

Terms of Business

Please read this document carefully. It sets out the terms and conditions on which we agree to act for you, contains details of our responsibilities together with your responsibilities both to us, to insurers and to other third-party providers. Please contact us immediately if there is anything in this document that you do not understand/or with which you disagree. Your receipt of this document constitutes your informed consent to its contents.

About Us

Brunel Professions is part of the Brunel Group which was established in 2005 to provide a PII broking service to businesses of all sizes.

Today we are one of the UK's fastest growing Insurance Brokers. Brunel Group act for over 13,000 professional clients, employ over 130 staff and have 7 UK offices including Bristol, Manchester, Perth and London, at the heart of the UK insurance industry. As Lloyd's brokers, we have access to the world's leading insurance markets allowing us to offer our clients an extensive insurance solution.

Who regulates us?

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is the independent watchdog that regulates financial services. Use this information to decide if the services are right for you.

Brunel Professions Ltd is authorised and regulated by the FCA, permitted to arrange general insurance contracts and conduct Credit Broking. You may check our registration details reference number 306497 on the FCA's Register by visiting their website www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

Ownership and control

We are an independently authorised firm owned by the Directors and shareholders, and controlled by the Directors and employees of Brunel Professions Ltd.

'Brunel Group' - Brunel Professions Ltd majority shareholder is Brunel Professional Risks Ltd. This holding company also has a shareholding in Brunel Insurance Brokers Ltd and information may be shared between the Brunel group entities

Professional Indemnity and related liabilities

Brunel Professions Ltd are Professional Indemnity insurance intermediaries and only transact a limited range of insurances as follows:

- 1) Professional Indemnity Insurance
- 2) Directors and Officers Insurance
- 3) Cyber liability Insurance

If you require other forms of insurance, you will need to discuss these with a commercial insurance broker.

Advised or Non-Advised Sale

An advised sale is where we give advice on the merits of buying a specific general insurance contract, explain how this meets a client's demands and needs and recommend its purchase. This will be specific individual advice to the customer and is not generic.

A non-advised sale is where we only provide information to enable a client to make a choice about how they wish to proceed. No recommendation is made. However, we will provide the client with sufficient information on the product to enable them to make an informed decision as to whether this meets their own demands and needs.

We will confirm on our quotations which level of advice we are providing.

Quotations

Brunel Professions Ltd ("Brunel") hereby responds to your request for quotations for insurances, suitable to meet your demands and needs, as detailed within your submission and our communications. Brunel act as agent for you in the sourcing of a suitable policy, placing the insurance and in the event of a claim, but in limited circumstances we will act as agent of an Insurer. Please ask us if you wish to be advised of these limited circumstances.

We offer quotations from a selected range of Insurers chosen by Brunel on your behalf for their potential suitability to provide you with a product that meets your demands and needs as detailed within our communications, at a competitive cost. If required, a list of Insurers is available on request.

Brunel Professions Ltd does not assume any liability for the completeness of your existing insurance programme (if any) or any insurance policies placed by you directly or by another insurance broker/intermediary.

Quotations - Advised Sale

We will make a recommendation and explain to you how this meets your demands and needs.

Quotation - Non-Advised Sale

We will not make a recommendation but will provide you with sufficient information to enable you to make your own informed decision in the arrangement of your insurance policy.

Minimum Policy wording

Where Professional Indemnity insurance for a particular profession is subject to a minimum policy wording or minimum insurance terms, there is no obligation for Brunel Professions Ltd to present quotations or arrange cover over and above the minimum policy wording or minimum insurance terms unless you have specifically asked us in writing to do this.

Our remuneration and other income

Brunel Professions may receive a commission from the Insurer with whom we place your business. You are entitled at any time to request information regarding any commission which we may have received as a result of placing your insurance business.

Occasionally due to the nature and complexity of the work we undertake on your behalf, we may charge an additional Broking fee. Any fee of this nature will be notified specifically to you on our quotation. Where applicable the additional fee includes our Building Valuation Service, Claims Assist cover and our Claims Handling Service.

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Brunel Professions may receive remuneration from a finance company for introducing you to a premium finance provider.

Some insurers may make additional payments to us reflecting the size and/or profitability of our account with them and/or in respect of work we undertake on their behalf.

Brunel Professions reserves the right to receive a minimum remuneration of £100, therefore, If commission on a single or multiple policy with Insurers is less than this, the shortfall difference may be added as a Broking fee. When this happens, any fee of this nature will be notified specifically to you within our quotation.

We will also make individual charges of £25 to cover the costs associated with mid-term adjustments, replacement or duplicate documents.

