

# **General Terms of Business Agreement**

# Law and Language

This Terms of Business is subject to English Law and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. We will use the English language for all communications, the contractual terms and conditions, and any information we are required to supply to you, before and during the duration of the contract.

# **Acceptance**

The purpose of this agreement is to set out our professional relationship and detail the services we will provide to you. For your own benefit and protection, you should read all the information carefully. If you do not agree to any part of the information, please tell us. You are deemed to accept the terms of this agreement unless we hear from you.

### **Method of Communication**

Whilst you do have a choice in the way we communicate with you; we will principally provide you with information using electronic means (usually this will be e-mail or some other means to enable you to access information electronically). During the process of dealing with us you will be given an option to receive information in this way, meaning if you would like information in a paper format we will be happy to provide it.

### **Limit of Liability**

This clause restricts the amount that may be recoverable because of our negligence. Other than injury or death of any person (for which no cap on liability will apply), our liability to you for the services we provide shall not exceed £10,000,000 about any one event or connected events.

### **Our Regulator and Insurance Distribution**

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is an independent watchdog that regulates financial services. We are a general insurance distributor and (other than Insurance Based Investment and Long-Term Insurance Contracts) are authorised (including products we co-manufacture) for advising, arranging, dealing, and assisting with the performance and administration of General Insurance contracts. We also distribute our products to other FCA authorised insurance intermediaries and insurance brokers and are also an authorised Credit Broker which allows us to undertake Credit Broking Activities. Our firm reference number is 307350 and you can check our status and permissions at <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/register">www.fca.org.uk/register</a> or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

# The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and Data Protection Act (2018)

My Policy aims to process your data responsibly, fairly and in strict accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) effective 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 supersedes the Data Protection Act 1998 modernising data protection law requiring enhanced disclosures about what we do with your information including (but not limited to):

- Our lawful bases of processing;
- The information we collect, including GPRS data, and how we use and share that information;
- How long we keep information, including the purposes (e.g. administer your policy);
- The technical and organisational measures we have in place to safeguard your information;
- Your individual rights; and
- Our approach to marketing

As with many organisations, and to ensure Customers can easily access details on the areas listed above, we have developed a separate <u>Privacy Notice</u>. This forms part of the Welcome Pack we provide to <u>you</u> customers when customers take out you an insurance contract policy and again when we communicate with customers about the renewal of an insurance contract; a copy can also be accessed at <u>www.mypolicy.co.uk</u>

It is vitally important to take time to read our privacy notice carefully as it contains full details of the basis on which we will process (i.e. collect, use, share, and or transfer) and store your information. It is also your obligation to ensure you show our privacy notice to all parties related to this insurance arrangement. If you have given us information about someone else, you are deemed to have their permission to do so.

If you have any questions, including obtaining a copy of our privacy notice, or any further information about our approach to the GDPR you can e-mail <a href="mailto:info@mypolicy.co.uk">info@mypolicy.co.uk</a> or write to our Data Protection Officer, My Policy Limited, Prospect House, Halesowen. B62 8DU.

### **Your obligation to Other Drivers**

As mentioned in the above data protection section, it is your obligation to ensure you show our privacy notice and any other relevant insurance information we give to you to all parties related to any insurance arrangement as the information you provide to us may include information about other drivers permitted under your policy and whilst we have your consent we shall also deem that to extend to other drivers' information and process that information on the understanding that you have explained how and with whom My Policy shares and processes information, including telematics data to any other permitted driver as well as providing them with details of how they can access our **Privacy Notice**.

### **Our Customers Best Interests**

Our primary aim is to ensure, for any customer (or potential customer) to act honestly, fairly and professionally and in the customers best interest including giving customers information they might need to understand the relevance of any information we provide as well as objectively giving that information when it is most useful to a customer to enable informed decision making.

# **Conflict Management**

Whilst we act in the capacity of agents for our product providers (i.e. the insurance companies we do business with) we are required to have in place appropriate governance controls to help us meet our regulatory objectives, and have in place effective organisational controls, including appropriate supervision to ensure we manage any all and conflicts of interests which may arise or may be identified from time to time, including gifts and benefits granted and accepted, which may damage the interests of our relationship with either our distributors one or more customers.

When such conflicts do arise, which constitute or give rise to conflict which may entail the risk of damage to a distributor or customer and we are unable to manage a such conflict effectively we will always take steps to inform all effected parties including customers, outlining the action we have taken and reasons why, where relevant we will usually set out any relevant options to enable the conflict to be mitigated.

### **Marketing (including Other Drivers)**

It is extremely important that all other drivers permitted under your policy understand how we process information, including that set out in the Marketing Section of our Privacy Notice and these terms and conditions. The reason this is important is because the Telematics Smart Box cannot detect who is driving and all journey data will therefore be viewed as a whole.

