



MARKETING & MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD. (Trading as MMS), coverholder at Lloyd's, Melbourne House, Melbourne Street, Farsley, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 5BT

This document is only valid when attached to a schedule from MMS, confirming the provision of cover in accordance with wording MY06.

# PREAMBLE

THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIES that in accordance with the authorisation granted under the Contract specified in the **schedule** to the undersigned by certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, whose names and the proportions underwritten by them, which will be supplied on application, can be ascertained by reference to the said Contract which bears the Seal of Lloyd's Policy Signing Office, and in consideration of the premium specified therein, the said Underwriters are hereby bound, each for his own part and not one for another their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, to insure Total Disability and Unemployment benefits as follows.

#### INTRODUCTION

This **policy** and **your schedule** make up **your** Insurance Certificate. It is important that **you** read them carefully and keep them in a safe place.

Please ensure that:

- You understand what the policy covers and the restrictions and exclusions.
- You understand when and how we may alter or terminate your cover.
- You are eligible for this cover and it is not affected by other cover you have elsewhere.

In some circumstances, the amount of **monthly benefit you** receive under this **policy** may affect **your** entitlement to state benefit. **Your** local Jobcentre will be able to provide **you** with further information.

For details of how to make a claim please refer to the section headed "Claims" on page 6 of this document or contact **our** claims department by telephoning 0113 2558611.

For details of how to make a complaint please refer to the section headed "Complaints" on page 8 of this document or contact  ${\bf us}$  by telephoning 0113 2558611.

It is **your** responsibility to ensure that this **policy** continues to meet **your** requirements now and on an ongoing basis. **We** suggest that should **your** circumstances change **you** refer to **your policy** to ensure continued eligibility. This would include, for example:

- Changing your employment e.g., your work becomes temporary.
- You voluntarily reduce your hours of work to less than 16 hours per week.

- You leave the UK to live abroad.
- You retire from work and do not intend to actively seek further work.

If you decide this policy no longer meets your requirements or if you wish to change your cover type please refer to the section headed "making changes". If you wish to cancel then please refer to the section headed "cancellation".

# **DEFINITIONS**

Throughout this **policy** there are words that have specific meanings. These words are explained below and wherever **we** use these words in this **policy** they will be shown in "**bold**".

**Beneficiary** The person that any claim payments will be paid to. This is shown in the **Schedule** as the "Person or Persons to whom benefit payable".

<u>College</u> The Royal College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Physicians or any other Royal College of medical practitioners based in the UK.

<u>Consultant</u> A medical specialist who is a member of a **College** and recognised by that **College** to be a **Consultant** who is not **you** or **your** family.

<u>Cover Increase Date</u> The **start date** or the date at which the **monthly benefit** increased or the **cover type** in question was last altered, in a way that improves the cover provided by this **policy**, whichever is the later. (Any new **cover increase date** will only apply to the increased **monthly benefit** or the parts of a change in **cover type** that improve the cover provided and will be applied according to the type of claim being considered).

<u>Cover Type</u> The risk(s), as listed under the section headed "Cover & Benefits", that **you** decide to protect **yourself** against.

<u>Doctor</u> A person qualified and registered as a medical practitioner who is not **you** or **your** family and who is recognised by the General Medical Council.

**End Date** The date on which the first of the events shown under the heading "Termination" occurs.

Full Time Permanent has no restrictions or limitations as to when it may end or on an annually renewable contract under which you have been with the same employer for at least 2 years or the contract has been renewed at least once.

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<u>Gross Income</u> An amount of 65% of the average monthly remuneration **you** receive before deduction of all taxes and other deductions. The average is taken over the 6 months prior to the point of time under consideration.

Initial Exclusion Period A period of 120 days immediately following a cover increase date and only applicable if the cover type is or includes unemployment. (If you have transferred cover from an alternative insurer that has provided full unemployment cover over at least the last 12 months, for which you have not made a claim in the last 12 months and you can provide proof of this prior cover then, subject to a limit of the same benefit amount, this initial exclusion period will be waived.)

<u>Jobseeker's Agreement</u> Registered as unemployed at the Jobcentre and have a valid **Jobseeker's agreement** for the duration of **your** claim. **You** must be able to provide third party documentation as requested to support this each month and third party documentation to demonstrate that **you** are regularly and actively seeking **work**. This could be a combination of copies of job applications, invitations to interviews, job rejections and confirmation of registration with employment agencies.

