



ONLINE TERMS OF BUSINESS

OUR SERVICE

As part of the JCB Excavator Group, we are an Insurance Intermediary and act on your behalf in arranging your insurance. We will arrange your insurance with insurers from the details you provide and help you with any on going changes you have to make and assist you with any claim that you need to make. We issue policies on behalf of Insurers. As part of our service we will assist you with any claim that you need to make. We may also issue policies on behalf of certain Insurers.

Unless we advise you to the contrary you will not receive advice or a recommendation from us. We will ask some questions to narrow down the selection of products that we can provide. We will select from a limited number of insurers and products. You will then need to make your own choice about how to proceed. You can deal with our office by phone, fax, e-mail, post or in person. Our normal hours of opening are: Monday to Friday 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. All calls may be recorded for training and auditing purposes.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION INFORMATION

We are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in respect of insurance mediation and consumer credit activities. Our FCA registration number is 306372 and our permitted business is advising and arranging deals and making arrangements with a view to transactions in general insurance contracts; dealing in general insurance contracts as agent; assisting in the administration and performance of a contract of insurance; agreeing to carry on a regulated activity and consumer credit activities. You can check this information on the Financial Services Register by visiting the Financial Services website www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

It is our intention to provide you with a high level of customer service at all times. However, should you be unhappy with our service or have any cause for dissatisfaction we have a formal complaints procedure. In the first instance you should contact us by telephone or in writing.

If you cannot settle your complaint with us, you may be entitled to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service. www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

We are covered by the FSCS. 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.

In certain circumstances we may place your risk with an intermediary or insurer outside the UK. If you object to this you should notify us immediately otherwise your agreement to place business in this manner and acceptance of these Terms of Business will constitute your informed consent. Please note that in these circumstances the legal and regulatory regime applying to the insurance intermediary or insurer may differ from that in the UK and consequently if the insurance intermediary or insurer fails, the premium claim or complaint may be treated in a different manner from which would apply if the risk was held by an insurance intermediary or insurer in the UK.

DISCLOSURE

Your insurance is based upon the information provided to the insurance company. For Consumers (individuals buying insurance wholly or mainly for purposes unrelated to their trade, business or profession) this means that you must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask when you take out, make changes to or renew your policy. If you are in doubt please contact us. If the information provided by you is not complete and accurate the insurer may cancel your policy or refuse to pay all or part of any future claims.

All other customers, under the Insurance Act 2015, have the responsibility to make a fair presentation of the risk when purchasing the insurance. You must disclose every material circumstance which you know or ought to know, or failing that, you must provide sufficient information to alert us that we need to make further enquiries. A circumstance or representation is material if it would influence a prudent insurers judgment in determining whether to take the risk and, if so, on what terms. You must also make a fair presentation of the risk to us in connection with any variations, eg changes you make to the policy throughout the policy period and at renewal.

If you fail to make a fair presentation of the risk then this could affect the cover provided or could invalidate your policy. If you are in any doubt as to whether a circumstance is material then you should disclose it.

You are reminded that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act to make any false statements or withhold any information to obtain a certificate of motor insurance. You are advised to keep copies of any correspondence you send to us or direct to Insurers. If you are in doubt about whether information is material you should disclose it.

INFORMATION ON COSTS

We will provide you with separate premiums for each of the individual products and services that we are offering.

Payment of premiums invoiced to you by us must be settled within 14 days of the inception date or in the case of amendment and adjustment premiums the invoice date, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the company.

We charge a £50 administration fee for each mid-term adjustment, duplicate certificate or policy endorsement. There is no charge for new policies or for our claims service. Where a handling fee is charged on new business or renewals we will always advise you in advance of either the cost or the method of calculation.

Premiums can be paid by Cash, Cheque, Debit Card, Credit Card or Direct Debit. You may be able to spread your payments through insurers' instalment schemes or a credit scheme that we have arranged. This will include relevant credit checks. Premiums for Short Term policies can only be paid by Debit or Credit Card. Full information about payment options will be shown on-line at the point of sale.

Upon cancellation of a policy, or the allowance of a retrospective Low Claims Rebate, any return premium will be net of any charges made by Insurers and the full amount of the commission. Fees already paid at the outset or during the policy are non-refundable. In addition we also reserve the right to charge a £50 cancellation fee.

Certificates and other Policy document will not be released to you until we are in receipt of full payment of the policy premium(s) and any fees. In these circumstances we will ensure that you receive full details of your insurance cover and will provide you with any documents that you are required to have by law.

We are remunerated by commission or brokerage and/or a fee. Prior to the conclusion of each insurance contract, or upon renewal, we will remind you of your right to be advised of the level of commission, which we receive from Underwriters. We may also receive additional income from Insurers on profitability and/or efficiency, finance houses and other sources and from the interest on our client account which you consent to us retaining.

In the event of a cheque being reissued a charge of £25.00 will be made. In cases where the amount of the cheque is less than £25.00 no further cheques will be issued.

CLAIMS

In the event of a claim:

Report all incidents to our office as soon as possible (even if you do not think you are to blame). We will forward a claim form (if required) and advise you what to do next. If our office is closed, you can report the incident to your insurer if your policy documentation identifies a helpline number.

Please forward to us immediately upon receipt, unanswered, any documents or correspondence you receive. Failure to comply may prejudice your claim. Whilst it is unlikely that a conflict of interest will arise, should it happen we will notify you of the potential conflict and seek your consent to continue acting on your behalf.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All personal information will be treated as private and confidential. We will use and disclose the information we have about you in the normal course of arranging and administering your insurance, we may provide information about you to other group or associate companies for marketing purposes. You have the right to request that we do not do so, if you wish.

