

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

POLICY

This notice refers to a contract of insurance that you have entered into via our company. You should refer to your policy document for the full terms and conditions applicable and you should read them carefully. Should any doubts arise as to the scope of cover provided, please contact us for an explanation.

YOUR DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

Before you enter into a contract of general insurance and up until the commencement of the insurance, you have a duty, under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 to either provide answers to questions or disclose specific information to the underwriter. You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate an insurance contract.

Consumer Insurance Contracts, (Consumer Insurance Contracts are defined as insurance that is obtained wholly or predominantly for the personal, domestic or household purposes of the insured) your only duty is to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation when answering questions asked of you by the underwriter.

In all other situations you must tell the underwriter about anything that you know or could be reasonably expected to know taking into account the nature and extent of the insurance cover to be provided and the class of persons who would ordinarily be expected to apply for such insurance cover. You do not need to tell the underwriter anything that reduces the risk of the underwriter, that is of common knowledge; that the underwriter knows or, in the ordinary course of business, ought to know or that the underwriter has waived your duty to tell them about.

NON DISCLOSURE

If you do not tell the underwriter anything you are required to, they may cancel your contract or reduce the amount they will pay you if you make a claim, or both. If your failure to tell the underwriter is fraudulent, they may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

THE INSURANCE BROKERS CODE OF PRACTICE

Atlantic Insurance Brokers subscribe to the Insurance Brokers Code of Practice and the Financial Ombudsman Service, a free consumer service. Further information is available from our office or contact FOS directly on 1800 367 287 or visit www.fos.org.au. Clients who are not fully satisfied with our service should contact our customer relations/complaints office.

RETAIL CLIENTS

Under the Corporations Act 2001 and associated Regulations Retail Clients are provided with additional levels of protection from other insurance purchasers. The Act defines Retail Clients as:

Individuals or a small manufacturing business employing less than 100 people or any other business employing less than 20 people. And that are being provided a financial service or product that relates to the following insurance covers:

Motor Vehicle (under 2 tonne), Home building, contents, personal and domestic, Sickness and Accident or Travel, Consumer Credit and other classes as prescribed by regulations.

WHAT ADVICE IS BEING PROVIDED (RETAIL CLIENTS ONLY)

If you are a RETAIL CLIENT (refer above) and a Statement of Advice has not been provided to you with this invoice then the advice that we are giving you related to this transaction is General Advice.

General Advice is advice that has been prepared without considering your current objective's, financial situation or needs.

Therefore, before acting on this advice, you should consider the appropriateness of the advice having regard to your current objective's, financial situation or needs.

If the advice provided relates to the acquisition or possible acquisition of a new insurance policy and the underwriter has prepared a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) we will have attached the PDS for your review. You should consider the PDS prior to making the decision to purchase this product. Further information regarding the income we have been paid by the underwriter for this transaction is available upon request.

CANCELLATION WARNING (RETENTION OF BROKERAGE AND FEES)

If a cover is cancelled before expiry of the period of insurance, we reserve the right to refund to you only the net return premium we received from the underwriter, and not refund any part of the brokerage or fees we receive for arranging the cover. A broker service fee may be charged to process the cancellation.

UNDERWRITING AGENTS AND WHOLESALE BROKER INFORMATION

In some cases we use the services of Underwriting Agents & Wholesale Broker (insurance intermediary) to access products that are not available to us directly from the insurer. You can identify where we have used an insurance intermediary as the Invoice/schedule will show that the policy is placed via another Insurance Intermediary. This situation usually arises where the insurance intermediary has developed a specialised product and competitive pricing for risks that are not commonly available directly from most underwriters. This means we are not dealing with the end insurer directly but via the insurance intermediary. All insurance intermediaries that we deal with are required to hold an Australian Financial Services Licence and to place all client funds received into a Trust Account and are required to meet the same high standards in the delivery of their services that apply to us. Importantly all claims will be the ultimate responsibility of and paid for by the end underwriter.

AVERAGE/CO-INSURANCE

If your insurance cover is provided by an Industrial Special Risks, Fire & Perils, Business Package or Business Interruption/Consequential Loss policy it will usually contain an Average/Co-Insurance clause. These clauses typically apply where coverage is triggered by damage to property and the sum insured is expected to reflect the full replacement value of property or the annual profit of the business.

This means that if the sum insured(s) you nominate for the insured property / profits etc. are less than 100% of their full value at the time the insurance was effected (or renewed), then part of the loss will/may not be covered by the policy.

For example, a policy with a 100 % co-insurance clause pays as follows: if a building is insured for \$150,000 when its value is \$200,000, then in the event of a claim for damage of \$100,000, underwriters will only pay \$75,000 and you will suffer an uninsured loss of \$25,000. Therefore, it is important that the Sum Insured(s) you select are adequate to represent the full value of the insured property / profits and are calculated in accordance with the cover being arranged.

COOLING OFF

All Retail Products are subject to a 14-day "cooling off period". This means that if you are not happy with a Retail Product, you have 14 days to withdraw from the new contract at no cost to you other than our broker's fee, which is not refundable.