

Terms of Business

Our Company and Status

Fingal Insurance Group Ltd is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland as an Authorised Advisor and are members of The Irish Brokers Association (IBA). We are also registered with the Central Bank of Ireland as an Insurance Intermediary under the European Communities (Insurance Mediation) Regulations 2005. A copy of our company's authorisations are available on request. The Central Bank of Ireland holds registers of authorised firms and you may verify our authorisations by contacting the Regulator on 1890 77 77 77.

Our Company Provide Non-Life Insurance Services including Risk Reviews, Insurance Placements, Administration, Loss and Claims Reviews and Support and Risk Management Consultancy. We are required to issue our Terms of Business to all our clients in advance of providing a service. We do not have any tied relationships with any institution which would compromise our ability to offer you independent advice and choice and we will conduct our business with integrity, skill and care, always acting in our client's best interest.

Our Remuneration

The method of remuneration for our services to our clients is either in the form of a proportion of the insurance contract premium (known as the commission or brokerage) or a fee or a combination of both.

We operate a policy of full disclosure as required by the Insurance Act 2000.

Our current Fee Structure is: Private Motor: Annual Policy Fee €50 with €20 for any subsequent alterations. Household Policy: Annual Policy Fee €30 with €20 for any subsequent alterations. Affinity Schemes Annual Policy Fee €30 with €20 for any subsequent alterations. All Other Products: In some cases no brokerage fee will be charged, however, in other cases it will be necessary to charge a brokerage fee per transaction. We reserve the right to charge a minimum annual fee of €250 per policy. In any case, the amount of any fee will be clearly shown on the invoice/renewal notice.

Conflict of Interest

We will seek to avoid conflicts of interest but where this is unavoidable we will explain the position fully and manage the situation in such a way as to avoid prejudice to any party. If a conflict arises for which there is no practical solution, we will withdraw unless you wish us to continue to act for you and provide us with your written consent to that effect.

Default or Remedies

Fingal Insurance Group collects premiums for onward transmission to insurers. In the event that such premiums are not paid, insurers are entitled to, and may, cancel cover. It is therefore critical to the continuance of your insurance cover that your premium is paid in full and strictly in line with your credit terms. Should such default occur insurers may apply short period (higher) premiums or cancel cover ab-initio.

Central Bank of Ireland regulations mean that Fingal Insurance Group may not pay to insurers, premiums from our client premium accounts which have not been paid to us. When paying premiums you must specify the policy (or policies) to which the payment applies. In the absence of your specific instructions, we reserve the right to allocate the payment against any outstanding premium. If you prefer any other method of allocation, please advise us. We may take legal action to recover any fees due to us for services provided.

Warranties

All insurance contracts contain conditions which impose obligations on the policyholder. It is important that you read and understand your policies. If in addition, the insurers impose warranties we will bring these to your attention. A warranty must be complied with literally. In some instances insurers apply premium payment warranties which mean the insurer's obligations under the policy will be automatically terminated or a claim not paid. If you cannot comply with the terms of any warranty, please advise us immediately.

Duty to Disclose Information

It is your responsibility to provide complete and accurate information for insurers when arranging an insurance policy, throughout the life of that policy, and when you are renewing it. It is important you ensure that all information provided and all statements made on proposal forms, claim forms and other documents are, to your knowledge and belief, complete and accurate. Failure to disclose any material information to your insurers could invalidate your insurance cover and could mean that all or part of a claim will not be paid.

Market Security

We use both local and international insurers/markets to obtain the best terms and conditions available. In selecting an insurer, a wide variety of factors are taken into account including whether an insurer has a solvency or credit rating. We do not, and cannot, guarantee the financial security of any insurer. If you have any concerns about the security offered, please contact us immediately.

Claims

It is essential that we are notified immediately of any claims or circumstances which could give rise to a claim. When you notify us, you must include all material facts concerning the claim. The policy wordings will describe in detail the procedures and conditions in connection with making a claim. It should be noted that there is no cover for defence costs incurred without insurer's prior consent.

Retention of Documentation

We will maintain records of the insurance contract(s) we arrange on your behalf. We will automatically destroy these records after specified periods unless you ask us to do otherwise. We are happy to provide this service free of charge for as long as we remain your broker.

Feedback

We value client feedback on the quality of our services. If you would like to comment on the service or suggest areas for improvement, call us at 01 8404012.

Complaints

Fingal Insurance Group Ltd has in place a written procedure for the effective consideration and handling of complaints. Complaint must be submitted (preferably in writing) to Conor McCarthy, managing Director, Fingal Insurance Group Limited, Unit B5 Airside Enterprise Centre, Swords, Co Dublin. This procedure ensures that complaints will be recorded and acknowledged in writing within five business days of receipt. In the acknowledgement letter we will advise you who is the prime contact for handling your complaint and we will enclose a summary of our complaints handling procedure. All complaints will be fully investigated and the outcome of that investigation will be communicated to the person who made the complaint. In the event the complainant remains dissatisfied with the handling of and response to the complaint, the complainant may contact the Financial Services Ombudsman's Bureau at 3rd Floor, Lincoln House, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

We will treat any personal (or other) information received by us from you with the utmost respect and, where appropriate, in accordance with data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 1988 (as amended). It will be necessary for us to disclose confidential information to insurers or other parties where we reasonably consider such information to be material to the risk being covered. We may also allow our professional advisers have access to this information.

Email

We may communicate with each other by electronic mail, sometimes attaching further electronic data, where we have each expressed a wish for that to happen. By consenting to this method of communication, we both accept the inherent risks (including the security risks of interception of or unauthorised access to such communications, the risk of non-delivery, the risks of corruption of such communication, the risk of viruses or other harmful devices). Notwithstanding that we have reasonable virus checking procedures on our system, you will be responsible for virus checking all electronic communications sent to you. You will also be responsible for checking that messages received are complete. In the event of a dispute, neither of us will challenge the legal evidential standing of an electronic document and the Fingal Insurance system shall be deemed the definitive record of electronic communications and documentation.

Investor Compensation Act 1998

We are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme established under the investor Compensation Act, 1988. This legislation provides for the establishment of a compensation scheme and to the payment in certain circumstances of compensation to clients of firms covered by the Act. In the event that a right to compensation is established, the amount payable is the lesser of 90% of your loss which is recognised as being eligible for compensation or Euro 20,000. Further information on the scheme is available from the Central Bank of Ireland. In addition to the compensation available under the Investor Compensation Act 1998, Fingal Insurance Group Ltd is bonded through its membership of IBA for €250,000 with an inner limit of €100,000 per client.

Termination

Our services may be terminated without cause or penalty by either us or you upon the giving of one month's written notice of termination to the other or as otherwise agreed. In the event our services are terminated by you other than at the expiry of the policy period or at renewal, we will be entitled to retain any and all fees or brokerage payable (whether or not the same have been received by us) in relation to policies placed by us prior to the date of termination. With effect from the date of termination and in the absence of express agreement to the contrary we will have no obligation to perform any further services (whether contained in this Agreement or otherwise) for you. The responsibility for handling claims reported after the date of termination shall cease in the absence of express agreement.

Governing Law

Fingal Insurance Group Limited undertakes its activities in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Ireland and any disputes will be governed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Ireland.

Contact Details

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The foregoing represents the terms by which we do business with you and by transacting business with us they are deemed acceptable by you.