



Professional combined Accountants

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Why choose AXA's Accountants Professional combined insurance?

AXA's Accountants Professional combined insurance is available to UK-domiciled accountancy firms.

AXA are approved insurers for the Institute of Chartered Accountants and this cover complies with the ICA's requirements.

This cover is also suitable for members of other professional bodies in the accountancy profession, such as ACCA, CIOT and ATT.

We offer cover for

- Accountants
- Auditors
- Book keepers
- and many other associated activities such as business consultancy, company secretarial work or trusteeships

Any one claim limits

The professional indemnity section of our Professional combined insurance provides cover up to the selected limit of indemnity for any one claim.

There is no limit to the number of claims that can be made in any one period of insurance.

Wide professional indemnity cover as standard

Cover is written to conform to the ICA regulatory requirements for their members of ICAEW, ICAS or ICAI and includes the ICA Difference in Conditions clause.

We provide Civil liability cover with extensions for:

- Court attendance costs
- Loss of documents
- Ombudsman awards

About this document

This document is a summary of the insurance cover provided by the Professional combined insurance. Therefore it does not contain the full terms and conditions of your insurance. You can find these in the policy document. This summary is for information purposes only and does not form part of your insurance contract. A copy of the full policy wording is available on request.

Features and benefits – Standard covers

Professional indemnity

Legal costs, awards and settlements for any claim that relates to a civil liability arising from the conduct of your professional business

Covers claims brought against anyone who is or was a director, partner, member, principal or employee of the firm for work undertaken for your professional business

Bodily injury: Cover for when someone other than you or your employees suffers injury, illness or death. This does not replace or include Public liability insurance

Court attendance costs: Compensation paid to you where court attendance is required of any director, partner, principal or employee in relation to a Professional indemnity claim that is covered by this insurance. We will pay £300 per day or part of day for each person required to attend, subject to a maximum for all Court attendance costs in any one period of insurance of £15,000. This is in addition to the limit of indemnity

Dishonesty of employees: Cover for your liability arising from loss sustained by your customers that was caused by a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission by your employees

ICA Difference in Conditions: Includes Institute of Chartered Accountants' Difference in Conditions clause

Loss of documents: We will pay reasonable costs and expenses for replacing or restoring your own documents that have become lost or damaged in the conduct of the professional business provided that the loss or damage is discovered by you and notified to us during the period of insurance. The most we will pay for replacement of your own documents during any one period of insurance is £100,000

Ombudsman awards: Cover for Ombudsman awards and any costs you incur to take any steps that you are directed to take by any Ombudsman

Features and benefits – Optional covers

Public liability

Cover offered

Legal liability (including claim costs) for accidental injury, damage to material property and nuisance or wrongful arrest for the business activities of permanent employees

For work within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Cover extends to temporary visits elsewhere, by person ordinarily resident in Great Britain where no manual work is involved

Compensation for court attendance

Contingent motor liability

Indemnity to principals

Data protection cover

Defective Premises Act cover

Legal costs and expenses in connection with manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide defence

Personal liability whilst anywhere in the world temporarily in connection with the business

Legal costs in respect of an alleged breach of statutory duty under Health and Safety, Consumer Protection or Food Safety legislation

Sudden identifiable and unexpected pollution and contamination

Available cover

Flexibility to select between a £1million and £5million limit of cover

✓

£250 per day for each day that your attendance is required

✓

✓

£1million in any one period of insurance

✓

£1million in any one period of insurance

The limit of cover will be the same as the standard cover

£1million in any one period of insurance

✓

Features and benefits – Optional covers *continued*

Employers' liability

Cover offered	Available cover
Limit of Indemnity A – all incidents except any arising from terrorism	£10million
Limit of Indemnity B – all incidents arising from terrorism	£5million
For work within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Cover extends to temporary visits elsewhere, by persons ordinarily resident in Great Britain where no manual work is involved	✓
Compensation for court attendance	£250 per day for each day that your attendance is required
Legal costs and expenses in connection with manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide defence	£1million any one period of insurance
Indemnity to principals	✓
Legal costs arising in respect of an alleged breach of statutory duty under Health and Safety legislation	£1million any one period of insurance
Injury to working partners	✓
Compensation for unsatisfied court judgements	✓

Directors' and officers' liability

Legal costs, awards and settlements for any claim or regulatory action brought against any past, present or future director, officer or employee.
Legal costs of representing any director, officer or employee at an official investigation.
£100,000 additional limit for non-indemnifiable loss for each insured person.
Costs of up to £25,000 for radar legal to investigate any new circumstance.
Costs of up to £100,000 for deprivation of assets.