In distributing any marketing, we will act honestly, fairly and professionally and in the best interests of a customer or potential customer, including asking you separately for your permission (consent) to contact you, including the means to contact you (such as by phone, or e-mail, push notifications, SMS text, or post) to tell you about;

a) new products or services we have or are developing;

- b) trialling products and services which we think may improve our service to you or our business processes;
- c) offer you rewards;
- d) enter you into a competition.

We will typically ask for your permission when you first contact us (usually on our website), but you will maintain the right to easily withdraw your consent whenever you wish (unsubscribe). We will regularly review your consent to check that your relationship with us and the processing and the purposes have not changed.

We will have processes in place to refresh your consent at appropriate intervals, including any parental consents and act on withdrawals of consent (unsubscribe) as soon as we can and not penalise you if you choose not to give or later choose to withdraw your consent. It is important that you understand you have the right to withdraw or alter your marketing preferences at any time either using the subscription link contained in any electronic marketing or by calling our main office telephone 0330 100 2337, or writing to The Marketing department, My Policy Limited, Prospect House, Prospect Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 8DU or at http://www.mypolicy.co.uk/get-in-touch.

### **Credit checks**

In obtaining an insurance quotation or accepting to enter into a contract of insurance you consent to us, and any third-party companies including insurance companies, that we may approach on your behalf, to conduct a credit search to verify identity and assess your credit worthiness. These checks may also include information held on claims and anti-fraud registers, in the interests of preventing fraud. These check process record a 'soft' check that is still visible on your credit report, but these do not affect your rating. When potential lenders check your credit report, they will not see the soft inquiries.

If you apply to pay for your policy funded by a credit loan agreement, the lender (i.e. the finance company) will independently assess your credit worthiness and may use credit scoring, as well as other credit reference agencies including automated decision-making systems.

A credit worthiness assessment usually take's place after the finance company have received your application to take out credit. If the assessment is unsuccessful the lender will notify you in writing. In the event that you apply for credit and your application is unsuccessful you must contact us immediately to arrange to pay in full for your insurance premium (by credit or debit card), if you are unable to make the payment in full your policy will be cancelled and you will be charged our cancellation fee shown in the Fees & Charges table, this charge will apply in addition to the charge for cover provided.

# **Our Remuneration**

We are remunerated in a number of ways for the distribution services we provide (including the contract of insurance we provide to you). This renumeration ranges from the fees you pay us, the commission that providers of insurance (i.e. your insurance company) pays to us, and any amounts we may receive from any premium finance provider for our credit broking activities (i.e. arranging for you to pay by instalments). From time to time we may also receive renumeration for passing introductions to other professional firms.

We do not have any arrangements whereby we share in the profit from a particular deal with a particular provider and we do not and shall always seek to carefully assess any remuneration scheme (i.e. bonus payments) we make to our staff based on performance to ensure that this does not conflict with the best interests of one or more customers or potential customers.

Principally the commissions we receive or agree to deduct from insurance premiums will be deemed payable to us when you pay us the insurance premium, or part thereof, or when we pay the relevant product provider (i.e. the insurance company with whom we have arranged your contract of insurance).

The individual agreements we have with each product provider will determine which of the two methods is to be adopted and when the commission is payable to us. Any amount of renumeration we receive for our credit broking activities (i.e. arranging finance agreements for the payment of insurance premiums) which is usually as a percentage of the individual loan is typically paid to us directly by the premium finance provider at the end of each preceding calendar month which is usually based on the total business transacted in the previous month.

# **Our Standard Fees and Charges**

We may make the following charges to cover the administration of your insurance, these fees form in part, our renumeration, but principally our processes are structured so that our fees do not adversely affect customers and prevent or mitigate customer detriment, even where low price products are involved:

# Telematics Standard Fees and Charges<sup>1</sup>

Arrangement Fee (for arranging a new policy)	£247
Administration Fee (for changes you make during the year)	£25
Cancellation Charge (when you cancel a policy)	£75
Renewal Fee (for arranging renewal of a policy)	£75

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This table of charges should be read in conjunction with our Telematics Terms and Conditions which includes details of specific charges in relation to our Telematics Policies. This can be found at <a href="https://www.mypolicy.co.uk">www.mypolicy.co.uk</a>. (Legal Section).

In providing our service to you, if your insurance policy is cancelled after the statutory 14-day cooling-off period, we will also charge (if you are due a refund of premium) the amount of commission which would have been due to us by the insurer. This amount will be specified and advised to you at the time you decide to cancel or, should we cancel in accordance with the terms and conditions set out to you, we will advise you of the amount following the cancellation.

Importantly, in addition to the commission amount, we will also charge you an administration fee to cancel the policy. In exceptional circumstances, we may choose to review our commission if it adversely affects the best interests of a particular customer, this will be at our discretion.

