

Commercial Vehicle

Motor Insurance Policy

Claim Service

If **you** are involved in an accident irrespective of blame, please always contact **us** immediately to enable **us** to provide **you** with the best possible service at a time when **we** know **you** will require as much support and assistance as possible.

To notify **us** of a claim or accident, please contact the

CLAIMS HELPLINE on 0333 241 9200

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Alternatively, if **you** would like to submit or discuss **your** claim via email or post, please do so via the following addresses:

St James House Eastern Road Romford RM1 3NH

claims@eridgeunderwriting.co.uk

Our objective is to help minimise inconvenience and stress to **you** by organising a quick and efficient repair of **your** vehicle, whilst effectively managing any other claim covered by this Policy.

The more assistance and co-operation **you** can provide, the easier it will be for **us** to provide **you** with the help **you** need.



The law

If **you** have an accident which involves an injury to any person or certain animals, another vehicle or damage to property, **you** must stop. If **you** own the **vehicle you** must give **your** name, address and insurance details to anyone who has a good reason to ask. If **you** do not own the **vehicle you** must also provide the owner's name and address.

If there is an injury and **you** do not give **your** details at the scene, **you** must report the incident to the police within 24 hours.

At the scene

Turn on **your** hazard lights and set up a warning triangle. Make sure **you** are as visible as possible.

It is important that **you** obtain the following information or material:

- Location and time of accident.
- Details of all the vehicles involved and registration numbers.
- The names, addresses and telephone numbers (preferably mobile phone) of the other driver(s) and of any witnesses.
- The number of passengers in each vehicle.
- The insurance details of the other driver(s).

Please take notes and supply **us** with details of the following as a result of the accident:

- Any known injuries sustained.
- Property damaged and extent of damage.
- If a Police Officer attends the incident record their name, number and police force.

If possible, **you** should:

 Make a rough sketch of the accident scene showing the position of the vehicles before and after the accident. If possible, take mobile phone photos of the scene and damage to vehicles.

Do not admit that you were to blame. Do not sign anything at the scene.



Reporting the Accident

Report the accident immediately to our Claims Helpline

CLAIMS HELPLINE on 0333 241 9200

and provide **us** with all the information **you** obtained at the scene. Alternatively, if **you** would like to submit or discuss **your** claim via email or post, please do so via the following addresses:

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Approved Repairers

If the damage to the **vehicle** is covered and can be repaired, **we** will arrange for one of **our** approved repairers to contact **you** and:

- They will collect the vehicle free of charge.
- If the vehicle is not driveable we may move the vehicle to a safe place while it is waiting to be repaired or disposed of. You should remove all personal belongings.
- After the repair the vehicle will be returned to you having been cleaned inside and out.
- All work carried out by our approved repairers is guaranteed for 5 years providing you remain the owner of the vehicle.

If **you** do not wish to use **our** approved repairer an additional excess of £250 will apply.

Glass only claims

Contact the Claims Helpline on 0333 241 9200. Also refer to Section 4 of this Policy.



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Contract of Insurance

Commercial Vehicle Insurance Policy

Thank **you** for choosing to insure with Eridge Underwriting. This document, together with **your** Policy **schedule** and **Certificate of Insurance**, is a legally binding contract of insurance between **you** and **us** and does not provide anyone else with rights to enforce any part of this contract.

We have agreed to insure **you** subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions contained within this document and in any **schedule** of **endorsements** attached for the period for which **you** have paid **your** premium. This insurance applies within the **territorial limits** unless **we** specify otherwise.

Underwritten by Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. A public limited company incorporated in Switzerland. Registered in the Canton of Zurich, No. CHE-105.833.114, registered offices at Mythenquai 2, 8002 Zurich. UK Branch registered in England and Wales no BR000105. UK Branch Head Office: The Zurich Centre, 3000 Parkway, Whiteley, Fareham, Hampshire PO15 7JZ

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Details about the extent of Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.'s regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority are available from them on request. Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.'s firm reference number is 959113.

This contract is governed, in relation to each vehicle insured under this contract, by the law of the place within the Territorial Limits where you reside or if there is any disagreement about which law applies, the law of the place where your vehicle is registered. You agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in that place.

This contract is written in English and all communications about it will be conducted in English.

John Hamilton Managing Director

Eridge Underwriting Agency Ltd



Disclosure and Accuracy of the Information **You** Have Provided

In deciding to provide the insurance under this Policy and setting the terms of it, **we** have relied on the information **you** have given **us**. The information **you** give **us** in relation to the insurance under this Policy must be accurate and complete.

In addition to the answers **you** have provided to questions asked **you** are required to disclose material circumstances that gives a fair presentation of the risks that are or would be insured under this Policy.

A fair presentation of the risks means that **you** must:

- disclose to us every material circumstance which you know or ought to know or, failing that, sufficient information to alert us of the need to make further enquiries; and
- make such disclosure in a reasonably clear and accessible manner; and
- ensure that, in such disclosure, any material representation as to:
 - a matter of fact is substantially correct, and
 - a matter of expectation or belief is made in good faith.

A circumstance or representation is material if it would influence **our** judgement (as a prudent underwriter) in determining whether to take the risk and, if so, on what terms. If **you** are in any doubt as to whether a circumstance or representation is material, then **you** should disclose it.

If, before or after the start date of this insurance as shown under the **period of insurance**, **you** become aware that the information **you** have given to **us** is inaccurate or incomplete or **you** have any particular concerns about any of the information **you** have provided or should provide then **you** must advise **your insurance intermediary** as soon as possible.