If prior to inception of a policy, you cancel after having given instructions to proceed with the policy, Brunel Professions reserve the right to apply a cancellation administration fee of up to £400.

Brunel Professions also reserves the right to charge £100 per hour for handling claims if you no longer have a policy with us.

Credit Card & Debit Card Payments are accepted at no additional charge to you. Card payments are limited to £5,000 per policy.

Your duty of disclosure

You have a duty to make a fair presentation of the risk to be insured to the insurer. This requires the disclosure of any information which would influence the judgement of a prudent insurer in deciding whether to accept your insurance, impose special terms, or charge an increased premium.

A proposal form, or any other document relating to the contract of insurance, must be answered fully and accurately. All representations must be substantially correct if relating to matters of fact or made in good faith if they are matters of expectation or belief. Please do consider the questions regarding "any other information" very carefully in the light of the duty of fair presentation. The provision and documentation of this information is your responsibility.

Please be aware that a failure to make a fair presentation of your risk may affect the payment of your claims, cause additional charges to be made by the insurer, or even invalidate the policy.

You are required to disclose what should "reasonably have been revealed by a reasonable search of information available to you". Please note that this includes what is in the knowledge of all senior management within your organisation (senior officers not just directors), and what is known to other organisations.

Information must be disclosed in a way which is reasonably clear and accessible to a prudent insurer.

This duty arises not only at inception of the policy but also at renewal or in the event of any material change in your risk during the period of insurance.

Insurer security

Brunel Professions Ltd makes no representations regarding the solvency of any Insurer and cannot guarantee the solvency of any Insurer.

Documentation

You agree to promptly check all documentation supplied to you by Brunel Professions Ltd or the Insurers to ensure there are no mistakes or misunderstandings. You will advise your usual Brunel contact immediately of any errors or anything you believe is not in accordance with your instructions or specifications

Any reports, letters, or information we provide you with during the term of Brunel's Engagement are not to be disclosed to any third party without our prior written consent (the foregoing statement does not apply to the "Verification of Cover Certificate" which is intended to be used as proof of cover to third parties). If we provide our consent, we may stipulate terms regarding such provision or require the third party to enter into a direct relationship with us. We disclaim all responsibility and liability for any consequence whatsoever should a third party rely upon any such report, letter, or information without our first having given our written consent that such third party may do so.

Brunel Professions Ltd operate a paperless environment, and information is therefore retained in electronic form. No originals or hardcopy of any paperwork will be retained.

Terms of Business Applicable to Affiliates

You agree to and accept these Terms of Business on your own behalf and on behalf of each of your Affiliates. You will procure that each of your Affiliates will act on the basis that they are a party to and bound by these terms. All references in these terms to "you" (and derivatives of it) will mean you and each of your Affiliates.

For the purposes of these Terms of Business "Affiliates" means, in relation to a company, its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings and any holding company it may have and all other subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings of any such holding company (as such terms are defined in the Companies Act 2006). As it applies to you, "Affiliate" shall also include your partners, co-venturer's and/or other co-insureds to whom Brunel Professions Ltd or any of its Affiliates may assume a responsibility as a consequence of the provision of services.

Instructions

We will assume that we are entitled to take instructions from any partner, officer (such as director or secretary), committee member, trustee (as appropriate), or senior employee unless you inform us, in writing, that we may not do so.

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Payment of the premium

Please be aware that full or partial non-payment of a premium or default on a credit agreement may result in the cancellation or lapsing of your policy.

We will provide you with a debit note detailing the amounts due and the terms of payment. Some Insurers include terms of settlement on certain contracts; others require that the premium be paid within certain strict guidelines. Payment is a condition of the policy and must be complied with to ensure that payment schedules are met in full. Failure to meet deadlines can lead to a policy being cancelled and render the contract void.

We have no obligation to fund any premium, taxes or fees (if applicable) on your behalf nor do we have any responsibility for any loss you may suffer as a result of cancellation of insurance cover or any other prejudicial steps taken as a result of late payment substantially attributable to you. If we decide to retain certain documents whilst awaiting payment, we shall provide details of your insurance cover and any information or documents required by law.

We shall be entitled (but not obliged) without providing notice to you to set off any amounts due to us from you, against any amounts which we may receive on your behalf (i.e. claims monies, refunded premiums and other sums).

Claims

We will assist you when you make a claim under your policy, but it remains your responsibility to have read, understood or queried all documentation upon receipt. All incidents that could possibly give rise to a claim must be notified to us or your Insurer in accordance with the terms of your policy and a claim form completed where required. Delay on your part in notifying a claim and/or completing required forms may result in your claim not being paid in part or in full.

