



# Internship Travel Insurance

Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording



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# Who are you dealing with?

# You can rely on us

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited is a member of the QBE Insurance Group (ASX QBE). QBE Insurance Group is Australia's largest international general insurer and reinsurance group, and one of the top 25 insurers and reinsurers worldwide. The company has been operating in Australia since 1886. QBE is a household name in Australian insurance, backed by sizeable assets and well known as a strong and financially secure organisation. QBE is exempt from the requirement to hold Professional Indemnity Insurance as we are regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). These compensation arrangements comply with ASIC's requirements.

If you require further information in relation to these arrangements, please contact QBE.

# **About QBE travel insurance**

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited
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Please do not send *your* application for travel insurance to this address.

# **Enquiries and assistance**

For any enquiries and assistance please email admin@quardme.com.au

# **PDS** and Policy Wording

The PDS is designed to assist *you* in *your* decision to purchase travel insurance. It contains information about key benefits and significant features.

Any advice in this document is of a general nature only and has not considered *your* objectives, financial situation or needs. This booklet contains the following sections which provide:

- Part 1 information about this travel insurance product (Important Information); and
- Part 2 the detailed terms and conditions (Policy wording).

# About guard.me

This Travel Insurance Policy is arranged by guard.me International Insurance Pty Ltd. ABN 67 155 329 338 trading as guard.me International Insurance Pty Ltd. In arranging this Travel Insurance Policy, guard.me is acting as a distributor of QBE.

guard.me can directly issue or vary QBE travel insurance under a binding authority in accordance with *our* underwriting guidelines. In some cases guard.me may need to arrange for *us* to do this if they are not able to act under the underwriting guidelines. *We*, as the insurer of the product, and guard.me, as *our* agent, do not act on *your* behalf. guard.me does not have any authority to give *you* any advice (i.e. recommendation or opinion about the financial product). They can provide *you* with factual information on the product to help *you* decide if it is right for *you*.

The choice is yours.

# Remuneration arrangements

guard.me and the programme provider receive commission from *us* which is a percentage of the total *premium* paid by *you* to *us* for the product. The commission is paid monthly by *us* based on policies issued. *You* can request full details of the remuneration payable to guard.me and the programme provider for the issue of *your* policy by contacting guard.me at admin@guardme.com.au at any time until the end of *your* cooling off period. (refer Cooling off period).

# Part 1 – Important Information

Throughout the booklet words highlighted in italic have specific meanings. These meanings are set out in the definitions section of the Policy wording. For example: *relative*.

#### **Applying for travel insurance**

To apply for insurance please complete the relevant forms and submit to *your* programme provider. If *your* application is approved guard.me will issue *your* policy and provide *you* with a Certificate of Insurance. *Your* Certificate of Insurance confirms the cover that *you* have chosen, the total amount paid by *you* and information about the terms of *your* policy.

# Significant risks

# This policy may not match your expectations

This policy may not match *your* expectations (for example, because an exclusion applies). *You* should therefore read this PDS and Policy wording carefully.

This policy does not meet the minimum health insurance standard as specified by the Australian Government under condition 8501 for a range of visa types, including Student visas. Please refer to http://www.immi.gov.au for the current minimum standard of specific visa subclasses.

Please ask guard.me if *you* are unsure about any aspect of the policy.

#### Are you sure you have the right level of cover?

You need to make sure the limits of cover are appropriate for your needs. Otherwise you may be under insured and have to bear part of any loss that exceeds the limits yourself. Please refer to the applicable limits as set out in the Schedule of benefits and the Policy wording.

# A claim may be refused

We may refuse to pay or reduce the amount we pay under a claim if you do not comply with the policy conditions, if you do not comply with your Duty of Disclosure or make a misrepresentation, or if you make a fraudulent claim.

# Unattended luggage and personal effects

There is no cover under this policy for luggage and personal effects that are left *unattended*. Please refer to the definition of *unattended* in the Policy wording and "What is not covered?" under Section E "Luggage and personal effects".

# **Existing Medical Condition(s)**

There is no cover under this policy for an existing medical condition.

# The cost of this insurance What you have to pay

The length of your trip will be taken into account when calculating the cost of your policy.

The premium paid by you will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance, including compulsory government charges (including Stamp Duty and GST where applicable). This policy is only valid when you pay the premium and guard.me issues a Certificate of Insurance to you.

#### Amendment of travel details

If you wish to change your personal details or travel dates after your Certificate of Insurance has been issued, please contact guard.me. They may ask you to complete and submit to guard.me a Policy Change Request Form which needs to be assessed and approved prior to any amendment to your policy. Also refer to section headed "Changing the period of insurance" in the Policy wording.

# **Updating this PDS**

We will update the information in this PDS when necessary. A copy of any updated information is available to *you* at no cost by contacting guard.me. We will issue *you* with a new PDS or a supplementary PDS, where the update is to correct a misleading or deceptive statement or an omission which is materially adverse from the point of view of a reasonable person deciding whether to obtain this insurance.

#### **Jurisdiction**

The terms and conditions of the policy are subject to the laws of the Australian state or territory where the Certificate of Insurance is issued. *You* agree to the jurisdiction of the courts of that state or territory for any legal proceedings relating to this policy.

# **Cooling off period**

If, having purchased the policy, you want to return it, you can do so within 21 days of the date of issue of the Certificate of Insurance and obtain a full refund, provided no right or power has been exercised under it by you (eg no claim has been made) and your trip has not commenced. The Cooling off period does not apply to policy or trip extensions. guard.me will arrange for a refund of any premium entitlement within 15 business days of you cancelling your policy.

# **Confirming transactions**

A Certificate of Insurance must be issued once *you* have completed the application process and *you* have paid the appropriate *premium*. If *you* want to confirm a transaction, for example whether the Certificate of Insurance has been issued, *you* may contact guard.me at admin@guardme.com.au.

# Duty of disclosure - what you must tell us

You have a Duty of Disclosure under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) that requires you to tell us certain things. Before you enter into a policy with us, we will ask you a series of questions. You must tell us everything you know or which a reasonable person in the circumstances would be expected to know in answer to the questions in the Application Form. Before you extend or vary a policy, you must tell us everything you know or which a reasonable person in the circumstances would be expected to know, for us to decide:

- whether we will insure you;
- the premium we will charge you; and
- whether any special conditions will apply to your policy.

You do not have to tell us about any matter:

- that diminishes the risk:
- that is of common knowledge;
- that we know or should know in the ordinary course of our business as an insurer; or
- which we indicate we do not want to know.

Everyone who is insured under the policy must comply with the Duty of Disclosure. If *you* provide information about another insured, *you* do this on their behalf. If *you* (or they) don't comply with the Duty of Disclosure, *we* may reduce the amount of any claim and/or cancel *your* insurance. If fraud is involved, *we* may treat *your* insurance as void from the beginning.