If you are not eligible for a Jobseeker's agreement or if you have paid sufficient National Insurance Contribution Credits and are no longer required to register at the Jobcentre you must provide evidence of this and in addition provide acceptable, on-going, alternative evidence that you are unemployed and that you are regularly and actively seeking work. This could be a combination of copies of job applications, invitations to interviews, job rejections and confirmation of registration with employment agencies.

<u>Maximum Benefit Period</u> The period of 12 months.

<u>Monthly Anniversary</u> The same date recurring each month. If the date does not exist at the end of a particular month (for example, 29<sup>th</sup> February) then it will be taken to mean the last day of that month.

Monthly Benefit elected to insure under this policy. It must not exceed gross income (65% of your monthly income before all deductions) or £2,000 per month, whichever is the lower.

**Normal Pregnancy** Symptoms which normally accompany pregnancy (including multiple pregnancy) and which are generally of a minor and/or temporary nature (e.g., morning sickness, dizzy spells, fatigue etc.,) which do not represent a medical hazard to **you** or **your** baby, a combination of minor symptoms or childbirth (including delivery by caesarean section or other medically or surgically assisted delivery which does not cause medical complications).

Payment In Lieu Of Notice

Roy payment you receive that relates to the notice period you should have served under your contract of employment. If you were contracted to have a lieu of notice period but this was renegotiated in a settlement agreement, we will use the period of notice you should have served as stated in your contract of employment.

**Policy** This document (code MY06) which details the terms and conditions of **your** cover. It should be read in conjunction with **your** current **schedule**. Lloyd's are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

<u>Pre-existing Medical Condition</u> Any condition, injury, illness, disease, sickness or related condition

and/or associated symptoms, whether specifically diagnosed or not, for which medical evidence shows you knew about or were experiencing symptoms that you would have been aware of at the cover increase date or for which you sought or received advice, treatment or counselling from any doctor in the 12 months prior to the cover increase date.

<u>Schedule</u> The documents **we** send **you** that confirm **your** cover under this **policy** and subsequent changes to the cover.

<u>Self-employed</u> Carrying on as a principal or an owner, a business or trade, whether as an unregistered business, sole trader, partnership or limited liability partnership or company, whether or not the company is limited liability (by shares or guarantee or otherwise) or otherwise constituted. **You** will be regarded as **self-employed** if **you** or a close relative of **yours** (or together) are a director of **your** employer and are recorded as such at Companies House, or own or control (whether through a trust or otherwise) more than 5% of the shares of the company, that **you work** for.

<u>Start Date</u> The date **your** cover begins as shown on **your schedule** as "Inception Date".

<u>Temporary Work</u> Employment including, but not limited to, seasonal work, irregular work, agency work, zero hours contract, overarching contract or work that is not guaranteed.

Term (The Term of Cover) The period during which you are covered under this policy. This term commences at 00.01 hours on the start date and continues until 23.59 hours on the end date.

<u>Us (Our) (We)</u> MMS acting under a Master Facility on behalf of Underwriters set out in the Preamble above. MMS are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) under number 307794.

<u>Waiting Period</u> A period of days at the commencement of a claim, as shown in the **schedule**. **Monthly benefit** will not be paid during this period and no claim will be payable unless the accepted duration of a claim exceeds this period. If you are receiving payment in lieu of notice, your waiting period will not begin until after your payment in lieu of notice has ended and you have a **Jobseeker's Agreement**.

<u>Work (Working)</u> Paid work of at least 16 hours a week. This includes **full time permanent and self-employed work** and statutory maternity and parental leave.

<u>You (Yours) (Yourself)</u> The Insured Person whose details are set out in the **schedule**.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

You are eligible to take out this cover if:

- You are living in the UK.
- You are working, completed any probationary period and worked continuously on a full time basis for the same employer for at least 12 months uninterrupted before the start date of cover (if you are found to have been off work for any reason at the start date, your cover will be treated as if the start date is the day you are back at work).
- You are named as a person responsible for a mortgage or named as owner of your primary residence.
- You are aged 18 years or over but less than 63. Applications for cover will be accepted if you have recently turned 63 at the start date, providing you were 62 at the time cover was quoted.