If the information **you** have provided is inaccurate or incomplete, **we** may:

- amend the terms of the Policy.
- reduce the amount **we** pay on a claim in proportion to any premium advantage gained by inaccurate or incomplete information.

If **we** establish that **you** deliberately, recklessly or carelessly provided false or misleading information **we** may:

- reduce the amount we pay you in the event of a claim, or
- cancel **your** policy immediately or
- treat as if this insurance never existed, which means no claims will be paid and we
 may not return the premium.

If this happens **we** will advise **your insurance intermediary** or **you** (in writing to **your** last known address or email address).

We also reserve the right to cancel any other policy you have with ${\bf us}$ or any ${\bf you}$ take in the future.



Change in Risk Information

If the information **you** have given **us** in relation to the insurance provided under this Policy changes, or there is any change in or variance of the risk(s), before or during the **period of insurance**, then **we** need to know as it may result in:

- us applying different terms, and/or
- a claim not being paid (in whole or in part), and/or
- it being determined that the Policy is no longer suitable to meet **your** needs.

You must make a fair presentation of the risks to **us** if there is any change in or variance of the risks before or after the start date of this insurance as shown under the **period of insurance**. An explanation of fair presentation of the risks is shown under Disclosure and Accuracy of the Information **You** Have Provided above.

To enable **us** to assess any such changes or variations in information and/or risk(s) **you** must tell **us** immediately or as soon as practicable of any such changes or variations by advising **your insurance intermediary**.

Your right to cancel

You have 14 days to decide if this Policy meets **your** requirements. If **you** are not satisfied **you** can cancel within 14 days of the Policy starting or within 14 days of receiving **your** documents (whichever is the later). **We** will charge a premium for the period **we** have been insuring **you** and an administration charge of £25.00 plus insurance premium tax is applied. Refer to the General Conditions of the Policy for more information on cancellations.



Definitions

Certain words and phrases used in this document are shown in **bold** throughout the Policy and these have particular meanings which are shown below.

Accessories

Parts or products specifically designed to be fitted to the **vehicle**, including the manufacturer's standard tool kit and the **vehicle's** safety equipment.

Automated Vehicle

A vehicle legally allowed to drive itself in Great Britain as defined by the Automated and Electric Vehicle Act 2018.

Autonomous Mode

A mode which allows the vehicle to drive itself legally, as allowed under the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018.

Certificate of Motor Insurance

Evidence that **you** have the minimum motor insurance required by law to drive the **vehicle**. It shows who may drive the **vehicle** and what **you** can use it for.

Endorsement

A clause which alters the insurance cover and will be shown on your schedule.

Excess/Excesses

The amount **you** must pay towards any claim and shown on **your schedule** or Policy section.

Insurance Intermediary

The insurance broker, agent or adviser who acting on **your** behalf has placed this insurance with **us**.

Market Value

The cost of replacing the **vehicle** with one of the same make, model, specification and condition at the time of loss as assessed by **us**. **We** use guides which refer to vehicle values, engineers and other relevant sources to assess the **market value**, including the value declared by **you**.

Period of Insurance

The period of time covered by this insurance as shown in the **schedule** and/or the **certificate of motor insurance**.

Personal Belongings

Property which is worn or used in everyday life and which belongs to **you** whilst in the insured **vehicle.**



Definitions (continued)

Proposal Form/Statement of Fact

A form that shows the information provided by **you** and declared as accurate for the purposes of entering into an insurance contract with **us.**

Road Traffic Acts

The laws which include details of the minimum motor insurance cover needed in the United Kingdom.

Schedule

Confirms details of **you**, the insurance cover provided, the **vehicle** and **excesses** that apply. The **schedule** forms part of the contract of insurance and must be read together with the Policy.

Territorial Limits

United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and transit between any of these countries.)

Terrorism

Terrorism as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000 or any subsequent acts.

Theft

Any **theft** or attempted **theft** that **you** have reported to the police.

Vehicle

Any motor **vehicle** described in the **schedule** and for which **we** have issued a **certificate of motor insurance**. This includes **accessories** and spare parts which are fitted to or with the **vehicle**.

We, Our, Us

Eridge Underwriting Agency Limited.

You/Your/The Insured/Policyholder

The person named in the **schedule** and **certificate of motor insurance** as the policyholder or **the Insured**.

Your Partner

The husband or wife or civil partner of the **policyholder** living at the same address as the **policyholder** and sharing financial responsibilities. This does not include any business partners or associates.



Section 1

Accidental Damage

What is covered

We will cover **you** under this section for accidental and malicious damage to the **vehicle** including **accessories** and spare parts which are kept in or on the **vehicle**. **We** will also cover **personal belongings** if they are damaged as a result of an accident.

This is subject to the amount of **excess** shown in the **schedule**. **You** must pay the appropriate **excess** for each claim **you** make.

Section 2

Fire and Theft

What is covered

We will cover **you** under this section for loss of or damage to the **vehicle** caused by fire, lightning or explosion, **theft** or attempted **theft** including **accessories** and spare parts which are kept in or on the **vehicle**.

If the keys to the **vehicle** or lock transmitter are lost or stolen, **we** will pay up to a maximum £500 towards the cost of replacing the door locks and/or boot lock, ignition/steering lock, the lock transmitter and central locking interface, provided the location of the **vehicle** is known to the person(s) in possession of the keys or transmitter.

We will also cover up to £200 **personal belongings** in the **vehicle** if they are lost or damaged by fire or **theft**.

This is subject to the amount of **excess** shown in the **schedule. You** must pay the appropriate **excess** for each claim **you** make.



