

# **Our Terms and Conditions**

It is very important that you read these terms and conditions as they set out the arrangements between us.

#### **Duty of Disclosure Notice**

Before you enter into an insurance contract you have a duty to tell the insurer anything that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know, may affect its decision to insure you and on what terms.

You have this duty until the insurer agrees to insure you.

You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate an insurance contract.

#### If you do not tell the insurer something

If you do not tell the insurer anything you are required to, it may cancel your insurance contract or reduce the amount it will pay you if you make a claim, or both.

If your failure to tell the insurer is fraudulent, it may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

# Personal Accident & Illness Insurance – Duty of Disclosure (Not to Misrepresent)

Before entering into a consumer insurance contract, you have a duty to take reasonable care not to deliberately, recklessly or carelessly provide the insurer with incomplete or misleading information (misrepresentation). This enables the insurer to determine whether to insure you and, if so, on what terms. You have this duty until the insurer agrees to insure you. You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate an insurance contract. Personal Accident insurance and Personal Accident and Illness insurance are the only types of consumer insurance contracts available for purchase through BizCover.

# If you make a misrepresentation to the Insurer

If you make a misrepresentation to the insurer and it is determined you failed to take reasonable care not to do so, the insurer may cancel your insurance contract or reduce the amount it will pay you if you make a claim, or both. If it is determined that your misrepresentation to the insurer was fraudulent, it may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

# **Claims Made & Notified Policy Notice -**

Relevant if you purchase a Professional indemnity, Cyber liability, IT liability or Management Liability Insurance policy or where otherwise noted in the policy wording.

The proposed insurance is issued on a 'claims made and notified' basis as specified in the policy wording. This means that the policy responds to claims first made against the insured during the policy period and notified to the insurer during that policy period.

Refer to the policy wording for full details.

Under Section 40(3) of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) if the insured gives notice in writing to the insurer of facts that might give rise to a claim against the insured as soon as reasonably practicable after the insured became aware of those facts but before the insurance cover provided by the policy expires, the insurer is not relieved of liability under the policy in respect of the claim, when made, by reason only that it was made after the expiration of the period of the insurance cover provided by the policy.

If during the policy period you become aware of circumstances which a reasonable person in your position would consider may give rise to a claim, and which you fail to notify to the insurer during the policy period, the insurer may not cover you under the policy or a subsequent policy for any claim which arises from these circumstances.

When completing the application, and at subsequent renewals, you are obliged to report and provide full details of all circumstances of which you are aware and which a reasonable person in your position would consider may give rise to a claim.

It is important that you make proper disclosure (see Duty of Disclosure Notice, above) so that your cover under any policy is not compromised.

# **Retroactive Liability**

The proposed insurance may be limited by a retroactive date either stated in the schedule or endorsed onto the policy. Where the cover provided by the proposed policy is subject to such a retroactive date, then the policy does not cover any claim arising from an actual or alleged act, error, omission or conduct occurring prior to such retroactive date.

#### **Agency Notice**

In effecting this insurance BizCover Pty Ltd (ABN 68 127 707 975; AFSL 501769) will be acting under an authority given to it by the insurer and will be effecting the contract as agent of the insurer and not the insured.

# **General Advice Warning**

We do not recommend an insurance policy for you, we only offer the policies available to us from the insurers listed on our website. Any advice provided is General Advice only.

General Advice is advice that has been prepared without considering your current objectives, personal circumstances, financial situation or needs.

Therefore, before acting on this advice, you should consider the appropriateness of the advice having regard to your current objectives, personal circumstances, financial situation or needs. If the advice provided relates to the acquisition or possible acquisition of a new insurance policy you should read the Product Disclosure Statement and/ or Policy Wording (available on our website) before making any decision about whether to acquire such a financial product.

# Renewing the Policy (including Auto-Renewal)

We will send you notification of whether the insurer is prepared to negotiate to renew the policy and if so, on what terms, at least 14 days before the expiry date of your policy.

Unless we require a new proposal or declaration from you to determine your premium or decide to offer renewal (we will tell you by email if this is the case), the renewal notice will show the premium for the new period of insurance and may also include notice of any changes to the terms of your policy.

If you wish to take up such a renewal offer and you are happy the information is accurate and you have no further disclosure to make to insurers under your duty of disclosure (see Duty of Disclosure Notice, above), you will not have to do anything and if we do not hear from you 7 days before the expiry of your current period of insurance we will automatically deduct / charge the renewal premium from your account / credit or debit card and your policy will be subsequently renewed. If you do not wish to take up the renewal offer you must contact us within 7 days before the payment due date.