Contents – all risks

Cover offered	Available cover
All risks subject to certain exclusions	✓
Applies to office and business equipment including portable electronic equipment belonging to, borrowed or leased by you, your partner, principals, directors or employees and used in connection with the business	Maximum sum insured £25,000
Automatic reinstatement of sum insured	✓
Financial interest cover	✓
Subrogation waiver cover	✓

Significant or unusual exclusions, conditions and limitations – Professional indemnity

Professional indemnity cover operates on a claims-made basis. This means that we will only provide cover for claims, or circumstances that may lead to a claim, made against you and notified to us during the period of insurance.

As this document is a summary of the insurance provided, the following is not a list of every exclusion condition or limitation that applies. You can find details of all the exclusions, conditions and limitations in the policy document.

Exclusion, condition or limitation

Contractual liability exclusion

Excludes any fines, penalties or punitive damages identified separately by the Court

Excludes claims arising from goods or products you have manufactured, constructed, altered, repaired, treated, sold, supplied or distributed (except for computer software in certain circumstances)

Excludes claims brought in the United States of America or Canada

Excludes claims known before the start of this policy

Excludes claims arising from work carried out from an office situated in the United States of America or Canada

Excludes claims relating to bodily injury, unless arising from a breach of professional duty

Excludes the excess shown on the policy schedule for each and every claim

Excludes claims made by anyone insured under this insurance against anyone else also insured under this insurance

Failure of investments exclusion

Cyber and data protection law exclusion

Pollution exclusion

Property damage exclusion (unless arising from a breach of professional duty)

Radioactive contamination exclusion

Terrorist act exclusion

Trading losses exclusion

Significant or unusual exclusions, conditions and limitations – Additional covers

Exclusion, condition or limitation	Applicable section(s)
Fines and penalties exclusion	Public liability, Employers' liability and Professional indemnity
Offshore exclusion	Public liability and Employers' liability
Liability excluded where compulsory motor insurance is required	Public liability and Employers' liability
Foreign manual work exclusion	Public liability and Employers' liability
Asbestos liability exclusion	Public liability
Liability assumed by agreement or contract condition exclusion	Public liability
Aircraft and watercraft exclusion	Public liability
Airside exclusion	Public liability
Damage to goods supplied or used and completed works exclusion	Public liability
Design, advice and treatment exclusion	Public liability
Cyber and data exclusion	Public liability
Injury to employees exclusion	Public liability
Exclusion of pollution and contamination unless caused by a sudden and unforeseen incident at a specific time and location	Public liability
Damage to property owned or in your custody or control exclusion	Public liability
Costs of recalling, modifying, disposing of or making refunds for goods or materials supplied or used exclusion	Public liability
Date recognition exclusion (damage caused by the failure or equipment to correctly recognise the correct date)	Contents all risks
Loss or damage due to terrorism exclusion	Contents all risks
Mechanical or electrical breakdown exclusion	Contents all risks
Sonic bangs exclusion	Contents all risks
Theft or attempted theft from an unattended vehicle exclusion	Contents all risks
Loss due to unexplained disappearance or inventory shortage exclusion	Contents all risks
Wear and tear exclusion	Contents all risks

Significant or unusual exclusions, conditions and limitations – Additional covers *continued*

Exclusion, condition or limitation	Applicable section(s)
Disease exclusion	Contents all risks
Electrical plant or apparatus exclusion	Contents all risks
Electronic risks exclusion	Contents all risks
Fraud and dishonesty exclusion	Contents all risks
Illegal activities exclusion	Contents all risks
Miscellaneous damage exclusion	Contents all risks
More specific insurance exclusion	Contents all risks
Aircraft or aerial devices exclusion	Contents all risks
Theft exclusion (unless involving entry to or exit from the premises by forcible and violent means)	Contents all risks
Cleaning and restoration exclusion	Contents all risks
Confiscation or detention exclusion	Contents all risks
Arbitration condition	Contents all risks
Average condition	Contents all risks
Reinstatement condition	Contents all risks

Policy duration

This is an annually renewable policy.

Applicable law

You and we can choose the law which applies to this policy. We propose that the Law of England and Wales apply. Unless we and you agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales will apply to this policy.

Making a complaint

If you have a complaint about your policy you should contact the agent or AXA office where it was bought.

If your complaint relates to a claim on your policy please contact the department dealing with your claim.

If we have given you our final response and you are still not satisfied you may be eligible to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). If applicable, you will receive details of how to do this at the appropriate stage of the complaints process.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in the unlikely event we cannot meet our obligations to you. This depends on the type of insurance, size of the business and the circumstances of the claim.

Further information about the compensation arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk).

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