# **Privacy policy**

All companies in the QBE Group are committed to safeguarding *your* privacy and the confidentiality of *your* personal information. QBE collects only that personal information from or about *you* for the purpose of assessing *your* application for insurance and administering *your* insurance policy, including any claim made by *you*. QBE will only use and disclose *your* personal information for a purpose *you* would reasonably expect. We will request *your* consent for any other purpose.

Without this personal information we may not be able to issue insurance cover, administer your insurance or process your claim. Our aim is to always have accurate and up-to-date information. When you receive a Certificate of Insurance or other document from us, you should contact us if the information is not correct. QBE uses the services of a related company located in the Philippines to provide Call Centre sales and claims handling, accounting and administration services to QBE in Australia. QBE or our authorised agent may collect or disclose your personal information from or to:

- anv person authorised by vou:
- a mail house, records management company or technology services provider (for printing and/or delivery of mail and email, including secure storage and management of our records). These companies may be located or the records stored using "Cloud" technology and overseas including in India, Ireland, USA or the Netherlands);
- an organisation that provides you with banking facilities (for the purpose of arranging direct debit or other payment transactions or confirming payments made by you to us);
- a financial services provider or our agent who is arranging your insurance (for the purpose of confirming your personal and insurance details);

- another person named as a co-insured on your policy (for the purpose of confirming if full disclosure has been made to us);
- another insurer (for the purpose of seeking recovery from them or to assess insurance risks or to assist with an investigation);
- an airline, medical practitioner, doctor or emergency assistance provider (for the purpose of establishing your medical status and fitness to travel);
- a family member in the event of a medical or other emergency;
- our reinsurer that may be located overseas (for the purpose of seeking recovery from them);
- a dispute resolution organisation such as the Financial Ombudsman Service (for the purpose of resolving disputes between QBE and you or between QBE and a third party);
- a company to conduct surveys on our behalf for the purpose of improved customer services; and
- an insurance reference bureau (to record any claims you may make upon us).

In addition to the above, in the event of a claim, QBE or *our* authorised agent may disclose *your* personal information:

- to a repairer or supplier (for the purpose of repairing or replacing your insured items);
- to an investigator, assessor (for the purpose of investigating or assessing your claim;
- to a lawyer or recovery agent (for the purpose of defending an action by a third party against you or recovering our costs including your excess or seeking a legal opinion regarding the acceptance of a claim);
- to a witness to a claim (for the purpose of obtaining a witness statement):
- to another party to a claim (for the purpose of obtaining a statement from them or seeking recovery from them or to defend an action by a third party).

Personal information (about *you*) may also be obtained from the above people or organisations.

In addition we will:

- give you the opportunity to find out what personal information we hold about you and when necessary, correct any errors in this information. Generally we will do this without restriction or charge; and
- provide our dispute resolution procedures to you, should you wish to complain about how we handle your personal information.

To obtain further information about *our* Privacy Policy or to request access to or correct *your* personal information, please Email: compliance.manager@qbe.com. To make a complaint Email: complaints@qbe.com.

# Our dispute resolution process

If a complaint arises during your dealings with us or guard.me, *you* should first discuss the matter with the person with whom you have been dealing. Where your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction you should request that the matter be dealt with by our Internal Complaints Handling Process. guard.me can assist you to lodge your complaint. You will be provided with a copy of our brochure detailing our complaints handling process. Your complaint will be handled by a person with authority to resolve the matter. Your complaint should be dealt with within 15 business days unless we notify you of the reasons why it cannot be dealt with within that time. If the complaint remains unresolved to your satisfaction, you can request that it be reviewed by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). FOS resolves certain insurance disputes between consumers and insurers and will provide an independent review at no cost to you. QBE Insurance is bound by the determination of FOS but the determination is not binding on you.

# **The General Insurance Code of Practice**

QBE is a signatory to the General Insurance Code of Practice. The Code aims to:

- (a) promote better, more informed relations between insurers and their customers:
- (b) improve consumer confidence in the general insurance industry;
- (c) provide better mechanisms for the resolution of complaints and disputes between insurers and their customers; and
- (d) commit insurers and the professionals they rely upon to higher standards of customer service.

To obtain a copy of the General Insurance Code of Practice go to www.codeofpractice.com.au

#### **Financial Claims Scheme**

This policy is a protected policy under the Financial Claims Scheme (FCS), which protects certain insureds and claimants in the event of an insurer becoming insolvent. In the unlikely event of QBE becoming insolvent *you* may be entitled to access the FCS, provided *you* meet the eligibility criteria. More information may be obtained from APRA -www.apra.gov.au or 1300 55 88 49

# Worldwide medical & emergency assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, QBE Assist.

QBE Assist is a team of highly trained medical and insurance specialists, ready to help policyholders in the event of an accident, illness or mishap during their travel.

The QBE Assist team has full authority to act in the event of a situation arising, thereby empowering them to act quickly and effectively in the event of an emergency

#### Hurt, sick and away

Requiring medical attention is stressful at the best of times when *you* are at home let alone being overseas.

The QBE Assist team of medical experts is on hand for:

- assessing and monitoring after an accident or illness;
- provision for medical repatriation, if required;
- making payment of hospital and medical bills.

# Disrupted, lost and desperate

Airport closures; lost or stolen documents; missing luggage all add up to frustration and anxiety when travelling. QBE Assist also provides a range of non-medical support services, including:

- assistance with the rescheduling of travel arrangements;
- replacement of lost passports or travel documents;
- in the case of an emergency, providing emergency messages to your family, employers or your travel agent back home.

# Resourced to respond, highly skilled and specially trained

QBE Assist is based in Melbourne and coordinates medical evacuation and *repatriation* for policyholders who become injured or ill whilst travelling abroad. Policyholders can rest assured knowing that QBE's emergency assistance is coordinated by QBE staff and systems and not outsourced, eliminating any unnecessary delays.

As a QBE policyholder you have complete access to our QBE Assist team, who work closely with numerous hospitals, health care groups and other service providers. In the event that repatriation is required, our repatriation crew are only a phone call away. The crew, made up of a Medical Director, Doctors, Paramedics and Critical Care Nurses are specially trained and qualified for air or land based medical patient transfers, offering immediate care.

Note: If you are in need of medical or dental treatment or need to cancel or rearrange your trip and you expect that the costs will be in excess of \$2,000 you must contact us.

Providing assistance is not in itself an admission of liability for a claim and where relevant, all services are subject to a claim being accepted under the policy.