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- You are not aware of any impending unemployment that may affect you including, but not limited to, dismissal, misconduct, poor performance, any wilful act by you or not aware of any announcement or action by your employer, prior to the start date, in relation to the department or division of the business in which you work, and which relates to any redundancies, employee consultations, restructures, mergers reorganisations that have led or could lead to compulsory job losses, mandatory reduced working hours or mandatory reduction in salary, or if you are self-employed any reason why your business may cease. This includes unemployment arising because you become a carer.
- You are able to sign the declaration without any reservation or qualification.

#### **COVER & BENEFITS**

This **policy** is designed to protect up to 65% of **your gross income** against **you** being away from **work** due to **you** becoming sick or injured or being out of **work** due to **you** becoming unemployed. (Please refer to **your schedule** for the **cover type** that **you** have selected).

If **you** have other unemployment, accident, sickness, disability or carer cover in addition to this **policy** then, on acceptance of any claim, the amount payable under this **policy** will be reduced by the amount by which the combined benefit would exceed **gross income**.

- Accident & Sickness only cover will only pay out for disability and you will not be able to claim for unemployment. If you become unemployed whilst claiming for disability you will only continue to receive monthly benefit payments while you remain disabled. You can choose to have the first monthly benefit of any claim paid after a waiting period of 30, 60 or 90 days depending on which best suits your circumstances.
- Unemployment only cover will only pay out for unemployment and you will not be able to claim for disability. If you become disabled when you are claiming for unemployment your monthly benefit payments will be suspended until you are able to continue actively seeking work and have a Jobseeker's agreement. You can choose to have the first monthly benefit of any claim paid after a waiting period of 30, 60 or 90 days depending on which best suits your circumstances.
- Accident & Sickness and Unemployment as a single cover type combines the benefits of both types of cover and will provide you with the maximum protection available under this policy. Again you can choose to have the first monthly benefit of any claim paid after a waiting period of 30, 60 or 90 days but the waiting period chosen will apply to both accident & sickness and unemployment claims or a combination of both.

There are a number of requirements **you** must satisfy for **you** to be able to claim for any of these circumstances. These requirements are set out under the relevant sections below.

You have to satisfy these requirements for a period of days greater than the waiting period before any claim can be considered. Once the requirements have been satisfied your first payment of one monthly benefit will become due on the day following the expiry of the waiting period. This will be paid as soon as our investigations into your claim have been completed.

Where **you** have chosen to have a **waiting period** exceeding 30 days, only one **monthly benefit** will become due on the day following the end of the **waiting period** and consequently no benefits will ever become payable for the initial period during which **you** satisfy the claim requirements.

As long as **you** continue to satisfy the requirements, further payments will become due each full calendar month thereafter until the **maximum benefit period** of 12 **monthly benefits** have been paid.

If your claim ends after at least one monthly benefit has been paid, but before the maximum benefit period has been completed, then we will pay 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the monthly benefit for each of the days between the due date of your last monthly benefit and the last day you satisfy the claim requirements.

# **MAKING CHANGES**

Your policy is designed to adapt to your requirements and provide the cover you want over many years but it is important to note that we can alter the terms of the policy, the cover options available and the premiums applicable if we feel it is appropriate. If we feel any change is required we will advise you what is to change, why it is to change and we will do this as quickly as possible but in any event at least 30 days before the change applies.

You can request changes to your cover choice at any time but it is important to note that no change requested by you will be considered whilst a claim is in progress or under consideration and no change, other than a reduction in monthly benefit, will be considered at any time when you are unable to confirm that the eligibility requirements at the start date re-apply at the date of change (with the exception of being named as a person responsible for a mortgage or named as owner of your primary residence).

It is also important that **you** check that the new **monthly benefit** does not exceed **gross income** (65% of **your** monthly income before any deductions) or £2,000 per month, whichever is the lower because any claim payment will be for the lower of the amount **you** have covered or the **gross income you** can evidence over the 6 months immediately prior to **your** claim.

On request **we** will change the **cover type you** have selected i.e., **you** have selected unemployment only cover but wish to change to accident & sickness and unemployment cover or **you** wish to change the **waiting period**. When adding a new **cover type** it is important that **you** first read carefully the exclusions that refer to **cover increase date**. It is equally important that **you** consider these exclusions before removing a **cover type** that **you** may wish to re-apply at a later date.