You must not under any circumstance admit liability for a loss or agree to any course of action, other than emergency measures carried out to minimise the loss, as you will risk your claim not being paid in part or in full. All correspondence, claims, writs, summonses etc. should be forwarded immediately, unanswered, either to us or to your Insurer. You are also reminded of your duty to keep all losses and costs arising from an incident to a minimum and that failure to comply with policy terms and conditions may prejudice your cover.

We will remit claim payments received on your behalf, to you as soon as practicable after confirmation of receipt of cleared funds in our bank account. In the event that an Insurer becomes insolvent or delays making settlement, we do not accept liability for any unpaid amounts.

With regard to claim notification, information must be received by Brunel by 4pm on a working day (3pm on a working Friday) or notification to the Insurer on the same day cannot be assumed. If insurance cover is expiring, it is your responsibility to flag the urgency of the notification. You should ensure that the notification has actually been received by Brunel Professions

Ltd and we have confirmed to you in writing that it has been actioned.

Client and insurer money

Brunel Professions Ltd acts as agent for some Insurers in the collection of premiums, claims money and premium refunds. All monies received by Brunel will be credited to a statutory trust account pending settlement to the Insurers. Any bank interest earned on this account is retained by Brunel.

Our liability to you

Brunel Professions Ltd shall only be liable to you for any reasonably foreseeable losses, damages, costs or expenses arising directly from breach of contract, breach of duty or fault, negligence or otherwise, in connection with this Engagement. Brunel Professions Ltd shall not be liable to you in any circumstances for any special, indirect or consequential loss.

The liability of Brunel Professions Ltd whether in contract or in tort, in negligence, for breach of statutory duty or otherwise in respect of any claim or series of claims shall not exceed the lesser of £5,000,000 or the amount, if any, recoverable by Brunel Professions Ltd by way of indemnity against the claim or claims in question under professional indemnity insurance taken out by Brunel Professions Ltd and in force at the time that the claims or (if earlier) circumstances are reported to the Insurers in question.

In respect of any loss suffered by you, for which Brunel Professions Ltd and any other party are (on any basis) liable, the liability of Brunel Professions Ltd shall be limited so as to be proportionate to the relative contribution of Brunel Professions Ltd to the overall fault giving rise to the loss in question.

The preceding three paragraphs shall not apply to any liability arising as a result of fraud or wilful default on the part of Brunel Professions Risks Ltd nor to any liability which cannot lawfully be excluded or limited, nor to the extent that the exclusion or restrictions of such liability would not be permitted by virtue of the FCA's regulatory requirements.

If the performance of any part of the Engagement by any party is prevented, restricted or delayed by reason of any cause beyond the reasonable control of that party (including (without limitation) fire, flood and other Act of God, industrial action including strike and lock out, riots, war, armed conflict, trade sanctions, contamination, disease and epidemic, interruption or failure of a utility service, failure of computer or other machinery, and change in law or regulatory requirements) the party so affected shall, upon giving written notice to the other party or parties, be excused from such performance to the extent of such prevention, restriction or delay, provided that the affected party shall use commercially reasonable endeavours to avoid or remove such causes of non-performance or to find an alternative manner or means of performance and shall continue performance as soon as reasonably practicable after such causes are removed. Upon such circumstances arising, the parties shall discuss what, if any, modifications of the terms of this Engagement may be required in order to arrive at an equitable solution.

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If your proposal form is submitted less than 10 working days from the required inception date of the insurance, Brunel Professions Ltd shall have no liability whether in contract or tort, in negligence, for breach of statutory duty or otherwise for not obtaining insurance as per your proposal form. It is acknowledged that if your proposal form is submitted less than 10 working days from the required inception date, Brunel may approach a smaller number of insurers than usual and/or only a single insurer, and (if applicable) this will be advised to you.

Brunel Professions Ltd may offer risk management services. Brunel Professions Ltd are under no obligation to provide risk management services except as explicitly agreed with Brunel Professions Ltd. Where risk management services are agreed Brunel Professions Ltd may arrange for these to be provided by other firms on behalf of Brunel Professions Ltd or supply the services. Where Brunel Professions Ltd supplies or arranges for the provision of risk management services, Brunel Professions Ltd shall not be construed as owing any greater duty than the use of reasonable skill and care in accordance with the normal standards of its profession.