# Important information

# Before you travel

- Place your QBE Assist contact details in a safe place so you can contact us if you require assistance.
- Subscribe to smartraveller.gov.au to receive up to date travel advice.

# Whilst you're travelling

- Visit http://www.qbe.com.au/travel/info for travel insurance advice and useful tips while you're travelling.
- Ensure you have your Certificate of Insurance number and contact details with you.

#### **Contact details**

Phone: + 61 3 8523 2800 Fax: + 61 3 8523 2815 Within Australia: 1300 555 019 or 03 8523 2800

Email: qbeassist@qbe.com

If you're overseas – the below numbers are toll free from a landline. Calls from mobiles will be at *your* cost.

If you cannot use the toll free numbers below, please contact our Emergency Assistance team using the contact details above.

0800 291 702	Italy	800 875 100
0800 891 8401	Japan	00531 616 441
1800 665 3870	Malaysia	1800 800 428
10800 611 0133	Netherlands	08000 226 742
10800 361 0151	New Zealand	0800 441 678
00800 2149	Philippines	1800 1611 0045
0800 90 5097	Singapore	800 6161 051
0800 181 7694	South Africa	0800 99 3514
00800 6112 6195	Spain	900 996 167
800 933 877	Sweden	0200 214 612
0008006101119	Switzerland	0800 838 533
001 803 61 683	Thailand	001 800 611 2885
1800 552 636	Turkey	00 800 6190 3627
180 945 6589	<b>United Kingdom</b>	0800 899 813
	United States	1800 765 8631
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#### Lost credit cards/travellers' cheques?

Due to privacy legislation *you* will need to call the Credit Card/ Travellers Cheque company directly in order to cancel the card/ cheques and arrange replacements.

Obtain the correct number by visiting *your* card provider's website.

This list is a summary of some of the benefits covered by this policy and the *applicable limits*.

Please refer to the relevant section of the Policy wording for full details of cover.

Other applicable limits may apply.

# Schedule of benefits

	Section	Applicable Limit
Trip cancellation, interruption and disruption	Section A1	\$10,000
Emergency travel arrangements and accommodation expenses	Section A2	\$20,000
Medical and Dental Expenses	Section B1	Unlimited
Dental and injury limit		\$1000
Family Transportation and Accommodation expenses	Section B2	\$20,000
Dental expenses due to sudden and acute pain	Section B3	\$600
Medical Evacuation and Repatriation	Section C1	Unlimited
Non-medical Evacuation and Repatriation	Section C2	\$25,000
Travel Delay	Section D1	\$1,000
Luggage and personal effects maximum item limit total	Section E1	\$2,000
Personal computer individual item limit		\$2,000
Camera & video individual item limit		\$2,000
Other individual item limit		\$750
Emergency luggage	Section E2	\$300
Replacement Passport and Travel Documents	Section E3	\$1,000
Accidental Death	Section F1	\$50,000
Funeral Expenses or Repatriation	Section F2	\$20,000
Disablement (any occupation)	Section F3	\$50,000
Personal liability	Section G1	\$2,000,000
Legal expenses	Section G2	\$25,000

#### **Guidelines**

- This policy is available if you are travelling on an internship programme outside of your home country and are visiting Australia on a temporary basis.
- The Certificate of Insurance must be issued prior to the commencement of your trip.
- The premium payable is per person.
- This policy is not available to travellers 60 years of age or over at the time the Certificate of Insurance is to be issued.
- There is no cover under this policy for an existing medical condition.
- The policy can be purchased up to 24 months in advance.
- There is no provision to suspend this policy during the period of insurance.
- Your policy can be extended as many times as you like up to a maximum duration of 24 months from departure date. This is only available before the current policy expires. When applying for an extension you must tell guard.me if there is a claim made or pending, or you have seen a medical or dental practitioner, as an extension may not be available or special terms may be imposed. If you wish to extend your policy please go to www.guardme.com.au.The premium for an extension is calculated at the amount current at the time of the extension.

#### **Excesses**

The amount of the excess will be shown on your Certificate of Insurance. This excess will apply to each claim you make under this policy except on the applicable section of the policy wording listed as "No excess applies to claims under this benefit". The excess is an amount that will be subtracted from the amount paid to you if you should make a claim under a section of the policy where the excess is applicable. If you make more than one claim under your policy the excess will apply to each claim which arises as a result of each separate set of circumstances.

# Part 2 - Policy wording

# Terms and conditions Definitions

Applicable limit(s) means the sum insured specified in the Schedule of benefits or Policy wording for the travel plan selected as shown on the Certificate of Insurance.

Carrier(s) means the scheduled airline, vessel, train, or motor coach transport in which you are to travel to or from your intended destination.

Electronic equipment means portable game consoles, portable media players, and satellite navigation units.

Existing medical condition(s) means:

- a. any chronic or ongoing (whether chronic or otherwise) medical or dental condition, illness or disease of which you were aware or should reasonably have been aware, or which is medically documented within the last 12 months or under investigation in the 12 months prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance; or
- any physical, mental illness or medical condition (including pregnancy), defect, illness or disease of which you were aware or should reasonably have been aware, or for which treatment, medication, preventative medication, advice, preventative advice or investigation have been received or prescribed by a medical or dental adviser in the 60 days prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance

#### Note:

- Where any condition, illness or disease is the subject of an investigation, that condition, illness or disease falls within this definition, regardless of whether or not a diagnosis of the condition, illness or disease has been made.
- This definition applies regardless of whether or not the condition, illness or disease displays symptoms.
- This definition applies to you, your travelling party, your relatives, your business colleague, or any other person you have a relationship with whose state of health could impact on your travel plans.

Financial default means the insolvency, bankruptcy, provisional liquidation, financial collapse, appointment of receivers or any other form of insolvency administration of any person, company, or organisation.

Home country means the country where you permanently reside.

*Injury* means a bodily *injury* that is caused solely and directly by external and visible means as a result of an accident and which does not result from an illness or disease.

Medically necessary means treatment that's appropriate for your illness or injury, consistent with your symptoms, and that can be safely provided to you. It meets the standards of good medical practice and isn't for your convenience or the providers convenience.

Mental illness means a condition characterised by the presence of symptoms such as delusions, hallucinations, disorder of thought form, disturbance of mood, or sustained or repeated irrational behaviour, which impairs, either temporarily or permanently, the mental functioning of a person.

Period of insurance means the period of cover specified in the Certificate of Insurance.

Personal computer means laptops, notebooks, tablet PCs, personal digital assistants (PDA's), smartphones, and any other hand-held wireless devices that have the capacity to convey data or information.

Premium means the total amount payable for the insurance. It includes commission, stamp duty and GST if applicable.

Professional sporting activity means an activity for which you receive financial reward, sponsorship or benefits from participating in or training for that activity, regardless of whether or not you are a professional sportsperson.