What is not covered under Sections 1 and 2

We will not cover:

- The amount of excess shown within the schedule or as an endorsement within the schedule.
- Theft of property from the vehicle if it is left unattended and all doors, windows and other openings have not been closed and/or locked.
- Loss or damage to the **vehicle** if it is left unattended and the ignition key or any similar device is left in or on the **vehicle**.
- Loss or damage to the **vehicle** if all doors, windows and other openings have not been closed and locked and where a tracking and/or immobilising device is a condition of cover that such security devices are not set.
- Loss of use of the vehicle or any costs incurred which are not directly associated with the incident that caused you to claim.
- Wear and tear, depreciation, mechanical, electrical, electronic and computer failures, breakdowns or any loss or damage which happens gradually.
- Damage to tyres caused by braking, punctures, cuts or bursts.
- Loss of value of the **vehicle** as a result of a repair to it.
- Loss of or damage to the vehicle resulting from fraud or deception.
- Any amount over the manufacturer's latest list price for any part or accessory.
- Loss of or damage to the **vehicle** if it is not covered by a valid Department of Transport test certificate (MOT), if one is needed by law.
- Confiscation or requisition or destruction by or under order of any Government or Public or Local Authority.
- Loss of or damage to the vehicle if any person named on the certificate of
 motor insurance is driving under the influence of drink or drugs or any other
 substance and this is an offence under the driving laws of the country in which the
 accident happened.
- Damage to the vehicle's cooling system caused by freezing liquid.
- Loss of or damage to the vehicle caused by a member of your family or household or a permitted driver or persons known to you taking the vehicle without your permission.
- Loss of or damage to the contents of the vehicle including but not limited to telephones, two-way radio transmitters or receivers, removable satellite navigation system or money.
- Any repair or replacement part which improves the vehicle.
- Theft of or attempted theft of the vehicle unless reported to the police.
- Loss of or damage to the **vehicle** caused deliberately by **you** or by any person driving it with **your** permission.
- Loss or Damage caused by misfuelling.
- Loss or damage caused by domestic animals, insects or vermin.



How claims are dealt with under Sections 1 and 2

We will at **our** option choose to repair or replace the **vehicle** or settle **your** claim for the amount of the loss or damage. The most **we** will pay is no more than the **market value** of the **vehicle** at the time of loss, less the **excess** shown on **your schedule** and less the **excess** as shown below for young or inexperienced drivers:

- £175 of any claim if the driver in charge of the vehicle at the time of the loss or damage is 22 or under; or
- £125 of any claim if the driver in charge of the vehicle at the time of the loss or damage is aged 23 and 24; or
- £25 of any claim if the driver in charge of the vehicle at the time of the loss or damage is aged between 25 and 29.

In addition to the **excesses** described above, an additional £225 **excess** applies to any person that has held a Full UK driving licence for less than 24 months.

If **you** do not wish to use **our** approved repairer an additional excess of £250 will apply.

If the **vehicle** is damaged and such damage is covered by this Policy, **we** will pay the reasonable cost of protecting it and removing it to the nearest approved repairer and returning it to **you** after repairs have been carried out.

When carrying out repairs **our** approved repairers may fit parts made by other manufacturers they recommend for which they or the manufacturer offer a warranty, including recycled parts of similar type and quality to those being replaced.

Following the payment for a total loss settlement to **you** the **vehicle** will become **our** property. If the **vehicle** is under a hire purchase or leasing agreement, **we** will make any payment for the total loss of the **vehicle** to the hire-purchase or leasing company as appropriate. If there is still an amount owing to the finance or leasing company after **we** have settled **your** claim, then **you** are responsible for this amount.

If **we** deem the **vehicle** to be a total loss following a claim, **we** will not refund any premium if the Policy is cancelled. If **you** pay in instalments **your** full annual premium remains payable, and if necessary, any outstanding premium may be deducted from any total loss settlement.

Replacement Vehicle

If the insured **vehicle** is less than 12 months old and it is stolen and not recovered within 30 days or is damaged and the cost involved in the repair will exceed 60% of the manufacturers list price (including **vehicle** tax and VAT) at the time of loss or damage, **we** will replace the **vehicle** with a new **vehicle** of the same make, model and specification, provided that one is available. Vehicles sold as 'ex-demonstrators' and 'nearly new' do not qualify for replacement under this section. This is subject to:

- The vehicle being registered to you, your spouse or civil partner or being purchased under a hire purchase agreement (excluding vehicle which are the subject of a contract hire or leasing agreement).
- We have agreement of any interested hire purchase company.
- You, your spouse or civil partner are the first registered owners.
- The recorded mileage does not exceed 15,000 miles at the time of the incident.
- The replacement **vehicle** is available in the United Kingdom within 6 weeks from the time
 of the loss.



Liability to Others

What is covered

This Policy covers **you** for **your** legal liabilities for the death of or injury to any person or damage to their property as a result of:

- You, driving the insured vehicle your certificate of motor insurance shows
 you are covered to drive. This includes towing any trailer, caravan or broken-down
 vehicle. This towing must be allowed by law and the trailer, caravan or brokendown vehicle that is being towed must be properly attached to the vehicle.
- An employer of anyone you allow to drive the vehicle if their driving and business
 use on behalf of that employer is covered by the certificate of motor
 insurance. This does not apply if the vehicle is owned, leased, or hired to the
 employer or business partner or if the insured is a corporate body or firm.
- Any person driving the vehicle with your permission provided your certificate of motor insurance shows he or she is allowed to drive the vehicle.

We will also provide the same cover to:

- Any passenger travelling in, getting into or out of the vehicle.
- Anyone you allow to use (but not drive) the vehicle for social domestic and pleasure purposes.