If you make a change to your policy, your premium may change.

If you need to make a change to your policy you can do this by contacting us using the details below:

The Policy Servicing Department
MMS
Melbourne House, Melbourne Street, Farsley,
Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 5BT

Telephone: 0113 255 8611

If you write to us to make a change, please ensure that you tell us as much as you can about the change in order that we can deal with your request.

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# **PREMIUMS**

The premium for this cover is shown in the schedule and we will collect this premium each month by direct debit. The premium will alter if you alter your monthly benefit and/or cover type and we can alter your premium at any time provided we let you know 30 days in advance.

Each monthly premium is due for payment on and applies from the monthly anniversary of the start date of cover. For the purpose of the termination conditions below, the 'due date' on which you have to make payment of your premiums is the day of the month we advise you we will be collecting your direct debit.

No increase or decrease in premium, for any reason, will be backdated and, at the earliest, will apply from the next monthly anniversary of the start date of cover.

The premium for this cover varies with age but provided you ensure that the premiums are paid on time the premium you pay is always based on the age you had attained at the start date. This means you effectively gain a discounted rate if you retain the cover through the age bands. You will be asked to provide proof of your age if you make a claim and only original documents or copies that have been certified by a Solicitor, Commissioner for Oaths, **Doctor**, Bank, Building Society manager, Councillor, professionally qualified person or MP will be accepted.

# **ACCIDENT & SICKNESS REQUIREMENTS**

This cover only applies if your current schedule shows that you have chosen to include "Accident & Sickness cover" as, or as part of, your cover type.

You can claim for accident & sickness if, during the term of this policy and since the last cover increase date, you:

- Sustain an injury that is caused by accidental or
- violent means or; Suffer sickness which is not a **pre-existing** medical condition.

And if, in either case, all of the following apply:

- You are under the care of a doctor who declares, on a continuing basis, that you are unfit to engage in your normal job or occupation.
- You do not attend your normal place of work or become involved in any liaison (verbal, electronic or written) related to your work or in the case of a self-employed person helping in, managing or carrying out any part of the day to day running of your business (unless previously approved by the claims administrators).
- You are not attending or undertaking any form of job or occupation.
- actively worked for 6 months You have uninterrupted immediately prior to your injury or sickness. If you were not working due to sickness or holidays, we will not count this as a break in employment. If you have had a previous claim under any section of this policy which resulted in less than the maximum benefit period being paid and you have not since then returned to work for at least 6 months uninterrupted, we will consider your claim as a continuation of your previous claim and no waiting period will apply. As long as your claim continues to meet the requirements of your policy you will receive further payments up to the maximum benefit period of 12 monthly benefits in total.
- If you have made a disability claim lasting the maximum benefit period, no further disability

- claims shall be admissible until you have been in work for a further 30 days uninterrupted if the disability is different or a further 6 months uninterrupted if the disability is the same.
- None of the General Exclusions shown below apply to your circumstances.

# **UNEMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

This cover only applies if your current schedule shows that you have chosen to include "Unemployment cover" as, or as part of, your cover type.

If you or a close relative of yours is a director of your employer or own or control more than 5% of the shares of your employer then for the purpose of considering the requirements for an unemployment claim you are considered as self-employed and should read the selfemployed definition and related sections accordingly.

An employed person can only claim for unemployment if all of the following apply:

- You become unemployed during the term of this policy and since the last cover increase date.
- You have been actively working on a full time permanent basis for 6 months uninterrupted immediately prior to becoming unemployed. If you were not working due to sickness or holidays, we will not count this as a break in employment. If you have had a previous claim under any section of this policy which resulted in less than the maximum benefit period being paid and you have not since then returned to work for at least 6 months uninterrupted, we will consider your claim as a continuation of your previous claim and no waiting period will apply. As long as your claim continues to meet the requirements of your policy you will receive further payments up to the maximum benefit period of 12 monthly benefits in total.
- You satisfy the requirements in the eligibility section above.
- Prior to the start date or in the following initial exclusion period you were not aware of any impending unemployment that may affect you including, but not limited to, dismissal, misconduct, poor performance, any wilful act by you or you were not aware of any announcement or action by your employer in relation to the department or division of the business in which you work, and which relates to any redundancies, employee restructures, consultations, mergers reorganisations that have led or could lead to compulsory job losses, mandatory reduced working hours or mandatory reduction in salary. This includes unemployment arising because you become a carer.
- You are continually available for work and actively looking for work and you must be able to demonstrate this by the provision of third party documentation.
- None of the "Unemployment Exclusions" or "General Exclusions" shown below apply to your
- Either you have a Jobseeker's agreement or you give up work to care for your husband, wife, partner, civil partner, parent or child for which **you** are in receipt of Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions. (This only applies if your unemployment is due to you becoming a carer).