In any event, if you choose to cancel your insurance policy within the statutory 14-day cooling off period, you will be charged our cancellation fee shown in the Fees & Charges table, this charge will apply in addition to the charge for cover provided.

Any other specific charges, which might apply to individual policies, will be advised to you prior to the commencement of each contract applicable to a particular policy, and as part of the process should you decide to cancel. You are entitled to request at any time, information about the commissions that we may have received about your insurance, if you want this information please contact us.

# **Our Service and your Demands and Needs**

In assessing your demands and needs we will validate the information you give us by asking you a number of questions, it is your responsibility to ensure you give us complete and accurate answers to any such questions, not only when you take out your policy, but also when you decide to renew or make any changes during any term of a contract of insurance, and when any changes to any information you have given us, occurs such as you incurring penalty points for a motor offence (you should give us information about changes to all the people on the policy).

We will not make a specific recommendation or provide you with specific advice, we will give you the relevant information you require, honestly, fairly and professionally and in a way that is in your best interests (i.e. we will alert you to important terms and conditions about the contract of insurance, and we will try and do this by giving you that information when it is most relevant), this may include information about comparable products between different product providers, all of which will enable you to make your own choice about whether to go ahead with any particular contract of insurance.

You will be provided with a statement of your demands and needs as part of our sales process and you can request a copy at anytime during the lifecycle of your insurance arrangement with us.

### **Our Selection**

We offer products from a limited range of product providers (i.e. insurance companies). The processes we have in place mean that the products of these providers take account of our target customer demands and needs (i.e. a customer seeking a telematics or similar modern contract of insurance) and are designed with such characteristics of customers and include products from one or more of the following product providers: Markerstudy Insurance Company Limited; AVIVA Insurance Company Plc; Highway Insurance Company Limited; Equity Red Star at Lloyds and AXA Insurance (UK) plc.

We only offer Motor Legal Protection from the UK General Insurance Company, Motor Breakdown Cover from the RAC; and Key Insurance from Keycare Limited.

# **Product Oversight and Governance**

All of the products we offer are ultimately underwritten by product providers; however, because of the nature of telematics policies and our group company's actuarial activities (My Policy Services Limited) we elect to involve ourselves as a co-manufacture of the telematics products we offer.

Our product design processes aim to ensure our products take account of the typical objective, interests and characteristics of our target customers, and do not adversely affect our target customers and prevents or mitigates any customer detriment we might identify.

This role requires us to have in place written processes which we follow stringently and allows us to ensure our distributors (including our employees) have the necessary knowledge, experience and competence to understand the product and ensure it is consistent with a customer (or potential customers) demands and needs; even where our distribution chain is long, we aim to ensure this goal is met.

# **Financial Strength**

We regularly assess the financial strength of the Insurance Companies and other intermediaries that we deal with. The process usually involves general observation of the financial ratings applied by independent rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's and A M Best published with other readily available information within industry guides, newsletters and press releases. Whilst we take care to deal with companies that maintain reasonable solvency margins, we cannot guarantee their financial ability to pay claims.

### Money

We hold all money that customers pay us under a risk transfer agreement with product providers.

The premium you pay us is held in an insurer trust bank account in accordance with our agreements with Insurance Companies that transfer the risk of money we receive from customers to them, these agreements deem any money you pay to us, to be received by them and they will bear the risk of any losses if our firm becomes insolvent. This includes claims money or premium refunds we receive prior to being paid to a customer.

By holding money in this way, it means that if this firm becomes insolvent your money remains protected.

In arranging your insurance, we may employ the services of other distributors (i.e. insurance intermediaries) who are regulated by the FCA and your premium may be passed to these intermediaries for payment to insurers. These firms are also required to hold a customer's insurance premium in a separate trust account.

Where we are required to pass a customer's premium outside the UK and the protection may be different, we will inform customers. Should a customer want us to pass premiums to a firm outside of the UK, that customer is required to inform us.

# **Payment Options**

We will provide you with full details of all the payment options available to you when we provide you with your insurance premium. If you choose to enter in a finance arrangement, this will be subject to a Regulated Consumer Credit Agreement. Importantly, the arrangement you will enter will be with the Lender (i.e. the finance company) not us. We are a credit broker not a lender. It is an entirely separate contract irrespective of the insurance contract. In the event of your failure to meet with the contractual obligations regarding payment the finance provider has a right to approach the product provider to seek a termination of the insurance contract to recoup monies in arrears. You will be liable to pay their costs and charges if you do not keep up your repayments and cover is cancelled under your policy. It is important that you understand that the agreement is between you (i.e. the customer), and the Lender directly, not us or the product provider. Full details about the finance arrangement will be provided to you as part of our Sales Process.