In the event of an accident involving a **vehicle** covered by this Policy **we** will also pay at **our** discretion reasonable legal costs and expenses **we** have previously agreed in writing relating to:

- Solicitors' fees for representation at a coroner's inquest, fatal accident inquiry or court of summary jurisdiction.
- The defence of a charge of manslaughter or causing death by reckless or dangerous driving providing they relate to a claim resulting from an accident covered by this section.
- Any other legal costs incurred with any accident which may involve legal liability under this insurance.

Unless **we** agree otherwise in writing, **we** will not pay representation for the following:

- A plea of mitigation (unless the offence you are charged with carries a custodial sentence).
- Appeals'
- Any representation arranged by **you** without **our** consent.
- Any actions outside the **Territorial Limits**.

We may, at any time, stop paying such legal costs and expenses.

If anyone insured by this section dies, **we** will extend the cover to which they would have been entitled to their personal representatives.



What is not covered under Section 3

We will not cover:

- Liability for death or injury to any employee of the person insured arising during the course of their employment except where liability is required to be covered by the Road Traffic Acts.
- Loss of or damage to property of any person claiming cover under this section.
- Any amount over £2,000,000 for any one claim or series of claims from one event in respect of damage, loss of use or other indirect loss in respect of property.
- Loss, damage or injury which result from any deliberate act or omission by you or any person driving the insured vehicle with your permission.
- Death or injury to the driver or the person in charge of the **vehicle** if the death or injury occurred as a result of that person having driven the **vehicle**.
- Any claim for pollution or contamination, unless it is caused by a sudden, identifiable event which was unintended and unexpected and happened at any specific time and place, or except as required by the Road Traffic Acts.
- Any other legal costs incurred with any accident which may involve your legal liabilities under this insurance.
- Any claim if any person insured under this Policy can claim under another Policy.
- Any damage, loss of use or any other indirect loss to any property in the custody or control of you or the person claiming cover under this section.
- Any damage, loss of use or any other indirect loss to property being carried by or loaded onto or unloaded from the insured vehicle.
- The liability of any person other than the driver or attendant of the vehicle arising from the loading or unloading or the carrying of a load to or from the insured vehicle beyond the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare.
- Any liability, loss of use or any other indirect loss arising from the loading or unloading from the insured **vehicle** where this activity involves the use of any hoist, crane, lift or similar appliance.
- Any claim for any damage to any road surface or structure caused by the vibration or weight of the vehicle.
- Loss, damage or injury which result from a trailer, caravan or broken-down vehicle
 that is being towed that is not properly attached to the vehicle or if the vehicle's
 maximum towing weight limit as set by the vehicle's manufacturer is exceeded.

Emergency Treatment

We will also pay for emergency treatment charges as set out in the **Road Traffic Acts** resulting from an accident involving any **vehicle** covered by this Policy. If this is the only payment, then **your** No Claims Discount will not be affected.



Section 4 Glass

To make a claim contact the Claims Helpline on 0333 241 9200

What is covered

- We will cover you for repairs or replacement for damage to the vehicle's windscreen or glass windows including scratching to the vehicle's bodywork if solely caused by the incident.
- When required, we will also cover the costs to recalibrate your vehicle's ADAS
 (Advanced Driver Assistance System) after the replacement of your windscreen.
- For replacements using our approved Windscreen repairer we will pay the claim subject to a £100 excess.
- For repairs using our approved Windscreen repairer we will pay the claim subject to a £25 excess.
- If you do not use our approved repairer, the maximum we will pay is £75 after the deduction of the first £100.
- The maximum number of claims made under this section is two per Policy period.
- The maximum we will pay per claim for any repairs or replacement to the vehicles windscreen or glass windows is £400 after the deduction of the excess.

Any subsequent glass claims can be dealt with under Section 1 Accidental Damage.

What is not covered under Section 4

We will not cover:

- Damage to sunroofs, panoramic roofs, roof panels, lights or reflectors even if they are made of class.
- The first £100 towards the cost of the replacement glass or windscreen.
- The first £25 towards the cost to repair the glass or windscreen.
- Extra costs for the work to be undertaken outside normal business hours, unless the windscreen is shattered, or the drivers vision or the security of the insured **vehicle**, is affected.



Section 5 Audio and/or Communication Equipment

What is covered

We will cover **your** permanently fitted audio and/or communication equipment against loss or damage. This is subject to the amount of **excess** shown in the **schedule**. **You** must pay the appropriate **excess** for each **claim you** make.

What is not covered under Section 5

We will not pay:

- More than £1000 for permanently fitted audio and/or communication equipment unless it is standard equipment for the **vehicle** when built.
- More than £1000 for loss or damage to permanently fitted navigation equipment unless it is standard equipment for the **vehicle** when built.
- Loss of or damage to removable audio, electrical or communication equipment.

Section 6 Personal Accident

What is covered

If **you** or **your partner** suffer accidental bodily injury in direct connection with the **vehicle**, are injured or die within 3 months of an accident while getting into, travelling in or getting out of the **vehicle we** will pay:

- £5000 for death.
- £5000 for total and permanent loss of one or more limbs.
- £5000 for permanent blindness in one or both eyes.

What is not covered under Section 6

We will not pay for:

- Death or injury caused by suicide or attempted suicide, self-injury or while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Any loss if you or your partner has more than one Policy with us. We will only
 pay out under one Policy.
- Any loss unless the Policy is in the name of an individual.
- Any amount over £5000 in any one period of insurance.