self-employed person can only claim for unemployment if all of the following apply:

You become unemployed during the term of this policy and since the last cover increase date.

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- Your unemployment is solely because your business has, since the last cover increase date, totally ceased trading.
- Your business ceased trading because it became financially insolvent (was unable to pay its debts) and this has been confirmed by a qualified, certified or chartered accountant and formally confirmed to HM Revenue and Customs or your business ceased trading in order for you to care for your husband, wife, partner, civil partner, parent or child for which you are in receipt of Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions and the cessation of your business has been confirmed by a qualified, certified or chartered accountant and formally confirmed to HM Revenue & Customs.
- ❖ You have been working in your business on a Full Time Permanent basis for 6 months uninterrupted immediately prior to becoming unemployed. If you have had a previous claim under any section of this policy which ended with less than the maximum benefit period being paid and you have not since returned to work for at least 6 months uninterrupted, we will re-open the previous claim and as long as your claim continues to meet the requirements of your policy you will receive further payments up to the maximum benefit period of 12 monthly benefits in total.
- Your business had traded in sufficient profit for at least 6 months before the event(s) that caused it to cease trading and that those events did not occur before the cover increase date or in the following initial exclusion period. Sufficient profit shall mean that your business provided you a gross income greater than or equal to your monthly benefit.
- You are continually available for work and actively looking for work and you must be able to demonstrate this by the provision of third party documentation.
- None of the "Unemployment Exclusions" or "General Exclusions" shown below apply to your circumstances.
- Either you have a Jobseeker's agreement or you give up work to care for your husband, wife, partner, civil partner, parent or child for which you are in receipt of Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions. (This only applies if your unemployment is due to you becoming a carer).

#### UNEMPLOYMENT EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the "General Exclusions" below, **you** cannot claim for unemployment if:

- You do not have a Jobseeker's agreement.
- Prior to the start date or in the following initial exclusion period you were aware of any impending unemployment that may affect you including, but not limited to, dismissal, misconduct, poor performance, any wilful act by you or you were aware of any announcement or action by your employer, in relation to the department or division of the business in which you work, and which relates to any redundancies, employee consultations, restructures, mergers reorganisations that have led or could lead to compulsory job losses, mandatory reduced working hours or mandatory reduction in salary, or if you were self-employed any reason why your business may cease. This includes unemployment arising because you become a carer.
- You give up work to become a carer where the person you are caring for is not your husband, wife, partner, civil partner, parent or child or you

- are not in receipt of Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions.
- ❖ You voluntarily leave your last employment.
- Your employment is temporary or, as selfemployed, you simply have no work available for a period or periods or the income from your business drops to a level where you feel it is inappropriate to continue your business, unless the drop is as the result of a clear and unexpected event
- You are involved in a strike or lock-out.
- You are dismissed due to any misconduct. This may include fraud, dishonesty or anything that led to, or might have led to a disciplinary procedure being taken by your employer.
- You are carrying out any form of work.
- You are deemed as self-employed and are involved in any liaison (verbal, electronic, or written) or are helping in, managing, or carrying out any part of the day to day running of your business (unless previously approved by the claims administrators).
- Your fixed term contract has completed the duration of its guaranteed period of work.