We may use information we hold about you to provide information to you about other products and services we feel may be appropriate to you. Under the Data Protection Act 1998 you have the right to see personal information about you that we hold in our records. If you have any queries please contact our office.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Occasions can arise where we or one of our other customers will have some form of interest in business which we are transacting for you. If we become aware of any such potential conflict we will inform you of this and obtain your consent before we carry out your instructions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREMIUMS

The FCA rules are designed to protect you in the event that an insurance intermediary fails or is unable to transfer any premium money it has received from you to the insurer or any claims or return premium monies that it has received from the insurer to you.

We are governed by strict rules pertaining to Client Money, set down by the FCA. Where we hold monies in a client bank account we may earn interest on monies held, which will be retained by us.

Most of our Insurance providers allow "Risk Transfer". This means that even if we are unable to pay the premium to the Insurance providers, the Insurance provider will consider that the premium has been paid and that the insurance is valid. We will advise you when "Risk Transfer" does not apply.

We hold clients money separate from our own with Barclays Bank, in a client account designated as a Non-Statutory Trust. As Trustees of the account we are able to perform the following: -

- We may extend credit to certain customers by paying the premium to the insurance provider before receiving full payment from the customer.
- We may arrange segregation of designated investments.
- We may pay your premium to another person who is not your insurance provider, eg to another broker for whom we act as agent.

By paying your premium to us, you authorise us to perform these actions. Should you object to your money being held in a Non-Statutory Trust account you should advise us immediately. At all times whilst handling monies we will act in accordance with the regulations as set out by the FCA and our agreements with insurance providers. If you find these arrangements unacceptable, please contact our office.

CANCELLATION RIGHTS

Your insurance contract may contain a right to cancel within 14 days of inception or when you receive the policy documentation (whichever is the later). You will be informed of any such rights at inception and renewal. **This only applies to consumers not commercial customers.**

RENEWALS

Where your premium is paid by Direct Debit, you give your consent to automatically renew the policy at renewal, unless you advise us to the contrary.

AWARENESS OF POLICY TERMS

When a policy is issued you are strongly advised to read it carefully, as it is that document, the schedule and any certificate of insurance that is the basis of the insurance contract you have purchased. If you are in any doubt over any of the policy terms and conditions, please seek our advice promptly.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Where we arrange credit we act as an independent credit broker and arrange credit with either your insurer or premium finance provider and we may receive commission from the lender for arranging your credit agreement, details of which will be disclosed on request. Lenders will carry out anti-money laundering checks and credit underwriting to assess creditworthiness and affordability to meet their regulatory or business obligations. Credit checks may include a search of your records (for limited companies this may include directors and the organisation itself) at a credit reference agency. This type of search will leave a footprint that other lenders will be able to see but not the outcome of the search. The type of search made should not have a detrimental effect on the credit rating of an individual.

If, when the lender has received the new business transaction, the inception date has already passed, they may collect any payments that would have been due had the transaction been received prior to the inception date as soon as possible. This will ensure your payment schedule stays on track with the policy period but may mean that the first payment is higher than the rest.

You will have 14 days to cancel your credit agreement.

If the signed credit agreement is not returned, lenders may charge you a fee to cover the costs of chasing its return, which will be added to your next monthly payment.

If you default on your payments, the lenders will try to collect the initial missed payment again together with any default charges. Further instances of missed payments may result in cancellation of your credit agreement. Any missed payments can be made by credit or debit card over the telephone to the premium funding provider or directly into their bank account. There will be a charge for card payments other than debit cards.

We will be informed of such events and if the default is not resolved the credit for the related transaction may be cancelled. If you do not make arrangements to pay the finance provider or us your insurance policy may also be cancelled. You will be responsible for any time on risk charge.

Where there are any unpaid premiums or charges due from you under your credit agreement if this is cancelled, we will recover these from you.

DATA PROTECTION FOR FINANCE CUSTOMERS

If you wish to pay your premium by instalments your details will be passed to our third party finance provider, Close Premium Finance or Premium Credit Ltd. They will send you an information pack detailing your full terms and conditions. If you have any questions about your instalments you should contact them:

At renewal of your policy we will continue to pass your details to the finance company, unless you instruct us otherwise.

CAPACITY IN WHICH WE ACT

As your insurance intermediary we act for both the proposer (you) and the insurer at different stages of the insurance process depending on what activity we are carrying out.

Activity	We act as agent for the:
Advise on what cover will meet your needs and which insurer you should place your business	Proposer
Assistance in making a claim	Proposer
Assisting in completion of a proposal form	Proposer
Issue of cover notes, policy and certificates	Insurer
Handle premiums	Insurer

CREDIT & FRAUD CHECKS

To make sure you get the best offer from insurers, now or at any renewal or at any time and to protect their customers from fraud and to verify your identity, insurers may use publicly available data which they obtain from a variety of sources, including a credit reference agency and other external organisations. Their search will appear on your credit report as an insurance quote whether or not your applications proceed. As well as these searches insurance companies may use a credit check to ascertain the most appropriate payment options for you. This credit check will also appear on your credit report as an insurance quote whether or not your applications proceed.

We or our insurance providers may undertake checks on publicly available data at the time of quote or during the life of your policy to combat fraud.

By giving us your details you authorise for these checks to be carried out.

LAW & JURISDICTION

These terms of business shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with these terms of business we both irrevocably submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.