Section 7 Uninsured Driver Promise

If **you** are involved in an accident in **your vehicle** that is not **your** fault and the person responsible for the accident is not insured, **your** No Claims Discount will be reinstated and **we** will refund **your excess**, provided:

- You must report the claim to us within 48 hours.
- You provide us with the make, model and registration of the vehicle that hit you.
- You supply the name and address of the other driver, if possible; and
- You supply the names and addresses of any independent witnesses.

When **you** claim, **you** will initially have to pay **your excess**. If the investigations are still ongoing when **your** Policy reaches its renewal, **you** may lose **your** No Claims Discount temporarily.

Once **we** confirm that the accident was the fault of the uninsured driver, **we** will repay **your excess**, restore **your** No Claim Discount and refund any extra premium **you** have paid.



Foreign Use

Third Party Liability in Europe

While the insured vehicle is in:

- Any country which is a member country of The European Union (EU).
- Any country in respect of which the European Commission is satisfied has made arrangements to meet the requirements of Article 8 (1) second subparagraph 7 of EU Directive 2009/103/EC relating to civil liabilities arising from use of a motor vehicle.

This Policy automatically provides the minimum compulsory level of cover **you** need by law in the country concerned. This legal minimum does not include loss of or damage to the **vehicle**.

Full cover within the European Union

We will extend the Policy to provide the cover shown in **your schedule** for up to 60 days in any one **period of insurance** to any country of the EU and Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia and Switzerland provided:

- You notify us via your insurance intermediary at least 10 days before going abroad.
- Obtain a green card for the period abroad.
- Pay any additional premium as required or agree to any terms that we may apply.
- The **vehicle** is taxed and registered within the **territorial limits**.
- Your main permanent home is within the territorial limits.
- **Your** visit abroad is only temporary.
- **Your** visit abroad is for social, domestic and pleasure purposes only.

This will cover the **vehicle** while it is being transported by rail or sea between any of the countries shown above provided it is not more than 65 hours in duration.

We will also pay any customs duty which **you** may have to pay and/or the reasonable cost of delivering the **vehicle** to **your** address in the United Kingdom.

Please note in the event of a claim, **you** may be required to evidence **your** travel.

Countries outside the European Union and other designated countries

We do NOT provide extended cover under this policy.



Section 9

No Claims Discount

If **you** or any driver named on **your** Policy make a claim, even if **you** were not responsible (for example, if the **vehicle** is stolen or damaged by vandals), or a claim is made against **you**, **you** could lose part or all of **your** No Claims Discount. If a claim is made under **your** Policy, **we** may also increase **your** premium or **excess** when **you** renew **your** Policy.

Claims which do not affect your No Claims Discount:

- payments made for windscreen damage (up to two in the Policy period).
- payments for emergency treatment fees.
- claims which are not your fault where we have recovered all of our outlay.
- Claims made under Section 7 Uninsured Driver Promise.

If **your** renewal is due and a claim under **your** Policy is outstanding, **we** may reduce **your** no claim discount provisionally. However, if **we** establish that the circumstances of the outstanding claim should not have affected **your** no claim discount, **we** will restore **your** no claim discount once the claim is settled and refund any extra premium that has been paid in respect of the reduction in the no claim discount.

We amend no claims discount at renewal including a step-back system that reduces **your**No Claims Discount (NCD) should **you** make one or more claims that adversely impacts **your**NCD.

Number of years'					
NCD at the inception of last period of cover	No Claims	One Claim in one Policy period	Two or More Claims in one Policy period		
0	1 0		0		
1	2 0		0		
2	3	0	0		
3	4	1	0		
4	5	2	0		
5	6	3	0		
6	7	3	0		
7	8	3	0		
8	9	3	0		
9	9	3	0		



No Claims Discount (continued)

Protected No Claims Discount

If **you** have earned 4 or more years No Claims Discount, **you** can choose to pay an additional premium at the start or at renewal of **your** Policy, to protect it. By doing this **you** can prevent **your** NCD being reduced after a claim has been made on **your** Policy.

Protected NCD does not protect the overall price of **your** insurance Policy. The price of **your** insurance Policy may increase following an accident even if **you** were not at fault.

The table below shows how **your** No Claims Discount would be affected if **you** made a claim or claims, and **you** have chosen to protect **your** No Claims Discount. If **your** Policy includes Protected NCD, this will be shown on **your schedule**.

Number of years' No	NCD at next renewal				
claims Discount available (with NCB protection)	No Claims	One Claim in one Policy period	Two Claims in one Policy period	Three Claims in one Policy period	Four or more claims in one Policy period
4	5	4	4	2	0
5	6	5	5	3	0
6	7	6	6	3	0
7	8	7	7	3	0
8	9	8	8	3	0
9	9	9	9	3	0



General Exclusions

These exclusions apply to the whole of the Policy.

Your insurance does not cover claims arising from any of the following:

1. Use of the **vehicle**

Any accident, injury, loss or damage while any **vehicle** covered by this insurance is being:

- Driven by or in the charge of anyone who is not named in the certificate of motor insurance as a permitted driver or is excluded by endorsement unless it is with a member of the motor trade for servicing or repair.
- Driven by or in the charge of anyone who is disqualified from driving or does not hold a current valid driving licence or who is prevented by law from holding one, or who does not meet the terms, conditions and limitations of either their driving licence or provisional driving licence.
- Driven by or in the charge of any person (including you) who you know are a
 provisional licence holder and who is not accompanied by a person aged 21 or over
 and who has held a full UK or EU licence for at least three years.
- Used for a purpose which is not shown as covered in your certificate of motor insurance.
- Used in or on restricted areas of any airport, aerodrome, airfield or military bases
 including any place where aircraft land and take off, park or move, associated
 service roads, refuelling areas, ground equipment parking areas, passenger buildings
 and customs areas. We will not pay any claim concerning an aircraft within the
 boundary of the airport or airfield.
- Used in an unsafe, insecure or illegal condition or manner.
- Used without the latest essential or safety related software updates, as recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer, having been installed.
- An Automated Vehicle used in Autonomous Mode, in any location or at any time.