# GENERAL EXCLUSIONS – applying to all covers

You cannot claim under this cover if:

- It is in any way related to or as a result of a self inflicted injury or attempted suicide.
- ❖ You are not working due to stress, anxiety, depression, fatigue or any other mental or nervous disorder or any condition of a psycho-neurotic origin unless you have been diagnosed by a registered Consultant Psychiatrist and continuously remain under their supervision.
- Prior to the start date or in the following initial exclusion period you were aware of any impending unemployment that may affect you including, but not limited to, dismissal, misconduct, poor performance, any wilful act by you or you were aware of any announcement or action by your employer, in relation to the department or division of the business in which you work, and which relates to any redundancies, employee consultations, restructures, mergers reorganisations that have led or could lead to compulsory job losses, mandatory reduced working hours or mandatory reduction in salary, or if you were self-employed any reason why your business may cease. This includes unemployment arising because you become a carer.
- It is due to a pre-existing medical condition. This exclusion will not apply if you are continuously insured under this policy, remain symptom free and do not consult a doctor or receive treatment for the condition, for a period of 24 months following the cover increase date.
- It is caused by the symptoms of normal pregnancy, whether the pregnancy is existing on the date this policy is issued or subsequently occurs.
- It is due to elective or cosmetic surgery and/or treatments.
- Caused by war, whether declared or not, riot or civil commotion, or arising from radioactive contamination.
- You are in military or naval service outside the United Kingdom or Europe.
- Caused by the use of alcohol, or drugs unless under the specific direction of a doctor for any condition other than drug addiction.

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- It is due to a back related condition unless there is radiological evidence of medical abnormality, visible wound, contusion, or a Consultant certifies that the condition solely prevents you from working.
- It is due to HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and/or any HIV related illness including AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).
- ❖ You are still working.
- At any time during the course of a claim you are carrying on as a principal or an owner, a business or trade, whether as an unregistered business, sole trader, partnership or limited liability partnership or company, whether or not the company is limited liability (by shares or guarantee or otherwise) or otherwise constituted and the earnings exceed the current unemployment state benefit threshold, whether you are entitled to receive this state benefit or not. We will regard you and the company, trade, business or partnership (the 'Business') as one and will require the evidence we deem appropriate either from you or the Business or both. For the avoidance of doubt, under these circumstances, the earnings of the Business will be assessed as your income, whether or not they are distributed and whether or not you are paid.
- The cover has ended either at your request or automatically under the termination rules set out below.

# **CANCELLATION**

Provided **you** have not claimed and **you** forward to **us** a signed written request within 30 days of **us** issuing this **policy**, **we** will cancel **your** cover and return any premium(s) paid to **you**. Thereafter, **you** can cancel this cover at any time by forwarding **us** a signed written request to cancel. No refund of premium will apply in these circumstances.

If you do not exercise your right to cancel your policy, it will continue in force and you will be required to pay the premium.

# **TERMINATION**

We will inform you and cancel your cover in circumstances where we would know the cover should be cancelled but it is important that you let us know if cover should terminate in any other circumstances as any subsequent return of premiums will be entirely at our discretion and only paid after deduction of processing and other costs that we feel are appropriate.

We will also inform you if we are unable to continue your cover. We will give you at least 30 days' notice and will tell you why we are unable to continue your cover and any alternative arrangements that we can make for you.

Your cover will cease on the first of any of the following events:

- ❖ The day you cancel your cover (as above).
- When you retire or the day you attain the age that the Government set out as your normal retirement age.
- ❖ Your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Your failure to pay the monthly premium on or before the due date (we may, entirely at our discretion, accept premiums after this date and allow the cover to continue or return any premiums we receive after this date and end your cover).
- Your non-cooperation or failure to supply information or documentation.

- You use threatening or abusive behaviour towards us or any of our staff.
- You or anyone acting on your behalf commits insurance fraud.
- As confirmed in any notice of termination we send to you.
- The date you die.

#### **CLAIMS**

#### Making a claim

If you need to make a claim it is important that you register your claim with us as soon as possible. You can do this by contacting us using the details below:

# The Claims Department MMS Melbourne House, Melbourne Street, Farsley, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 5BT

Telephone: 0113 255 8611

If you write to us to request a claim form, please ensure that you tell us as much as you can about the circumstances in order that we know which claim form to issue.

Please ensure that **we** receive **your** claim form no later than 30 days after the start of the circumstances that led to the claim. If the claim form is not received within the 30 days this may affect **our** ability to investigate **your** claim.

# <u>Supporting information **you** will need to</u> provide:

### Accident & Sickness claims

**We** will require **you** to complete a claim form and it will need the relevant section of the claim form completing by **your doctor**.