When you receive a renewal offer, you must tell us before expiry if the information contained in it is incorrect or incomplete and make such additional disclosure to us as is required pursuant to your duty of

disclosure. We will then consider the additional information and whether and on what terms we are able to arrange for policy renewal.

If we are not able to automatically renew your policy we will send you an email notification for you to either complete your renewal online or to contact us. Please ensure you keep us updated of any change to your email address.

#### **Commission and Fees**

For each insurance product the insurer will charge you a premium. We receive from the insurer a commission that is a percentage of this premium, varying between 0% and 30%.

We also charge per policy a platform fee of \$20 to \$200 (ex. GST) for the policies we arrange. This fee relates to the delivery of the service from BizCover to you including but not limited to the provision and maintenance of the technology platform and the services provided by BizCover's consulting and administrative personnel.

If you elect to pay your premium by monthly instalments, we will also charge you an instalment administration charge of \$8 per month (ex. GST).

If you pay by credit or debit card we may charge you a card (including arrangement & handling) fee. This fee covers the cost of bank charges etc. associated with such facilities.

If a monthly instalment payment is returned as unpaid, you may be subject to a dishonour fee charged by our third-party payment provider (refer to BizCover's monthly SPDS for more information). Additionally, your financial institution may charge its own dishonour or insufficient funds fee, which BizCover does not control or receive..All fees payable for services will be advised to you separately from your premium on the invoices we provide.

#### **Policy Cancellation**

You have the right to cancel your policy at any time by providing written notice to us. Upon cancellation, your entitlement to a refund of premium will depend on the insurer's policy wording. For some insurers, you will receive a pro rata refund of the premium for the unexpired policy period, unless the insurer has paid, or is obliged to pay, a benefit under the policy that exceeds the total premium, in which case no refund will be provided. Please refer to your policy wording for specific details.

The insurer may cancel your policy in accordance with the Insurance Contracts Act, 1984 (Cth).

#### **BizCover Remuneration Rights on Policy Cancellation**

The premium you pay for your insurance policy includes a commission payable to BizCover for arranging your insurance policy (Commission). If you cancel any insurance policy arranged through BizCover, and the cancellation occurs outside of any cooling-off period (if applicable), you acknowledge that BizCover will retain its commission and fees from any refund owed to you upon cancellation.

The agreement under this clause is between you and BizCover and not between you and the insurer. BizCover acts on its own behalf when deducting the payment owed to it under this clause and not on behalf of any insurer.

# **Privacy Collection Notice**

We generally collect personal information from you or through service providers that act for us. However, there may be occasions when we collect it from someone else where they hold relevant information.

We will use your personal information for the purposes for which it was collected (usually to arrange a quote for insurance or an insurance policy for you; assist you with any claims you may make; or to contact you), other related purposes and for the other purposes outlined in our Privacy Policy.

We may disclose your personal information to insurers, our service providers, our referral partners (if you purchased through us as a result of referral) and other parties, as detailed in our Privacy Policy.

For more details on what personal information we collect, how we collect it and from whom, and how we hold, use and disclose your personal information please refer to our Privacy Policy. The Privacy Policy also provides information about how you can access your personal information, seek correction of it and complain about a breach of privacy law and how we will deal with such a complaint.

You may choose not to give us your personal information, but this may affect our ability to provide you with a product or service, including arranging a quote for insurance or an insurance policy for you, communicate with you or respond to your enquiries.

You can access our Privacy Policy at www.bizcover.com.au/privacy or you can contact us and request a copy be sent to you.

By mail:

Privacy Officer

BizCover Pty Ltd

Level 2, 338 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000

By email: customerresolution@bizcover.com.au

#### **Dispute Resolution**

If you are dissatisfied with our service or decision, you may raise a complaint with us. We will acknowledge your complaint within 24 hours and aim to resolve it within 5 business days. If you remain unsatisfied, the matter will be escalated to our Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) team who will review and respond within 30 calendar days.

Depending on the insurer and nature of the complaint (e.g. policy, service, or claim), the complaint may be referred to the relevant insurer or their appointed third-party administrator. Please refer to your policy wording for more information.

If you are still not happy with the outcome or with the way we are handling your complaint, you may be able to have your matter considered by the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA provides a free and independent dispute resolution service for consumers who have general insurance disputes falling within its terms of reference.