Contracts

Any liability **you** accept under an agreement or contract unless **you** would have been liable anyway.

3. War, hostilities and terrorism

Any accidental loss, damage, injury or legal liability caused directly or indirectly by:

- War, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not) civil war, revolution, act of
 foreign enemy, insurrection, rebellion, coup, military or usurped power or any similar
 event except where we need to provide cover to meet the requirements of the
 Road Traffic Acts.
- Any act of terrorism regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss except where we need to provide cover to meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Acts.



General Exclusions (continued)

4. Other Insurance

Any loss or damage or liability that is also covered by any other insurance Policy.

Earthquake, radioactivity, pressure waves, dangerous goods and riot

Direct or indirect loss, damage to or liability caused by or arising from:

- Ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from any nuclear fuel or nuclear waste or from burning or explosion of nuclear fuel.
- Radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of any nuclear installation, reactor, or other nuclear assembly or its component part.
- Pressure waves caused by aircraft or other flying objects.
- Earthquake.
- Riot or civil commotion occurring in Northern Ireland or outside of the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands except where we need to provide cover to meet the minimum insurance required by the relevant law.
- Carrying any dangerous substances or goods for which you need a police licence (except where we need to provide cover to meet the minimum insurance required by the relevant law).
- Any weapon or device using atomic or nuclear fission or fusion or radioactive force or matter.
- 6. Proceedings outside the **territorial limits**

Any decision or action of a court which is outside the **territorial limits** unless the proceedings are brought or judgment is given by a court of a country for which minimum compulsory insurance is provided by this Policy, or to which **we** have agreed to extend the Policy cover and for which **we** have received the necessary additional premium.

7. Imported Vehicles

Any **vehicle** which was manufactured outside the United Kingdom and imported other than through the manufacturers normal import arrangements.

8. Track use, rallies and competitions

While the **vehicle** is being used for formal or informal racing, pacemaking, speed testing, competitions, rallies, trials or track events or use on a de-restricted toll road (including the Nurburgring Nordschhleife) or any form of racetrack or off-road activity.



General Conditions

These conditions apply to the whole of the Policy.

Notification of claims

As soon as possible after any incident which might lead to a claim under this Policy, **you** should telephone **our** Claims Helpline on **0333 241 9200** to tell **us** about it. **You** must send **us** any relevant communication including emails and letters without delay. Any claim, writ or summons must be sent to **us** as soon as received and left unanswered. **You** must also let **us** know immediately if **you** or **your** legal advisors become aware of any prosecution, inquest or fatal accident inquiry concerning a claim which might be covered under this Policy.

You or any other person claiming under this Policy must not negotiate, admit fault, offer to pay or settle any claim unless **you** have written permission from **us**.

2. Dealing with claims

We will be entitled to:

- Take over and carry out the defence or settlement of any claims in your name or that of any other person insured by this Policy.
- Take any action or proceedings, which we will pay for, in your name or that of any
 other person insured by this Policy, to get back any money we have paid.
- Any information and help we need from you or any other person insured by this Policy.

3. Fraudulent claims

If **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf makes a fraudulent claim under this Policy (which includes but is not limited to concealment, misstatement or deliberately providing false information) then **we:**

- shall not be liable to pay the claim;
- may recover any claim already paid that was subject to the fraud;
- may involve the relevant authorities to bring criminal proceedings:
- may cancel this Policy with immediate effect from the date the fraud was first committed by writing to your insurance intermediary or you (in writing to your last known address or email address).
 - will not have any cover under this Policy from any event occurring on or after the date of cancellation, and
 - will not receive any return of premium.

4. Looking after the **vehicle**

You (or anyone who has access to the vehicle) must:

- Take all reasonable and necessary steps to protect the vehicle from loss or damage;
- ensure that all keys and other security devices are kept on the person of the holder or in a secure place;
- ensure that the **vehicle** is kept in a roadworthy condition.



General Conditions (continued)

5. Keeping to the Policy terms

We will provide the cover described in this Policy only if:

- Any person claiming cover has kept to all its terms and conditions, as far as they
 apply, and
- All the information you have given us and upon which the contract is based is correct and complete.
- 6. Compulsory Insurance

If under the laws of any country in which this Policy applies, **we** have to make payments which, but for that law, would not be covered by this Policy, **you** must repay the amount to **us. You** or the person who caused the accident must also repay **us** any money **we** have to pay because of any agreement with the Motor Insurers Bureau.

7. Drink and Drugs Clause

If an accident happens whilst **you** or any person entitled to drive under **your** current **certificate of motor insurance:**

- Is found to be over the legal limit for drink or drugs.
- Is driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs, whether prescribed or otherwise.
- Fails to provide a sample of breath, blood or urine when required to do so, without lawful reason.

no cover under the Policy will be provided and instead liability will be restricted to meeting any obligations **we** may have as required by Road Traffic Law. In such circumstances, **we** will recover from **you** or the driver, all sums paid (including all legal costs), whether in settlement or under court judgement, for any claim arising from the accident.

