is appointed as agent of:

- a) each of You; and
- any person or entity who is entitled to a benefit under this Policy (when they request cover or suffer a loss under this Policy),

in all matters relating to this **Policy**, and to **Occurrences** which are (or are to be) covered by the **Policy**.



In particular (but without limitation) the person or entity first listed in the **Schedule**, as the **Named Insured**, is agent for the following purposes:

- to give and receive notice of **Policy** cancellation, to pay premiums and to receive any return premiums that may become due under this **Policy**; and
- (ii) to accept endorsements or other notices provided for in this **Policy**; and
- (iii) to give instructions to solicitors or counsel that We appoint or agree to, and to receive advice from them and to act on that advice: and
- (iv) to consent to any settlement that **We** recommend; and
- to do anything that We or Our legal advisers think might help with the procedures set out in this Policy for settling and defending claims or covered claims; and
- (vi) to give Us information relevant to this Policy, which We can rely on when We decide whether to accept the risk, and set the Policy terms or the premium.

# **Premium Payment**

The cover **We** provide in this **Policy** is subject to full payment of the Gross Premium as stated in the **Schedule**. If full payment of the Gross Premium is not made, there is no cover.

# **All Payments in Australian Dollars**

All premiums and claims must be paid in Australian dollars in Australia.

# Law of the Policy

This **Policy** is governed by the law of the Territory or State where the **Policy** was issued (which is specified in the **Schedule**). The courts of that place have jurisdiction in any dispute about or under this **Policy**.

# **Insurance Contracts Act**

Nothing contained in this **Policy** shall be construed to reduce or waive either **Your** or **Our** privileges, rights or remedies available under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984.

# Schedule must be included

This **Policy** is only legally enforceable if it includes a **Schedule** issued by  ${\bf Us}$ .

# **Cancelling the Policy - Part B**

# You can cancel the Policy

**You** are entitled to cancel this **Policy** with effect from the date **We** receive a written request to cancel the **Policy**, provided that any such cancellation is subject to the following terms:

- a) We may cancel this Policy at any time in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth), by giving notice in writing to You of the date from which cancellation is to take effect. We may do so if:
  - You failed to comply with the duty of the utmost good faith; or
  - (ii) there was a relevant failure (i.e. a pre-contract misrepresentation by **You** or a failure by **You** to observe the duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to **Us** or to comply with a duty to make disclosures to **Us** of matters that are relevant to **Us** providing this insurance); or
  - (iii) You failed to comply with a provision of the contract, including a provision with respect to payment of the premium; or
  - (iv) You have made a fraudulent claim under the contract or under some other contract of insurance (whether with Us or with some other insurer) that provides insurance cover during any part of the period during which the first-mentioned contract provides insurance cover.
- if there has been no claim made or notified under the **Policy** then **We** will be entitled to retain premium for pro-rata 'time on risk'.

# We can cancel the Policy

- a) We may cancel this Policy at any time in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth), by giving notice in writing to You of the date from which cancellation is to take effect.
- We may deliver this notice to You personally, or post it by certified mail (to Your broker or to the address You last gave Us). Proof that We mailed the notice is sufficient proof that You received the notice.
- Under Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth),
   We may cancel this Policy at any time where:
  - (i) it is in force by virtue of Section 58 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth); or
  - (ii) it is an interim contract of general insurance.

After cancellation pursuant to this Clause, **We** will refund the premium for the time remaining on the **Policy**, less any non-refundable duties, unless any of **You** have made a fraudulent claim under the **Policy**.



When the premium is subject to adjustment, cancellation will not affect **Your** obligation to supply such information as **We** may require for the adjustment of the premium. Cancellation will not affect **Your** obligations to pay the amount of adjustment applicable up to the date of cancellation.

# How to read Part B of this Insurance Policy

# **Policy Interpretation**

Except where the context otherwise requires it:

- a) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular; or
- b) if a word or phrase is defined, its grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning; or
- c) words importing a gender include every other gender.

# **Words With Special Meaning**

Whenever the following words are used in Part B - Broadform Liability Policy of this **Policy** in bold type and with a capital letter, they have the special meanings set out below. These words may appear without bold type in endorsements in the **Schedule**.

# **Advertising Liability**

means:

- a) libel, slander or defamation; or
- b) infringement of copyright or of title or slogan; or
- piracy or unfair competition or idea misappropriation under an implied contract; or
- d) invasion of privacy,

committed or alleged to have been committed during the **Period of Insurance** in any advertisement, publicity article, broadcast or telecast and arising out of **Your** advertising activities or any advertising activities conducted on **Your** behalf in the course of advertising **Your Products**, goods or services.

# Aircraft

means any vessel, hovercraft, craft or thing designed to transport persons or property in or through the air or space.

# **Business**

means the business stated in the **Schedule** and shall include the activities of any canteen, social, sports, welfare and /or child care organisation or first aid, medical, fire or ambulance services.

# **Computer Virus**

means an executable program or computer code segment that is self-replicating, requires a host program or executable segment in which it can be contained, and which destroys or alters the host, program or other computer code or data, causing undesired program or computer system operation.

# **Employee**

means any person engaged under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **You**, but does not include any person employed under such contract who is excluded from the definition of 'worker' under any workers' compensation legislation while working for **You** in connection with the **Business**.

# **Employment Practices**

means any wrongful or unfair dismissal, denial of natural justice, defamation, misleading representation or advertising, harassment or discrimination directly or indirectly related to or in respect of employment or prospective employment of any person or persons by **You**.