**You** should return **your** completed claim form to **us** as soon as possible with the following:

- Proof of your mortgage or proof that you own your primary residence.
- Proof of your age.
- Proof of your income.
- Any other information we ask you to provide.

**You** must supply and pay for all information or evidence **we** ask **you** for to support **your** claim.

# **Unemployment claims**

We will require you to complete a claim form, which you should return to us as soon as possible with the following:

- Proof of your mortgage or proof that you own your primary residence.
- Proof of your age.
- Proof of your income.
- Proof that you are regularly and actively seeking work (unless you have given up work to become a carer).
- ❖ Proof that you have a Jobseeker's agreement. This could be evidenced by the award letter issued by the Jobcentre detailing when your claim started and, if applicable, the amount of benefit you have been awarded (unless you have given up work to become a carer, in which case you will need to

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- provide proof that **you** are receiving Carer's Allowance).
- A copy of your contract of employment.
- A copy of your letter of termination and, if applicable, your redundancy severance agreement.
- If you were self-employed you will also need to provide proof from a qualified, certified or chartered accountant that your business has ceased trading and has formally been confirmed to HM Revenue & Customs.
- Any other information we ask you to provide.

You must supply and pay for all information or evidence we ask you for to support your claim.

#### During **your** claim

We may require additional medical evidence in addition to the initial report from your doctor. If we do we will contact your doctor and we will pay the costs for this additional medical evidence.

At any time throughout the period of a claim we can require you to attend a medical examination or have our medical officer study your medical records. If we require this evidence we will pay the fees charged by the doctor carrying out the medical examination and also our medical officer's fees. You will be given advance notification but it is essential that you make yourself available for any medical examination. If you do not, or you fail to attend the arranged appointment, your entitlement to monthly benefit may cease.

We may contact any other person, or organisation, that we consider necessary to assist in checking your claim and you must, where required, provide us with your signed consent.

We may also arrange, at any time during a claim period, for a member of our staff, or the staff of another company acting on our behalf, to visit you to gather details relating to your claim in order to ensure accurate assessment and/or discuss the progress you are making in getting back to work. It is essential that you make yourself available for any visit. If you do not, or you fail to attend the arranged visit, your entitlement to monthly benefit may cease.

We will only pay the monthly benefit once we have satisfactory evidence of your entitlement to claim.

For accident & sickness claims **you** will be required to complete continuation claim forms, which will be provided by **us**, for the duration of **your** claim. The relevant section of the form will need completing by **your doctor**.

For unemployment claims you will be required to complete continuation claim forms, which will be provided by us, for the duration of your claim. You will also be required to provide third party evidence that you are still unemployed and third party evidence that you are regularly and actively seeking work. (If you gave up work to become a carer, in addition to the continuation claim form, you will need to provide proof that you are still in receipt of Carer's Allowance).

You must supply and pay for all information or evidence we ask you for during your claim. The monthly benefit will not be paid for any period for which the information or evidence we have asked you for is not provided by you.

When making a claim under this **policy you** should continue to pay the monthly premium to **us**, as failure to pay could affect **your** claim and the continuation of **your** cover.

# **INFORMATION YOU HAVE GIVEN**

In deciding to accept this **policy** and, where applicable, make any changes to **your policy we** have relied on the information **you** have given.

If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly provided false or misleading information **we** will treat this **policy** as if it never existed and decline all claims and **we** will not return the premium paid.

If **we** establish that **you** carelessly provided false or misleading information it could adversely affect **your policy** and any claim. For example **we** may:

- Treat this policy as if it had never existed and refuse to pay all claims and return the premium paid. We will only do this if we provided you with insurance cover which we would not otherwise have offered.
- Cancel your policy.