8. Cancellation

Cancelling your Policy within first 14 days

You have 14 days to decide if this Policy meets **your** requirements. If **you** are not satisfied **you** can cancel within 14 days of the Policy starting or within 14 days of receiving **your** documents (whichever is the later). **We** will charge a premium for the period **we** have been insuring **you** and an administration charge of £25.00 plus insurance premium tax is applied. If any claim or accident giving rise to a claim has occurred there will be no return premium.

Cancelling your Policy after 14 days

If no claims have been made in the current **period of insurance**, **we** will refund any premium paid less a charge for the number of days for which cover has been given and an administration fee of £65.00 plus insurance premium tax is applied. **We** will not refund any premium paid if **you** have made a claim or if one has been made against **you**.



General Conditions (continued)

Cancellation by Us

We may cancel this Policy at any time where there is a valid reason for doing so, by giving you 7 days' notice in writing to **your** last known home and/or email address or via **your insurance intermediary**. Valid reasons for cancellation include but are not limited to:

- you provide any information that proves to be inaccurate or incomplete or we
 consider that you deliberately, recklessly or carelessly provided false or misleading
 information; or
- You, a named driver, or anyone acting on your behalf uses threatening, abusive, bullying or intimidating behavior or inappropriate language towards our staff; or
- you or anyone acting on your behalf makes a claim under this Policy through fraud (which includes: concealment, misstatement or deliberately providing false information) (see General Condition 3 – Fraudulent Claims); or
- you fail to co-operate with us or provide us with information or documentation we
 reasonably require where such the lack of cooperation affects:
 - our ability to process a claim; or
 - o the defence of **our** interests; or
 - the making of risk based underwriting decisions.

We will cancel this Policy by giving **you** 7 days' written notice to **your** last known home and/or email address or via **your insurance intermediary**. **We** shall return the premium paid, unless **you** have made a claim or if one has been made against **you**, for the period from:

- the date the cancellation takes effect, to
- the end date of insurance provided under this Policy (the end date of the insurance provided under this Policy is shown under the **period of** insurance);

If **we** cancel **your** Policy on the grounds of fraud, cancellation may be immediate, and **we** may keep any premium **you** have paid. **We** may also pass these details to fraud prevention and law enforcement agencies.

If **you** pay the premium by instalments and there is a default in the payments, **we** or **your insurance intermediary** may cancel the Policy giving **you** 7 days' notice of cancellation in writing to **your** last known postal and/or email address. If a claim has arisen during the current period, the full annual premium will be due. If a total loss claim is settled under this Policy any outstanding premium may be deducted from the claim's settlement.

9. Trading Sanction(s), Prohibition(s) or Restriction(s)

We shall not be liable to provide the insurance under this Policy or to pay claims or provide any benefit under it where to do so would expose **us** or any member of **our** corporate Group to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of any country.



General Conditions (continued)

10. Changes in information

We recommend that **you** keep a record of all information (including copies of letters) sent to **us** or to **your insurance intermediary** when taking out this insurance.

In order to understand the extent of **your** cover, please read this Policy together with the **schedule** and the **certificate of motor insurance.**

If **you** have any questions, or the cover does not meet **your** needs or any of the details are incorrect **you** should notify **your insurance intermediary**.

You are obliged to keep **your** Policy up to date, please tell **your insurance intermediary** immediately about changes which affect **your** insurance. Any changes agreed during the **period of insurance** will be treated as a continuation of the contract of insurance.

Some examples include but are not limited to:

- A change of vehicle.
- A change to the registered keeper and/or owner of the vehicle.
- **You** wish to change the drivers on the Policy.
- Someone who drives the **vehicle** receives a motoring conviction or criminal conviction or has a claim on another Policy.
- Someone who drives the vehicle is diagnosed with a medical condition.
- The **vehicle** is changed from the manufacturer's standard specification.
- A change of occupation by **you** or any other driver.
- A change of address or where the **vehicle** is kept overnight.
- A change in the use of the vehicle.
- The **vehicle** is involved in an accident.
- Where a driver has had a change of licence e.g., a learner driver passes their test and obtains a full licence.

If you do not tell us about changes, your insurance may be invalidated in part or in full.

11. Changes of vehicle

We may refuse to continue cover if **you** make more than three changes of **vehicle** during a **period of insurance** and if **we** do continue cover **you** may be asked to provide evidence that **you** are the owner and/or registered keeper of the **vehicle**.



Data Protection Statement

Eridge Underwriting takes the privacy and security of **your** personal information seriously. **We** collect, use and share **your** personal information so that **we** can provide Policies and services that meet **your** insurance needs; in accordance with applicable data protection laws. The type of personal information **we** will collect includes; basic personal information (i.e. name, address and date of birth), occupation and financial details, health and family information, claims and convictions information and where **you** have requested other individuals be included in the arrangement, personal information about those individuals.

We and **our** selected third parties will only collect and use personal information (i) where the processing is necessary in connection with providing a quotation and/ or **contract of insurance**; (ii) to meet **our** legal or regulatory obligations; (iii) where **you** have provided the appropriate consent; (iv) for **our** 'legitimate interests'.

It is in **our** legitimate interests to collect personal information as it provides **us** with the information that **we** need to provide **our** services more effectively including providing information about **our** products and services. **We** will always ensure that **we** keep the amount of information collected and the extent of any processing to the absolute minimum to meet this legitimate interest.

A full copy of **our** data protection statement can be viewed via https://eridgeunderwriting.com/the-eridge-approach/data-protection-notice

How you can contact us

If **you** have any questions or queries about how **we** use **your** data, or require a paper copy of the statement, you can contact **us** via info@eridgeunderwriting.com or alternatively contact our Compliance Director at Eridge Underwriting, PO Box 726, Tonbridge, TN9 9WB.