# **Right to Cancel**

Please contact us if you wish to cancel any policy that we have arranged for you. Customers acting outside their trade or profession (Consumers) will usually have a legal right to cancel policies for any reason within 14 days of receiving the full terms & conditions. A charge will apply for the period of cover provided and, in addition, an administration charge will apply as shown in the charges section.

We are only able to cancel a policy from the date of receiving the request. We aim to process refunds promptly and as soon as practicable. You will not be entitled to a refund if you have made a claim (this will typically vary and is subject to your specific policy terms and conditions) If you are paying for your insurance using a finance agreement it is your responsibility to keep up with the agreed payments until the refund is received by the finance company and to settle any amount due after any refund has been forwarded. Policies such as legal expenses or breakdown assistance are not refundable, if you cancel this sort of arrangement you will not be entitled to any refund of the premium you paid.

### **Complaints**

Our aim is always to provide all our customers with a first-class service; however, we are aware that, occasionally, it is possible that we may fail to meet your expectations. If for any reason we have not met your expectations, let us know as soon as possible, by calling our main office telephone 0330 100 2337,or write to The Complaints Manager, My Policy Limited, Prospect House, Prospect Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 8DU or go to <a href="https://www.mypolicy.co.uk/get-in-touch">www.mypolicy.co.uk/get-in-touch</a>.

If we are unable to resolve your concerns within 3 working days, we will continue to investigate the matter.

We will formally acknowledge the complaint lodged with us, detailing our understanding of your concerns and send you a copy of our complaints process to help you understand the next steps in the complaints process as well as the right to refer such concerns to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) for an independent assessment and opinion.

Our aim is to act honestly, fairly and professionally and in the interests of customers at all times and keep any complainant (i.e. you or any other parties acting on your behalf) regularly informed about the investigation and give you a final response no later than 8 weeks. If you are not happy with our final response, or the position after a period of 8 weeks, we will tell you about your eligibility to refer the complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service

Even in circumstances where you are not eligible to refer such concerns to the FOS we will attempt to resolve a particular matter promptly through negotiation, if the matter cannot be resolved directly with us (usually with 6 months from the date of receipt of the concern) we will seek the assistance of an independent compliance firm or mediator as might be agreed between us and any complainant or as any parties may agree to try and resolve the matter.

The FOS Consumer Helpline is on **0800 023 4567** (free for people phoning from a "fixed line" (for example, a landline at home) or **0300 123 9123** (free for mobile-phone users paying monthly charge for calls to No's starting 01 or 02). Alternatively, you can contact them at Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9SR. www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

### Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

If we are unable to meet our obligations, you may be entitled to compensation from the FSCS. If we have advised or arranged insurance for you this will be covered for 90% of a claim, without any upper limit, however claims under compulsory insurance, professional indemnity insurance and certain claims for injury, sickness or infirmity of the policyholder are protected at 100%. Further information is available from the FSCS helpline on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100 and www.fscs.org.uk.

The FSCS is the UK's statutory fund of last resort for customers of authorised financial services firms. Compensation is usually payable if an authorised firm is unable or unlikely to pay claims usually because it has ceased trading or become insolvent.

### **Insurance Premium Tax (IPT)**

Your premium detailed in the policy will include IPT at the prevailing rate. Should the rate of IPT be amended by the Government, your premium will be amended by the insurer to reflect the change.

### **Termination**

You may cancel this agreement with us at any time, you can do this by contacting us, either by calling us on 0330 100 2337 or by e-mailing our customer services team using the contact form which can be found at www.mypolicy.co.uk. We also reserve the right to cancel this agreement at any time, if we choose to do this, we will notify you of such termination in writing together with an explanation if appropriate. You will normally have sufficient time to re-arrange your insurance if you take such steps as soon as we first write to you about the termination.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your duty to give information when applying for or amending your insurance policy, we and / or your insurer will ask several questions to assess the risk prior to agreeing cover. It is your duty to ensure that you answer all questions raised by insurers or us honestly and reasonably. These questions are designed to enable us or the insurer to obtain a comprehensive picture of the nature of the risk to be insured, and only by asking such questions and receiving answers which are given honestly and with reasonable care, can we or the insurer be able to offer terms which are designed to meet your demands and needs.

The reason why this is vital and extremely important is that if you fail to tell us or the insurer something when asked or act deliberately or recklessly in making misrepresentations when answering questions, your policy may leave you with no insurance protection; insurers may not pay a part or all your claim and may cancel your policy. You may find it difficult to re-arrange cover because you did not tell an insurer everything when asked, and you must disclose this fact when you reapply for insurance. FAILURE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS HONESTLY AND REASONABLY, WHEN ASKED, MAY LEAVE YOU WITH NO COVER AND A CLAIM NOT PAID.

**End of agreement.**