#### **Excess**

means the amount payable by **You** in respect to each **Occurrence** and includes all 'Supplementary Payments'.

# **Geographical Limits**

means:

- a) anywhere in the world except North America;
- b) North America, but only with respect to:
  - (i) overseas business visits by any of Your directors, partners, officers, executives or employees, who are non-resident in North America, but not where they perform manual work in North America.

Products exported to  $\bf North\ America\ without\ Your\ knowledge.$ 

# **Internet Operations**

means

- a) transfer of computer data or programmes by use of electronic mail systems by **You** including for the purpose of this definition only, part-time and temporary staff, contractors and others within **Your Business** whether or not such data or programmes contain any malicious or damaging code, including but not limited to **Computer Virus**, worm, logic bomb, or trojan horse;
- access through Your network to the world wide web or a public internet site by You including for the purpose of this definition only, part-time and temporary staff, contractors and others within Your Business;



- access to Your intranet (meaning internal company information and computing resources) which is made available through the world wide web for Your customers or others outside Your Business; and
- d) the operation and maintenance of Your website.

# **IT Network**

means any computer hardware (or components thereof), software (or components thereof), communication system networks, **Internet Operations**, websites whosoever hosted, online or offline media libraries, data, or other peripheral devices.

# **Medical Persons**

means medical doctors, medical nurses, dentists and first aid attendants.

# **Named Insured**

means the entity or natural person specified in the **Schedule** as the Named Insured.

#### **North America**

means United States of America or Canada or their respective territories and protectorates.

# Occurrence

means an event including continuous or repeated exposure to substantially the same general conditions, which causes **Personal Injury** or **Property Damage** or **Advertising Liability** none of which is expected or intended from **Your** standpoint.

# **Period of Insurance**

means the duration of this Policy as stated in the Schedule.

# **Personal Injury**

means:

- bodily injury, death, sickness, disease, disability, shock, fright, mental anguish or mental injury; or
- b) false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and humiliation; or
- c) libel, slander, defamation of character; or
- wrongful entry or wrongful eviction or other invasion of the right of private occupancy; or
- assault and battery not committed by or at **Your** direction unless committed for the purpose of preventing or eliminating danger to persons or property,

which occurs during the Period of Insurance.

# **Policy Limit**

means the amount(s) specified as such in the **Schedule**.

# **Policy**

means the insurance contract made up of:

- a) this document; and
- b) the **Schedule**; and
- the endorsements, if any, contained or referred to in the **Schedule**.

# **Products Liability**

means Personal Injury or Property Damage:

- caused by any defect, or the harmful nature of any of Your Products; or
- resulting from any defect or deficiency in any direction or advice given at any time or intended to be given by You concerning the use or storage of Your Products.

# **Property Damage**

means:

- a) physical damage to or destruction or loss of tangible property which occurs during the **Period of Insurance** and any loss of use of that property resulting there-from; or
- b) loss of use of tangible property which has not been physically damaged or destroyed or lost which is caused by physical damage to or destruction or loss of other tangible property which occurs during the **Period of Insurance**.

# **Proposal**

means the written proposal form (the date of which is stated in the **Schedule**) together with any other material that was given to **Us**, and relied on by **Us** to effect this **Policy**.

# **Public Liability**

means liability covered by this **Policy** but does not include **Products Liability**.

# Schedule

means new **Policy** schedule, renewal schedule or endorsement schedule issued by **Us**.

# Silica

means silicon dioxide, occurring in crystalline, amorphous and impure forms, silica particles, silica dust or silica compounds.

# Silica Related Dust

means a mixture or combination of **Silica** and other dust or particles.



# **Terrorism**

means an act, which may include but is not limited to an act involving the use of force or violence and/or threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) which from its nature or context is done for, or in connection with, political, religious, ideological or ethnic or similar purposes or reasons, including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, to fear.

**Tool of Trade** 

means any **Vehicle** which has a tool or plant forming part of or attached to or used in connection with it while such tool or plant is engaged on a work site, but does not include:

- a) Vehicles whilst in transit to or from any worksite; or
- b) Vehicles used for transport or haulage.

#### Vehicle

means any type of machine on wheels or on caterpillar tracks made or intended to be propelled other than by manual or animal power.

# Watercraft

means any vessel, craft or thing made or intended to float on or in or travel on or through or under water.

# We or Us or Our

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd ACN 606 511 639 - on behalf of the Insurer.

The Insurer of this policy section is Zurich Australian Insurance Limited (Zurich), ABN 13 000 296 640 - AFSL No. 232507.

# You or Your

means each of the following to the extent set forth below:

- a) the **Named Insured**; or
- all subsidiary companies (now or hereafter constituted) of the Named Insured whose place of incorporation is within Australia and whose business falls within the definition of Your Business; or
- any director, executive officer, employee, partner or shareholder of the **Named Insured** or of any company designated in paragraph b) above, but only while acting within the scope of their duties in such capacity; or
- d) any **Principal**, not being the **Named Insured**, but with whom the **Named Insured** has entered into a contract for work and provided their interests are required to be insured jointly by the **Named Insured** and then only to the extent required by such contract, and only in respect of work performed as part of the **Business**.

For the purposes of this definition 'Principal' shall mean any person with whom the **Named Insured** has entered into a written contract or agreement to do any work or provide any services in connection with the **Business**.

# **Your Products**

means anything, including any packaging or container thereof (after it has ceased to be in **Your** possession or control) manufactured, grown, extracted, produced, processed, assembled, constructed, erected, installed, repaired, serviced, treated, sold, supplied, resupplied or distributed by **You**.