Detecting and Preventing Fraud

We may share information **we** hold and which has been supplied to **us** with other insurers, law enforcement agencies and public bodies including the police and other similar databases or fraud prevention agencies including the Motor Insurance Anti-Fraud and Theft register, administered by the Motor Insurers' Bureau. The aim is to help **us** check information that is given to **us** and to prevent or detect crime, including fraud.

If we find that false or inaccurate information has been given to **us**, or **we** suspect fraud, **we** will take appropriate action. If fraud is suspected or identified this may be shared with fraud prevention agencies, and may also be used by other organisations to make decisions about **you** and others in your household on credit, insurance (including claims), debt tracing and to prevent crime. If such companies suspect fraud, **we** will share your relevant personal information with them. **We** may research, collect and use data about **you** from publicly available sources including online searches, social media and networking sites, using this data for the purposes of fraud detection and prevention.



Motor Insurance Database

Information relating to **your** Policy will be added to the Motor Insurance Database ("MID") managed by the Motor Insurers' Bureau ("MIB"). MID and the data stored on it may be used by certain statutory and/or authorised bodies including the Police, the DVLA, the DVANI, the Insurance Fraud Bureau and other bodies permitted by law for purposes not limited to but including:

- Electronic Licensing.
- Continuous Insurance Enforcement.
- Law enforcement (prevention, detection, apprehension and/or prosecution of offenders).
- The provision of government services and/or other services aimed at reducing the level and incidence of uninsured driving.

If **you** are involved in a road traffic accident (either in the UK, EEA or certain other territories), insurers and/or MIB may search the MID to obtain relevant information. Other persons (including their appointed representatives) pursuing a claim in respect of a road traffic accident (including citizens of other countries) may also obtain information which is held on the MID.

It is vital that the MID holds **your** correct registration number. If it is incorrectly shown on MID, **you** are at risk of having the vehicle seized by the Police. **You** can check that **your** correct registration number details are shown on the MID at www.askmid.com.



Complaints

Our commitment to customer service

We are committed to providing a high level of customer service. If **you** feel **we** have not delivered this, **we** would welcome the opportunity to put things right for **you**.

Who to contact in the first instance

Many concerns can be resolved straight away. **You** should in the first instance contact **your Insurance Intermediary** who sold **you** this Policy as they will generally be able to provide **you** with a prompt response to **your** satisfaction.

If **you** remain dissatisfied, **you** should contact:

The Complaints Department, Eridge Underwriting Agency Ltd, PO Box 726 Tonbridge TN9 9WB

Or via email complaints@eridgeunderwriting.co.uk

Many complaints can be resolved within a few days of receipt

If **we** can resolve **your** complaint to **your** satisfaction within the first few days of receipt, **we** will do so. Otherwise, **we** will keep **you** updated with progress and will provide **you** with **our** decision as quickly as possible.

Next steps if you are still unhappy

If **you** are not happy with the outcome of **your** complaint, **you** may be able to ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review **your** case. **We** will let **you** know if **we** believe the ombudsman service can consider **your** complaint when **we** provide **you** with **our** decision. The service they provide is free and impartial, but **you** would need to contact them within 6 months of the date of **our** decision.

More information about the ombudsman and the type of complaints they can review is available via their website http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk./

You can also contact them as follows:

Post: Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR

Telephone: 08000 234567 (free on mobile phone and landlines)

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

If the Financial Ombudsman Service is unable to consider **your** complaint, **you** may wish to obtain advice from Citizens Advice (or a similar service) or seek legal advice.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which means that **you** may be entitled to compensation if **we** are unable to meet **our** obligations to **you**. Further information is available on http://www.fscs.org.uk/ or by contacting the FSCS directly on 0800 678 1100.



Policy Administration Fees

The following fees are applicable to all Eridge policies and are separate from any that may be charged by **your insurance intermediary**. Please approach **your insurance intermediary** for details of any fees that they may charge. All fees are subject to insurance premium tax.

New Business	Renewal	Temporary Changes	Permanent Changes	Cancellation within 14 days	Cancellation after 14 days
£20.00	£20.00	£15.00	£32.00	£25.00	£65.00

Please refer to the General Conditions in the Policy for full details of the cancellation terms.

Driving Abroad (Refer to Section 8)

All insurance documentation should be taken with **you**, including **your certificate of motor insurance**, **your schedule**, and **your** motor insurance Policy.

This Insurance applies throughout the European Union and Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia and Switzerland and provides the minimum cover required by law in each of the above countries.

Esso ha validita in tutta l'Unione Europea, in Andorra, Bosnia ed Erzegovina, Islanda Liechtenstein, Novegia, Serbia e Svizzera e garantisce la copertura minima richiesta per legge in ciascuno dei Paesi summenzionati.

Cette assurance est egalement valuable dans toute l'Union europeenne et dans le Andorre, en Bosnie-Herzégovine, en Islande, en Liechtenstein, en Norvege, en Serbie et en Suisse. Elle sonne le droit a la couverture minimum exigee par la loi en vigueur dans les pays susnommes.

Este Seguro se aplica tambien en toda la Union Europea y en Andorra, Bosnia- Herzegovina, Islandia, Liechtenstein, Noruega, Serbia y Suiza. Este Seguro da la cobertura minima exigida po la ley en cada uno de los paises antedichos.

Die Versicherung gilt fur alle Lander de Europaischen Union sowie fur Andorra, Bosnien und Herzegowina, Island, Liechtenstein, Norwegen, Serbien und die Schweiz und gewahrt in all diesen Landern den gesetzlich erforderlichen Mindest-Versicherungsschutz



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