# OTHER TERMS OF THIS POLICY

- ❖ The maximum total benefit shown in the schedule is the maximum we will pay in total for any one claim month, regardless of the amount of the monthly benefit under this or any other cover you have with us. No refund of premium will apply in respect of any amount that you have over insured in excess of this limit.
- Our liability is always limited to the payment of the monthly benefit and any claims for other losses are excluded from this cover.
- We shall not provide any benefit under this policy to the extent of providing cover, payment of any claim, or the provision of any benefit where doing so would breach any sanction, prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.
- You cannot assign any rights you have under this cover. The cover is entirely personal to you as the person it was issued to.
- Nobody other than **us** has the authority to alter anything in this **policy** or the **schedule**. The terms of this cover are exactly as set out in this wording and the attached **schedule**. If **we** agree to alter anything including **your monthly benefit** and/or **cover type** or apply discretion to any circumstances **we** will always confirm the situation to **you** in a form signed by one of **our** authorised officials.
- Unless we have specifically agreed otherwise this cover is subject to English Law and it is a condition of the cover that no action at law or in equity can be brought more than 3 years after the first day on which the circumstances causing the claim or other event causing the action first exist.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

If **you** have a complaint relating to any aspect of administration or claim, please contact **us**, at MMS, Melbourne House, Melbourne Street, Farsley, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 5BT, by telephone on 0113 255 8611 or by e-mail: complaints@mms-uk.com

**We** will acknowledge and record **your** complaint and try to resolve it by the close of business on the third working day following receipt. Some complaints may

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take longer to resolve and **we** will then write to **you** to let **you** know the name of the complaints reviewer who is investigating **your** complaint and that **you** can expect to receive a response from them within 2 weeks of the date of **your** complaint.

Should **you** remain dissatisfied with the complaints reviewer's response that **you** receive, or **you** have not heard from them within 2 weeks, **you** are entitled to refer **your** complaint to Lloyd's. Lloyd's will investigate the matter and provide a final response. They aim to conclude the majority of complaints received within 8 weeks.

This insurance **policy** is Underwritten by the Association of Underwriters known as Lloyd's, led by S.A.Meacock, NO.727, and in case of complaint **you** should refer the matter to them at Complaints, Lloyd's, One Lime Street, London, EC3M 7HA.

Telephone: 020 7327 5693. Fax: 020 7327 5225.

Website: www.lloyds.com/complaints E-mail: complaints@lloyds.com

Details of Lloyd's complaints procedures are set out in a leaflet "Your Complaint – How We Can Help" available at www.lloyds.com/complaints and are also available from the above address.

Should **you** remain dissatisfied with Lloyd's decision **you** may, if **you** wish, refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). The FOS is a free independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and businesses providing financial services. **You** can refer **your** complaint to the FOS at any time, but they will need agreement from Lloyd's to investigate complaints where:

- Lloyd's have not had the opportunity to put things right.
- Lloyd's have not exceeded the 8 week timescale and have not yet issued their final response.

If **you** decide to refer **your** complaint to the FOS, after Lloyd's have issued their final response, **you** should do so within 6 months of the date of their final response letter. Their contact details are: Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR.

Telephone: 0800 023 4567 (calls to this number are free from "fixed lines" in the UK) or 0300 123 9123 (calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers on mobile phone tariffs in the UK). E-mail: complaint.info@financialombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

This complaints procedure is without prejudice to **your** right to take legal proceedings.

#### **COMPENSATION SCHEME**

Lloyd's insurers are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Scheme if a Lloyd's insurer is unable to meet its obligations to **you** under this **policy**. If **you** were entitled to compensation under the Scheme, the level and extent of the compensation would depend on the nature of this **policy**.

Further information about the Scheme is available from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU) and on their website: www.fscs.org.uk or by telephone 020 7741 4100, or by fax on 020 7892 7301.

# **INSURANCE FRAUD**

If you or anyone acting on your behalf makes a claim which is at all false or fraudulent, supports a claim with any false or fraudulent document, device or statement, or where there is any dishonest or exaggerated behaviour, this policy shall become invalid. This means we will not pay the false or fraudulent claim or any subsequent claim and you will lose all benefit and premiums you have paid for this policy. In addition we may recover any sums paid for any claim and associated costs. If you fraudulently provide us with false information, statements or documents we may file your details with fraud prevention agencies and antifraud databases, we may also share your details with other insurers, other organisations and public bodies, including the police.

In order to prevent and detect fraud **we** or another company acting on **our** behalf may, at any time, undertake credit searches and additional fraud searches.

#### DATA PROTECTION

**We** are committed to maintaining the personal data that **you** provide in accordance with the requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

You should understand that any information you have provided will be processed by us, in compliance with the provisions of the EU General Data Protection Regulation, for the purpose of providing insurance and handling claims or complaints, if any, which may necessitate providing information to other parties.

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