Brunel Professions Ltd may offer contractual review services. Brunel Professions Ltd are under no obligation to provide contractual review services except as explicitly agreed with Brunel Professions Ltd. Where contractual review services are agreed Brunel Professions Ltd may arrange for these to be provided by other firms on behalf of Brunel Professions Ltd or supply the services. It is understood that Brunel Professions Ltd are not lawyers and are not offering legal services. Contract review services seek to identify and suggest remediation to potential problems in the wording of the contract in relation to the operation of professional indemnity insurance and its response to claims based on the contract. Contract review services are not intended to advise on any other subject matter. It is acknowledged that there is a lack of legal case law and guidance in this area, and that the providers of contracts are constantly amending wordings and practice. Any advice given is reliant on current interpretation and/or individual interpretation. As such it may not be possible to identify every issue, or the law may change and create issues where none were perceived previously. Remedial action is not the responsibility of Brunel Professions Ltd, and it is acknowledged that the commercial context of the contract may dictate no remediation, or compromise rather than full remediation. Where Brunel Professions Ltd supplies or arranges for the provision of contract review services, Brunel Professions Ltd shall not be construed as owing any greater duty than the use of reasonable skill and care in accordance with the normal standards of its profession.

You shall look only to Brunel Professions Ltd (and not to any of Brunel Professions Ltd's personnel) for redress if you consider that there has been any breach of this Engagement. You agree not to pursue any claims in contract, tort, or statute (including negligence) against any of Brunel Professions Ltd's personnel as a result of carrying out its obligations under or in connection with this Engagement at any time and whether named expressly in this Engagement or not.

Conflict of interests

Occasions can arise where we, one of our associated companies, clients, or insurers, may have potential conflict of interest with business being transacted for you. If this happens, and we become aware that a potential conflict exists, we will write to you and obtain your consent before we carry out your instructions and we will detail the steps we will take to ensure fair treatment.

You may be offered a quote by Pinpoint UW Ltd who are an independent Underwriting Agency operating Binding Authorities. The majority % shareholding of Pinpoint UW Ltd is owned by the Directors and majority shareholders of Brunel Professions Ltd.

Introductions

We may enter into agreements for the introduction of business to Brunel Professions Ltd. The agreements may provide for the remuneration of such introducers

Confidentiality and security

We will ensure that any information obtained from you is treated as private and confidential by us. These Terms of Business assume that any information you supply to us on behalf of a third party is done so with their permission.

We will not take instructions on your insurance arrangements from anyone else unless we have your prior written permission. We will also not provide information you supply to anyone else unless we have your prior written permission to do so or are required by a regulatory body, by law or are required to do so in the normal course of arranging your insurance or in connection with claims matters or other services we may provide to you.

All information in any form, except for policy documents and certificates issued on behalf of Insurers, supplied by us to you must be treated as strictly private and confidential and not be released directly or indirectly to any other party, without our explicit, written consent.

Please note telephone calls may be recorded for quality and training purposes.

Data Protection

The terms "Controller", "Data Subject", "Personal Data", "Personal Data Breach", "Processor" and "Processing" shall have the meanings as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018.

"Sensitive Personal Data" means Personal Data that reveals such categories of data as are listed in Article 9(1) of the GDPR. For the purposes of this Agreement, Personal Data may include Sensitive Personal Data.

Brunel Group is the 'Controller' of any data you provide to us and Brunel Professions Ltd are the data processor.

Brunel will ensure that it is not subject to prohibitions or restrictions which would restrict it from complying with the General Data Protection Regulation, or which would

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restrict processing the Personal Data under this Agreement.

Brunel shall implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures sufficient to comply with the Security Requirements.

Brunel shall take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any of its Staff who shall have access to the Personal Data for the purposes of this Agreement and ensure that each member of Staff shall have:

- i. undergone, and shall continue to receive on an annual basis, reasonable levels of training in General Data Protection Regulation and in the care and handling of Personal Data; and
- ii. entered into appropriate contractually-binding confidentiality undertakings.

What we need & why we need it

We only collect basic personal data such as name, address, email etc. Our legal basis of processing personal data is to ensure its necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract. We will not collect any personal data we do not need in order to provide and oversee this service to you need in order to provide and oversee this service to you.

What we do with it

All the personal data we process is processed by our staff in the UK however for the purposes of IT hosting and maintenance this information is located on servers within the European Union. No 3rd parties (Apart from the Brunel Group detailed in ownership section) have access to your personal data unless the law allows them to do so. We have a Data Protection regime in place to oversee the effective and secure processing of your personal data.

How long we keep it

We are required under UK law to keep your basic personal data (name, address, contact details) for a minimum of 15 years after which time it will be destroyed. Your information we use for marketing purposes will be kept with us until you notify us that you no longer wish to receive this information.

What we would also like to do with it

We would however like to use your name and email address to inform you of our future offers and similar products within the group. This information is not shared with third parties and you can unsubscribe at any time via phone and email.