Relative(s) is limited to a relative of yours, or of a member of the travelling party, who is resident in your home country. It means a spouse, defacto partner, parent, parent in-law, daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, grandparent, stepparent, stepchildren, fiance or fiancee, or guardian.

Repatriate(d) or repatriation means travel arrangements made by us for your return to your home country or where we consider to be the nearest suitable alternative.

Scheduled public transport means a public transport system that runs to a timetable.

Terrorist act means an act or threat of force or violence by any person acting alone or in association with an organisation or foreign government, where the purpose, by its nature or context, is to put the public or a section of the public in fear, to resist or influence a government or, to further an ideological, religious, ethnic or similar act.

Total permanent disability means you have lost any part of your arm between the shoulder and wrist or any part of your leg between the hip and ankle or use of the above, or lost sight in one or both eyes for at least 12 months and after consultation with an appropriate medical specialist and, in our opinion, that loss will continue indefinitely.

Travelling party means you and any travelling companion who has made arrangements to accompany you for at least 50% of the trip.

Trip(s) means the period of travel stated in the Certificate of Insurance. The period begins on the date of departure, as stated in the Certificate of Insurance, from your home country and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of the trip set out in the Certificate of Insurance ends, whichever happens first. The period of travel cannot be altered without our consent.

Unattended means leaving your luggage or personal effects either with a person you have not previously met, or, in a public place where it can be taken without your knowledge or at a distance from which you cannot prevent it from being taken.

We, our(s), us refers to QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited ABN 78 003 191 035.

You, your, yours, yourself means the person listed in the Certificate of Insurance.

# Your policy is a contract of insurance

Your policy is a contract of insurance between you and us. You pay us the premium, and in return we provide you with cover. Your contract consists of:

- · these terms and conditions:
- · the Schedule of benefits;
- · vour Certificate of Insurance: and
- any written endorsements we give you.

Together these documents make up *your* policy. It is important that *you* read *your* policy carefully, and keep this booklet in a safe place for future reference.

If you have any questions regarding your policy, please contact guard.me at admin@guardme.com.au

# You must co-operate with us

You must co-operate with us and give us all the information and assistance we need to deal with your claim. If you do not, we may not be able to settle your claim.

# When does the policy begin and end?

Your policy will be valid for the *period of insurance* when you have paid the *premium* and you have been provided with a Certificate of Insurance. The *period of insurance* will start and end on the dates shown in your Certificate of Insurance or when you return to your home country whichever happens first.

# When does the cover under each benefit begin and end?

This policy contains a number of different benefits. Cover under those benefits may begin and end at different times. Each section of the policy sets out when the cover begins and ends.

#### Changing the period of insurance

The period of insurance cannot be changed without our consent. If you wish to defer or alter the period of insurance, we may ask you to submit to guard.me, a Policy Change Request Form. We will decide whether or not to agree to alter the period of insurance based on the information you give us, together with any additional information we ask for. If we agree to defer or alter that period of insurance you will be issued with a new Certificate of Insurance which will show the change of the period of insurance and any premium adjustment.

# **Automatic Extensions**

If the scheduled transport in which you are to travel is delayed, or your trip is delayed by an event that entitles you to make a claim under this policy, the period of insurance is automatically extended beyond the period of your original trip. This extension lasts until you are capable of travelling to your final destination via the most efficient and direct route, including the journey there, or for a period of 6 months beyond the period of insurance, whichever happens first.

#### Cancellation of insurance cover

#### By you

Once the Certificate of Insurance has been issued *you* are not entitled to a refund of any part of the *premium* except as provided for in the section headed "Cooling off period". See the Cooling off period Section for further details.

#### By us

We can cancel *your* insurance in any way permitted by law, including if *you* have:

- failed to comply with your Duty of Disclosure; or
- made a misrepresentation to us before the policy was entered in to: or
- failed to comply with a provision of a policy, including failure to pay the premium; or
- made a fraudulent claim under this policy or any other current policy; or
- failed to notify us of a specific act or omission as required by the policy.

If we cancel your policy, we will do so by giving you written notice. We will deduct from the premium an amount to cover the shortened period for which you have been insured by us, and refund to you what is left.

#### **General exclusions**

These are the general exclusions which apply to all sections of this policy. *You* should read them, together with the cover and the specific exclusions referred to under each section of cover. There is no cover under any section of this policy for any claim arising directly or indirectly because of any of the following:

- 1. vou travel:
  - (a) even though you know you are unfit to travel; or
  - (b) against medical advice; or
  - (c) when you know you will have to consult a medical practitioner; or
  - (d) for the purpose of obtaining medical advice or treatment.
- 2. you fail to maintain a course of treatment you were on at the time your trip commenced.
- the illness, injury or death, is caused or exacerbated by, or consequential upon, an existing medical condition of you, a member of the travelling party or a non-travelling relative or business partner.
- 4. the illness, injury or death of you, a member of the travelling party or a non-travelling relative or business partner is caused or exacerbated by or consequential upon, any condition which has been the subject of a medical investigation within the period of 12 months prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance, in respect of which no diagnosis has been made.
- any medical charges in excess of reasonable and necessary expenses, or charges caused directly or indirectly by an error of the medical provider.
- your treatment in a health spa, convalescent or nursing home or any rehabilitation centre unless agreed by us.
- 7. any cover under this policy if *you* are 60 years of age or over at the time the Certificate of Insurance is to be issued.
- 8. a member of the *travelling party* decides to alter their plans or not to continue with the *trip*.
- the illness, injury or death of a person who is not a member of your travelling party and is 80 years of age or over at the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued.
- 10. a member of the travelling party:
  - intentionally and recklessly places themselves in circumstances, or undertakes activities, which pose a risk to their personal safety (except in an attempt to save a human life); or
  - (b) deliberately injures themself; or

- being under the influence of, or is addicted to, intoxicating liquor or a drug, except a drug taken in accordance with the advice of a registered medical practitioner; or
- (d) suffers any mental illness including dementia, depression, anxiety, panic attack, stress, bipolar, mania, schizophrenia or other nervous disorder; or
- (e) suffers HIV with AIDS related infection or illness; or
- (f) takes part in a riot or civil commotion; or
- (g) acts maliciously; or
- (h) hunts, plays polo, races (except on foot), mountaineers using support ropes, rock climbs, abseils, participates in base jumping, running with the bulls, or pot holing; or
- travels in international waters in a private sail vessel or privately registered sail vessel; or
- participates in, or trains for, a professional sporting activity; or
- scuba dives unless you hold an open water diving licence or you were diving under licensed instruction; or
- (I) without an unrestricted licence valid for the country you are travelling in, or with an engine capacity greater than 250cc, or rides a motor cycle without wearing a helmet; or
- (m) rides a 4 wheel motor cycle even as a pillion passenger.
- 11. a loss which is recoverable under some other scheme that provides coverage for any medical treatment. For example, Medicare, a private health fund, national reciprocal health fund or scheme, workers' compensation scheme, travel compensation fund or accident compensation scheme.
- 12. any consequential loss or loss of enjoyment.
- 13. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with a criminal or dishonest act by you or by a person with whom you are in collusion.
- 14. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with war, invasion, act of a foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power or civil insurrection, except as provided for in event 2 under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?".
- 15. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with the use, existence or escape of nuclear weapons material, or ionising radiation from, or contamination by, radioactivity from any nuclear fuel, or nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.

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- 16. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with any government intervention, prohibition, or regulation except as provided for in event 6 under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?".
- 17. a government authority seizing, withholding or destroying anything of yours or any prohibition by or regulation or intervention of any government or any government not allowing you to enter or to stay in that country.
- 18. an act or threat of terrorism. This exclusion does not apply to Section B1 "Medical and dental expenses", Section E1 "Luggage and personal effects" or under Section C1 "Medical evacuation and repatriation" for the cost of repatriation to, if the carrier requires you to be brought back with a medical escort.
- 19. the cancellation or delay of travel arrangements due to mechanical breakdown of transportation or failure of the *carrier* to operate the service. This exclusion does not apply to Section D1 "Travel delay".
- you fail to take reasonable precautions to avoid a financial loss after a public warning of a strike, riot, civil commotion, or natural disaster.
- 21. the financial default of a travel agent, scheduled serviced airlines, hotel and resort operators, car and campervan hire companies, cruise lines, railway operators and theme park operators to the extent that your loss is covered by a scheme or fund (not a contract of insurance), or would be covered but for this insurance.
- 22. the financial default of any person, company or organisation involved in your travel arrangements and that financial default occurred prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance.
- 23. credit card conversion fees or any other bank charges.
- 24. you are not insured under any section of this policy where a claim payment breaches any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of Australia, the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

# SECTION A - CANCELLATION AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

#### Am I covered under Section A?

Section A is divided into different benefits.

#### SECTION A

#### Sections A1 - A2

You must read Section A together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

#### What are the events that will be covered under Section A?

We will cover you under Section A in respect of your planned trip, if one of the following events occurs after the issue of the Certificate of Insurance:

- you are unable to start or finish the trip because of the death, sudden serious illness or serious injury arising before or during the trip of:
  - a member of your travelling party; or
  - a relative or business partner or person in the same employ as you, who is a resident in your home country.

But before we will cover you, you must provide us with proof that:

- the death has occurred or the illness or injury requires hospitalisation or confinement; or
- you are certified medically unfit to travel by a General Practitioner; or
- in the case of a business partner or person in the same employ as you, the person's absence made the cancellation or ending of the trip necessary, and you have written confirmation of that fact from a senior representative or director of the business.
- your pre-paid scheduled public transport services or pre-paid tour have been cancelled or restricted because of severe weather, natural disaster, riot, strike or civil insurrection.
- you make reasonable additional travel arrangements within 48
  hours of a public warning of severe weather, natural disaster,
  riot, strike or civil insurrection that could impact your travel
  arrangements. This cover is limited to \$1,000.
- 4. your pre-paid accommodation has been destroyed or is uninhabitable due to severe weather or natural disaster and no alternative equivalent accommodation is available in the vicinity. You must have done everything reasonable to obtain alternative accommodation.
- a member of the travelling party is required to do jury service or has received a summons to give evidence in a court of law.

- a member of the *travelling party* is confined in compulsory quarantine.
- 7. you have been involved in, or your travel arrangements have been cancelled or delayed by, a motor vehicle, railway, air or marine accident or incident. You must have written confirmation of the accident or incident from an official body in the country where the accident or incident happened.
- your passport, travel documents or credit cards are lost or damaged.
- a member of your travelling party, who is a full time student, is required to sit supplementary examinations conducted by their educational institution.
- a member of your travelling party has been made redundant from full-time permanent employment in your home country.
- 11. the cancellation of pre-arranged leave by an employer for a member of your travelling party who is a full-time permanent employee of the police, fire, ambulance or emergency services.
- 12. you are unable to start the trip because your employer cancels your pre-arranged leave and you are in full-time permanent employment. Cover is only available if you purchased this travel insurance no later than 7 days after paying final monies for your prepaid travel arrangements and is limited to \$1,000 per person.
- 13. your normal place of residence or business premises in your home country has been destroyed or rendered insecure due to a natural disaster, fire or malicious damage. Cover is limited to expenses incurred in returning you to the nearest practical accommodation to your home country.
- a member of your travelling party has been affected by any form of insolvency, administration or bankruptcy of their employer.
- 15. the financial default of scheduled service airlines, hotel and resort operators, car and campervan hire companies, cruise lines, railways operators and theme park operators excluding travel agents or wholesalers. Cover is limited to the amount set out in the Schedule of benefits.
- a member of the travelling party has their Visa Application rejected by the Australian Government, subject to the following -
  - you or your travelling companion were eligible to make such an application, and

- you or your travelling companion were not applying for an immigration or employment visa, and
- the non-issuance is due to reasons beyond your or your travelling companion's control, other than due to late application or a subsequent attempt for a visa that had already been refused in the past.

# Section A1- Trip cancellation, interruption and disruption

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins from the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued to *you*, and ends when *you* return to *your* home country or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay the value of unused pre-paid travel arrangements for anyone named on your policy, less any refunds you are entitled to, if you have to cancel these arrangements because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?", or the reasonable cost of rearranging your trip, provided that this cost is not greater than the cancellation fees or lost deposits which would have been incurred had the trip been cancelled. We will also pay the value of pre-paid tuition fees and related school accommodation expenses that cannot be used, less any refunds you are entitled to, if you have to cancel these arrangements. If cancellation is due to an illness or injury you must provide us with documentation from your treating doctor to confirm you are medically unfit to commence or continue with your trip. We will not pay for cancellation or holiday deferment costs unless these costs are medically justified and if you have already commenced your trip you must have our consent.

#### What is not covered?

- We will not pay for any event other than those listed under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?"
- 2. We will not pay for the value of unused pre-paid transport costs where we have repatriated you a distance equivalent to, or greater than, the total distance remaining on your itinerary at the point of repatriation. Where the total distance of the repatriation is less than the unused travel arrangements we will calculate your entitlement on a pro rata basis, taking into account the cost of your original ticket.
- Any cover where you have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

 We will not pay for any non-refundable costs for anyone not named on your policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person, is the applicable limit set out in the section in the Schedule of benefits. If you are claiming for prepaid theme park and event tickets, golf green fees or programme fees that cannot be used because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?" the applicable limit is \$500 per person.