What are your rights?

If at any point you believe the information we process on you is incorrect you can request to see this information and even have it corrected or deleted. If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Privacy & Compliance Officer by emailing compliance@brunelpi.co.uk who will investigate the matter.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Termination

Your instructions must be given in writing and will take effect from the date of receipt by Brunel Professions Ltd. In circumstances where we feel we cannot continue to provide services to you, we will give you a minimum of 30 days' notice.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, if our relationship is ended by either party, any transactions previously initiated will be completed according to these Terms of Business. You will be liable to pay for any transactions concluded prior to the end of our relationship and we will be entitled to retain commission received for conducting these transactions, together with all fees charged by us for services provided.

Cancelled Policies

In the majority of cases, professional liability insurances cannot be cancelled by the policyholder. Policy cancellation and premium returns will only be granted by the Insurer in exceptional circumstances subject to the satisfactory receipt of a written explanation for the cancellation request.

If you wish to cancel your policy, then you will need to return the policy document and current certificate of insurance (if applicable) and confirm your cancellation instructions. Subject to the cancellation terms of your policy, a refund of premium may be available. Details of any applicable cancellation terms and charges will be found in your policy documents. Our commission and/or fees are fully earned from the date insurance cover commences and will not be refundable in the event of cancellation, avoidance or early termination of a policy.

Transferred business

When we are appointed to service insurance policies midway through the period of insurance and which policies were originally arranged via another party, we shall not be liable during the remainder of the unexpired policy term for any loss arising from any errors or omissions in the placement or terms of your insurance cover.

The preceding paragraph will not apply if we have confirmed to you that we have been given sufficient information and time in order to review the existing insurance policy(ies) and discuss any necessary action with you.

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Premium finance & credit searches

We may make an introduction to a limited panel of premium finance lenders. Please ask us for a list of the premium finance lenders we use. When applying for a loan to facilitate payment of your premium by instalment facilities, your application for credit will be passed to the credit provider who in assessing your application may search public information held by a credit reference agency about you. The credit reference agency will add details of the search and your application to their record about you whether or not your application proceeds.

Please note Brunel facilitates the application to approval or rejection but a contract is strictly between you and the finance company.

Bribery and corruption

We have no tolerance for bribery and corruption and this policy extends throughout the company in respect of all of its dealings and transactions in all countries in which we operate. Our anti-bribery policy is updated in line with the changes in law, changes in our business and our reputational demands. All employees are required to comply with this policy.

Both parties agree to comply fully with the requirements of the Bribery Act 2010, and will not engage in any of the following activities:

- promising or giving an advantage, financial or otherwise, to another person to bring about an improper performance or to reward such improper performance
- Requesting, agreeing to receive or accepting an advantage, financial or otherwise to act improperly
- bribing a foreign public official to do or reward them for doing, something improper.
- Additionally, where applicable, a firm will prevent bribery being committed on its behalf by its employees and third parties.

Breach of Sanctions

Brunel Professions Ltd reserves the right to suspend or terminate the Engagement (in whole or in part) where it believes performance could be a breach of applicable economic or trade sanctions. Brunel Professions Ltd is unable to provide insurance broking, claims or other services or provide any benefit to the extent that the provision of such services or benefit would violate applicable law or expose Brunel Professions Ltd or its affiliates to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under UN Security Council Resolutions or under other trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations.

Rights of Third Parties

Unless otherwise agreed between us in writing no provision of these Terms of Business is enforceable under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person or party other than you or us.

Severability

If any part of these terms is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining terms will continue in full force and effect.

Law and jurisdiction

This Engagement and the services provided under it shall be governed by English law, and any dispute shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Complaints

Our aim is to provide a first class service, however, if you wish to register a complaint, please contact us **by writing** to Company Operations, Brunel Professions Limited, 3 Temple Quay, Temple Back, Bristol BS1 6DZ or **by telephone** 0117 325 2224, or **by fax** 0117 325 2225.

We will provide you with a copy of our full complaints procedure and respond to you as a matter of urgency, and always within 5 working days. We will aim to make a final response to you within four weeks, or keep you informed as to why this is not possible. In the event that your complaint relates to activities or services provided by another party, we will ensure that your complaint is appropriately forwarded, and will track the progress of the complaint and responses of that party.

After our final response has been issued, if you still cannot settle your complaint with us, you may be entitled to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service, for an independent assessment and opinion.

Compensation

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. Insurance advising and arranging is covered for 90% of the claim with no upper limit.

For compulsory classes of insurance such as Employers Liability, advising and arranging is covered for 100% of the claim, without any upper limit.