# Section A2 - Emergency travel arrangements and accommodation expenses (Catastrophe)

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

# What is covered?

We will cover you for expenses you incur for reasonable additional travel, accommodation, meals and internet use and emergency telephone calls less any refunds you are entitled to, if you have to interrupt your trip after it has begun, because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?". We will pay the higher of the non refundable cancellation fees (Under Section A1) or the additional rearrangement costs that have been incurred as a result of the same event. If the interruption to your trip requires repatriation refer to Section C for details of cover. You must not organise any additional travel or accommodation in excess of \$2,000 without our prior consent.

#### What is not covered?

- We will not pay for any event other than those listed under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?"
- Any additional travel you undertake must be at the fare class that you originally chose, except where we agree differently on the basis of a written recommendation from your treating doctor.
- 3. If you return to your home country because of an event listed under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?" and you do not have a return ticket at the time of the event that causes a claim under this section, we will deduct from the amount we pay you the cost of an economy class airfare at the carrier's regular published rates for the return journey.

- We will not pay for any expenses you incur to resume your trip after you have returned to your home country.
- We will not pay for additional accommodation where you have claimed for cancelled accommodation expenses covering the same period of time or for additional transport costs in excess of the distance of the cancelled travel arrangements.
- We will not pay for accommodation expenses for periods where you have not forfeited pre-paid accommodation arrangements.
- 7. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same event under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay under this benefit for the reasonable cost of additional meals is \$75 per person, for each 24 hour period up to a maximum of \$500 per person. For additional travel and accommodation the most we will pay you under this benefit is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits. We will also pay you for necessary emergency internet use and telephone calls up to a maximum of \$250.

# SECTION B - MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES

#### Am I covered under Section B?

Section B is divided into different benefits.

#### **SECTION B**

Sections B1 - B3

You must read Section B together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# Section B1 - Medical and dental expenses

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit, begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for:

- medical, hospital and ambulance expenses you incur as a result of an illness, injury or death; or
- dental treatment expenses you incur as a result of an injury to healthy natural teeth;

that you suffer while you are on your trip.

We will pay medical and dental expenses which we believe are medically necessary to treat the illness or injury. Any treatment you receive must be given by a medical practitioner, physiotherapist, chiropractor, osteopath, dentist or oral surgeon who is registered to practice in the country or jurisdiction where *you* receive treatment. Where *you* need treatment for an *injury* by a physiotherapist, chiropractor, osteopath or emergency dental treatment, *you* may have the first 6 treatments without asking *us*. Any treatments after that must be with *our* consent.

To determine if expenses are reasonable and necessary, we may consider all relevant factors, including the average reimbursement received by the provider for similar treatment. All expenses under this section must be incurred within 12 months of the date of the illness or *injury*.

#### What is not covered?

- There is no cover under this benefit because of an illness or injury, the signs and symptoms of which you first became aware of before you went on your trip.
- There is no cover for any person whose date of birth is after the date that the Certificate of Insurance was issued.
- 3. There is no cover for ongoing payments under this benefit if we decide on the advice of a doctor appointed by us that you are capable of being repatriated to your home country. If you do not agree to return to your home country we may choose not to make any further payment for medical expenses and associated costs as determined by us.
- 4. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# Section B2 - Family transportation and accommodation Benefit

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when *you* are hospitalised overseas and ends when *you* are discharged from hospital.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if you have no family members within 500 kilometres of your location while you are outside your home country and you are hospitalised, and your hospitalisation is expected to last a minimum of 7 days. We will pay for the cost of round-trip transportation based on the lowest available fare for the most direct route for up to two persons nominated by you or your next of kin, to travel to your bedside. We will also pay for reasonable accommodation and meals up to \$250 per day per person for a maximum period of 14 days.

#### What is not covered?

1. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person is \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$20.000.

# Section B3 - Dental expenses due to sudden and acute pain

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit, begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for dental treatment expenses you incur overseas to relieve sudden and acute pain. We will pay expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to treat the pain. Before we will pay this you must give us written certification from your treating dentist that treatment is necessary to alleviate your pain. Any treatment you receive must be given by a dentist or oral surgeon who is registered to practice in the country where you receive treatment.

#### What is not covered?

- There is no cover for expenses incurred for dental treatment due to normal wear and tear or the normal maintenance of dental health.
- 2. There is also no cover for any dental expenses *you* incur in *your home country*.
- 3. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person, under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# SECTION C - EVACUATION AND REPATRIATION

#### Am I covered under Section C?

Section C is divided into different benefits.

# SECTION C

Sections C1 - C2

You must read Section C together with the General Exclusions as these may affect your cover.

# Section C1 - Medical evacuation and repatriation

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if you have to interrupt your trip after it has begun because you have suffered an illness or injury while you are on your trip, and in our opinion you need to be evacuated or repatriated. We will pay expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to bring you back to your home country or to another destination of our choice. Before we will pay this you must give us written certification from your treating doctor that your evacuation or repatriation is necessary and that you cannot continue your trip. The decision to evacuate or repatriate you is ours, and we will not pay for any evacuation or repatriation expenses unless it is medically justified and you have received our consent. Based on the advice of your treating doctor we will either;

- return you to your home country with a medical attendant; or
- pay for a return economy class airfare, reasonable accommodation and additional expenses for a friend or relative to fly to, remain with and escort you in place of a medical attendant; or
- return vou to vour home country without an attendant.

#### What is not covered?

- We will not cover you if you evacuate or repatriate when it is not medically necessary or without our consent.
- We will not pay for any expenses you incur to resume your trip after you have returned to your home country.
- 3. For repatriation, we will not pay more than the cost of repatriation to your home country.
- There is no cover under this benefit because of an illness or injury, the signs and symptoms of which you first became aware of before you went on your trip.
- Any additional costs for travel you undertake that is not at the fare class that you originally chose, unless it is medically justified, based on the written recommendation from your treating doctor and you have our consent.
- If you do not have a return ticket at the time of the event that
  causes a claim under this section, we will deduct from the
  amount we pay you the cost of an economy class airfare at
  the carrier's regular published rates for the return journey.

7. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# Section C2 - Non-medical evacuation and repatriation

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if you have to interrupt your trip after it has begun because of one of the events listed in "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?", while you are on your trip, and in our opinion you need to be evacuated or repatriated. We will pay expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to bring you back to your home country or to another destination of our choice. The decision to evacuate or repatriate you is ours, and we will not pay for any evacuation or repatriation expenses unless you have received our prior consent.

#### What is not covered?

- 1. We will not cover you if you evacuate or repatriate without our consent.
- 2. We will not pay for any expenses you incur to resume your trip after you have returned to your home country.
- 3. For repatriation, we will not pay more than the cost of repatriation to your home country.
- 4. Any additional travel *you* undertake must be at the fare class that *you* originally chose unless *you* have *our* consent.
- If you do not have a return ticket at the time of the event that
  causes a claim under this section, we will deduct from the
  amount we pay you the cost of an economy class airfare at
  the carrier's regular published rates for the return journey.
- 6. Any cover where you have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# SECTION D - TRAVEL DELAY

#### Am I covered under Section D?

#### SECTION D

#### Section D1

You must read Section D together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# Section D1 - Travel delay

No excess applies to claims under this benefit.

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if your scheduled public transport from or within Australia or overseas in respect of any individual leg of your trip is delayed for at least 6 hours for a reason outside your control, and for each subsequent 24 hours (or part of that time) from the original departure time.

#### What is not covered?

 Any cover where you have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay under this benefit, is the applicable limit which is the total of:

- (a) the reasonable cost of rearranging your travel arrangements, including additional accommodation and travel arrangements to resume your pre-paid arrangements; and
- (b) up to a maximum of \$250 per day for the cost of reasonable additional accommodation and \$50 per day for meals.

# SECTION E - LUGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

# Am I covered under Section E?

Section E is divided into different benefits.

# **SECTION E**

Sections E1 - E3

You must read Section E together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# Section E1 - Luggage and personal effects

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for each of the following:

- accidental loss, theft of, or damage to, your luggage or personal effects including things you buy during the trip, while they are accompanying you during your trip.
- 2. loss of, or damage to, dentures or dental prostheses whilst not on *your* person during *your trip*.
- the cost of medical consultation fees you incur to replace prescription medication which is accidentally lost, stolen or damaged, together with the cost of the medication itself.
- theft of, or damage to, your luggage or personal effects while they are left in a locked motor vehicle or a motor home during daylight hours and there is forced entry into the vehicle.
- theft of, or damage to, your luggage or personal effects while they are left in a locked storage facility and there is forced entry into the facility.

In the event of a claim under this section we will reinstate the applicable limit for an event that arises from any other set of circumstances.

#### What is not covered?

- 1. accidental loss or damage to or theft of:
  - cash, bank or currency notes, cheques or negotiable instruments:
  - (b) fragile or brittle items (eg. glass or china), except loss or damage caused by fire, or by accident to the transport carrying them;
  - damage to computer screens at any time, computer software or applications;
  - (d) luggage or personal effects that are being transported independently of you;
  - property that you leave unattended or that occurs because you do not take reasonable care to protect it;
  - (f) luggage or personal effects for which you are entitled to compensation from the carrier;
  - (g) personal computer, communication or photographic equipment, electronic equipment, jewellery or watches left unattended by you in a motor vehicle or a motor home for any length of time, even if they are locked in the motor vehicle or motor home:
  - (h) luggage or personal effects left unattended by you during non daylight hours in a motor vehicle or a motor home for any length of time;
  - luggage or personal effects left unattended by you in a tent or caravan for any length of time;

- (j) personal computer, communication or photographic equipment, electronic equipment, jewellery or watches checked in as luggage;
- (k) trade items, trade samples or your tools of trade or profession;
- gold or precious metals, precious unset or uncut gemstones;
- (m) watercraft of any type;
- (n) sporting equipment whilst in use; or
- (o) luggage or personal effects that have been left in a locked storage facility for greater than 48 hours.
- wear and tear or depreciation of property or damage by the action of insects or vermin, mildew, rust or corrosion.
- mechanical or electrical breakdown, or malfunction repair costs.
- 4. any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person, under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits. We will not pay more than the original price you paid for an item, even if the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits is higher.

#### We will choose between:

- repairing or replacing your items to a condition no better than their condition at the time of loss, damage or theft; or
- paying you their value in cash, taking into account an allowance for age, wear and tear. The way in which we depreciate is set out in the Depreciation Schedule under Section H "Making a Claim".

The limits in total, for a camera, video camera or *personal computer*, set of golf clubs, watches, jewellery and for any other item are set out in the Schedule of benefits.

A pair or related set of items - for example, a camera, lenses (attached or not), tripod and accessories or a chain and pendant - are only one item for this purpose.

# Section E2 - Emergency luggage

No excess applies to claims under this benefit.

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you towards the cost of purchasing essential articles such as clothing, toiletries and personal requisites if your accompanied luggage is delayed, misdirected or temporarily misplaced by the carrier for a period in excess of 10 hours during your trip. If your luggage is not recovered, the amount paid by us for the loss will be reduced by the total of any amounts paid for under this section.

#### What is not covered?

- 1. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.
- Any cover for purchase of jewellery, perfume, fragrances or alcohol.
- 3. This benefit does not apply on the leg of *your trip* that returns *you* to *your home country*.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the section in the Schedule of benefits.

If after 72 hours *your* accompanied luggage is still missing, the *applicable limit* for this benefit are doubled.

# Section E3 - Replacement passports and travel Documents

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay for the cost of reissuing or replacing your travel or personal documents, drivers licence, travellers' cheques, passport, or debit or credit cards, after they have been stolen, accidentally lost or damaged during your trip. We will also cover the reasonable cost of you travelling to the nearest location where the documents can be replaced. You must comply with any conditions of the issuing body of the travel documents, travellers' cheques, passport, or debit or credit cards.

# What is not covered?

1. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# SECTION F - DEATH EXPENSES AND PERMANENT DISABILITY

No excess applies to claims under this section.

#### Am I covered under Section F?

Section F is divided into different benefits.

#### **SECTION F**

Sections F1 - F3

You must read Section F together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

#### Section F1 - Accidental death

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay your Estate if during your trip:

- you suffer an injury which results in your death within 12 months of the injury being sustained; or
- you disappear because your means of transport disappeared, sank or was wrecked, and your body has still not been found 12 months after your disappearance.

# What is not covered?

- There is no cover if your death is due to an illness or your suicide.
- Any cover where you have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# Section F2 - Funeral expenses overseas or repatriation of remains

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay for expenses for your burial or cremation overseas or the transporting of your remains to a funeral home in your home country if you die during the trip.

#### What is not covered?

 Any cover where you have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# Section F3 - Total permanent disability

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if during your trip you suffer an injury and as a result of that injury you suffer total permanent disability within 12 months of sustaining the injury.

#### What is not covered?

- There is no cover if you suffer total permanent disability as a result of illness or disease.
- 2. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

# SECTION G - PERSONAL LIABILITY AND LEGAL EXPENSES

#### Am I covered under Section G?

Section G is divided into different benefits.

# **SECTION G**

Sections G1 - G2

You must read Section G together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# **Section G1 - Personal liability**

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay you for your legal liability to pay damages or compensation because your negligence during the trip causes:

- injury to a person who is not a member of your family or travelling party; or
- (b) loss or damage to property that is not owned by you or a member of your family or travelling party, or which is not in your or their custody or control; or

(c) loss or damage to property belonging to your employer.

We will also pay your legal costs in relation to that liability, but only if you get our consent before you take or are involved in any legal action.

#### What is not covered?

- 1. There is no cover for any liability:
  - for any injury arising out of your trade, business, employment; or
  - (b) arising out of your unlawful, wilfull or malicious act; or
  - (c) arising out of your ownership, possession or use (including as a passenger) of a mechanically propelled vehicle, for example; motor vehicle, motor cycle or any aircraft or watercraft, or firearm; or
  - (d) arising out of you passing on an illness or disease to another person.
- Any cover where you have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits. The applicable limit is a combined total for your liability and your costs.

# Section G2 – Legal Expenses

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins from the time you leave on your trip, and ends when you return to your home country or the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover *you* for legal costs and expenses incurred in pursuit of compensation and/or damages arising from, or out of personal *injury* or *your* death occurring during the *trip*.

Before we will cover you for any legal costs and expenses under this benefit you or your Estate must obtain our express consent in writing and we will have complete control over the selection and appointment of your lawyers and the conduct of the proceedings.

#### What is not covered?

- 1. There is no cover for:
  - (a) any claims against a travel agent, tour operator, accommodation provider or carrier involved in the arrangement or provision of your travel or accommodation:
  - (b) any legal expenses incurred without our written consent;

- any claims reported in excess of 180 days after the commencement of the incident giving rise to such a claim:
- (d) any claim in which we consider that no benefit would be achieved in pursuing such claim; or
- (e) any claim against any insurance company.
- 2. Any cover where *you* have made a claim for the same costs under any other section of the policy.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit is the applicable limit set out in the Schedule of benefits.

#### **SECTION H - MAKING A CLAIM**

You must do everything reasonable to prevent a loss from occurring or, when a loss has occurred, from making the loss worse. In the event of a claim you must:

- (a) notify us promptly of a claim and complete a Claim Form;
- (b) give us any documents, letters or notices relating to a claim or possible claim, medical certificates, itemised medical accounts, original receipts, rental agreements, repair quotes, ticket and luggage checks or information that we reasonably ask for. This will be at your expense;
- (c) forward immediately any letters or documents you receive from anyone else relating to a potential claim;
- (d) not make any promise or offer of payment, or admit fault to anyone, or become involved in any litigation in respect of an event that may result in a claim under this policy, without our consent;
- (e) in the event of a claim caused by any medical condition, obtain evidence from the treating doctor as soon as you are aware of signs or symptoms of the condition;
- (f) in cases of theft, damage or loss, report the matter to the police, transport provider, hotel or other authority within 24 hours and obtain a copy of that report; and
- (g) report any loss or damage to your accompanying luggage in writing to the carrier within 3 days and send to us a property irregularity report, along with details of any settlement that they make in relation to the loss or damage.
  - we may, at our expense, take proceedings in your name to recover compensation or enforce an indemnity against someone else in respect of a loss covered by this insurance in accordance with the law.

- we may refuse to pay a claim under this policy if you do not comply with any condition of this policy.
- we may refuse to pay all or part of a claim if your claim is fraudulent.
- if anyone else is legally responsible for your illness, injury
  or death we may seek compensation from them to recover
  any costs we have paid or seek reimbursement from you if
  you receive any payment from any other source for these
  expenses.

#### Proof of loss

If you make a claim under your policy we will ask you for evidence of the circumstances which gave rise to the claim and proof that you have suffered a loss. If you are claiming for loss of, or damage to any item we will ask you to provide:

- proof that you owned the item; and
- · proof of its value and age.

Therefore *you* should keep all relevant receipts, accounts, valuations and police or medical reports. We will not pay any claim when the only proof of ownership is:

- a photograph; or
- · a photocopy of any documentation; or
- a copy of the user's manual downloaded from the internet unless you also submit a Statutory Declaration.

If you cannot provide the evidence or proof that we ask for we may not pay you.

#### Paying the claim

- An excess may apply to a claim you make under this policy.
   The amount of the excess is shown on your Certificate of Insurance. This excess will apply to each event that results in a claim. Where applicable we will deduct the excess from any payment we make to you. This excess will be reimbursed to you if we successfully recover an amount exceeding the amount of the excess.
- Claims will be paid to you or your personal representative in Australian dollars on the basis of the exchange rate that applied at the time of the event that gave rise to the claim. We will not pay more than your actual loss.
- You must tell us if you are entitled to claim an input tax credit
  at the time of making the claim. If you do not provide us with
  this information we may deduct up to 1/11th of the amount
  otherwise payable in settlement of your claim.
- If we agree to pay a claim under your policy, this policy covers GST inclusive costs (up to the relevant travel plan limit). However, we will reduce any claim payment by any

- input tax credit you are or would be entitled to for the repair or replacement of insured property or for other things covered by the policy.
- 5. At the time you make a claim you must tell us if your entitlement to an input tax credit which you have told us:
  - a) is incorrect; or
  - (b) changes from what you have told us, when you extend or vary your policy.

# Depreciation

The nominated depreciation rate will apply to each year of age up to a maximum of 80% of the original purchase price of that item.

10%	Camping, sporting and leisure equipment (not leisure clothing), and musical instruments.
15%	Clothing, footwear, personal effects, luggage, prescription glasses, sunglasses, costume jewellery and books.
20%	Personal and or laptop computers, communication or photographic equipment, electronic equipment, ipods, mobile phones, CDs and DVDs.
50%	Toiletries including skin care, makeup, perfume, medication.

# Claims Lodgement

Simply go to www.guardme.com.au, select "Making a Claim" and follow the easy instructions. To help *us* speed up the processing of *your* claim, follow the instructions and provide all requested documentation to support *your* claim. Alternatively, *you* can contact *us* for a claim form on 1300 555 017 and send *your* claim form and supporting documentation to:

**QBE** Travel Insurance

PO Box 12090,

Melbourne VIC 8006

Claims Enquiries: 1300 555 017 or (03) 8523 2777

Email: travel.claims@gbe.com

#### Claims service standard

*Our* claims service standard is to settle *your* claims within 10 working days upon the receipt of a completed Claim Form and all necessary supporting information. If more information is required we will contact *you* within 10 working days.

# Travel Insurance Application Form

This form must be completed in English for your application to be processed.

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