

# **TERMS OF BUSINESS**

These Terms of Business sets out the terms under which our firm will provide business services to you. It details the duties of both the firm and you in relation to such services. Please read it carefully. Please also contact us if there is anything in these terms of business which you do not understand or with which you disagree. Joseph G. Brady Insurance Ltd. trading as Brady Insurance, Brady Underwriting & Event Insure is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland as an insurance intermediary registered under the European Communities (Insurance Mediation) Regulations 2018 & as a Credit Intermediary under the Consumer Credit Act 1995. Copies of our authorisations are available on request & are displayed in our offices. You may contact The Central Bank of Ireland by calling 1890 777 777 or visit their website at www.centralbank.ie or to verify our credentials.

# **PROTECTING OUR CLIENTS**

Brady Insurance is subject to & complies with the Consumer Protection Code, Minimum Competency Code, Fitness & Probity Standards and the Handbook of Prudential Requirements for Investment Intermediaries. We are a member of Brokers Ireland. OUR SERVICES

We provide advice and placement facilities in relation to General Insurance and as a credit intermediary we can arrange premium finance. We provide advice on a "fair and personal analysis" basis in relation to all classes of insurance policies. We make our recommendations in accordance with accepted professional criteria. We do not guarantee nor make representations in regard to, and we expressly disclaim responsibility for the financial condition of insurers or product producers with which we place insurance. We will not indemnify clients in respect of the failure of any insurer or product producer. A list of our agency appointments is available upon request. For certain insurances we use one specialist provider for the benefit of our customers and do so on a "limited analysis" basis. These are Legal Expenses arranged via Motorist Legal Protection or DAS and all products provided by Eventinsure or Brady Underwriting. Our services also include advice on risk exposure, insurance requirements, claims handling and ongoing assistance and representation during the policy period.

# YOUR DUTIES

The law in Ireland deems insurance to be a special class of contract, which imposes onerous duties upon prospective clients and their agents, obliging them to act with good faith towards insurers at all times. You are obliged to answer all questions honestly and to the best of your knowledge and disclose all information as set out on any proposal form / statement of fact. Any errors should be notified to us immediately as failure to disclose information could invalidate your insurance cover. We would like to ensure all claims are paid for you, but unfortunately, we may find ourselves defenceless to assist you, when ALL material facts are not disclosed at the outset. You are reminded that you are responsible, on an ONGOING basis for providing us and / or your insurers with all material facts relating to the insurance covers we arrange on your behalf. Material facts are those which are likely to affect the assessment and acceptance of risks being insured. If you are in doubt as to what facts are considered to be material, then you should disclose them to us or your insurers. Failure to provide full and accurate information may mean that your cover is invalid. Duties of disclosure and utmost good faith also extend to the claims process and to any situation during the policy period where you are required under the terms of the policy to provide information to the insurer. Please make sure you read all documents, including warranties and conditions which apply to your policy. A breach of a policy condition or warranty may result in non-payment of a claim and may invalidate cover if it is not complied with precisely. It is in your best interests to review the products which we have arranged for you. As your circumstances change, your needs will change. You must advise us of those changes. Failure to contact us in relation to changes in your circumstances or failure to request a review may result in you having insufficient cover.

# **REMUNERATION POLICY**

We endeavour to provide our clients with an excellent service in shopping the market for the best deals available, having consideration to the level of cover, the particular conditions/ endorsements, the suitability of the product and the premium to be paid. We are remunerated by a combination of fees and commission. Fees are non-refundable and are charged on all new policies, policy renewal, mid-term alteration, cancellation and premium rebates, subject to a minimum charge of €25. Our fees are in line with industry average and are often significantly less. We reserve the right to amend these fees should the complexity of the product & service require a higher fee. Brady Insurance may receive commission in respect of the administration and set up of credit agreements. Our brokerage fees will be communicated to you at all times and will be clearly set out in our documentation to you.

ТҮРЕ	Fee	Commission	ТҮРЕ	Fee	Commission
Household	Min Fee €40 - €150	0-20%	Mid Term Alterations	Min fee €25 - €150	As per policy type
Motor	Min Fee €50 - €1 50	5-10%	Cancellations	Min fee €25 - €150	As per policy type
Marine, Travel, Farm, Tractor	Min fee €25 - €150	0-15%	Commercial Business	Min €50 to 100%	0-50%
Cheque Re-Presentation Fee	€10	As per policy type			

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#### HANDLING CLIENT MONEY

We accept payment in cash, by cheque, EFT, credit card or debit card, and via our website in respect of all classes of insurance. A receipt will be issued for all payments received and should be retained by you. Premium rebates will be forwarded to consumers within 5 working days of the notification being received from insurers. For the purpose of some transactions, please note that money may pass through other authorised intermediaries before the insurer receives it. Customers must pay at inception date of a contract or on or before renewal date, or as invoiced in the case of a mid-term alteration. We cannot pay a premium where the customer has not paid us. Therefore, to avoid policy cancellation, premiums must be paid strictly within the credit terms. We will not accept responsibility for cash sent by post or put through our letter box outside of office hours. Once a premium is paid to us and you have been provided with a receipt, these monies are deemed to have been paid to the insurer/product provider. **CHANGES TO YOUR COVER** 

We will deal with requests to increase or amend cover on the day your instructions are received, or the next working day if a weekend, public holiday or if outside insurer's working hours. Sometimes changes cannot be processed without obtaining additional information, we aim to do this as promptly as possible.

#### **RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS**

We do not consider instructions to arrange or change cover sent to us by post, electronic mail or facsimile, or left on answering equipment, to have been received until they reach the relevant personnel in our offices. We do not accept responsibility for instructions which do not reach us due to failures in the postal, electronic or telecommunications systems. We will only take instructions to change a policy from you, your husband, wife or civil partner or your parent. We will only take instructions to cancel or lapse a policy from you. In some cases, we may also deal with other people contacting us on your behalf as long as we have your permission. If you would prefer what we only deal with you, please let us know. In exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary for us to deal with other people, for example if you are incapacitated and if a next of kin contacts us in relation to your policy.

# FAILURE TO PAY & DEFAULT

Our firm will exercise its legal rights to receive payments due to it from clients (fees and insurance premiums) for services provided. In particular, without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, the firm will seek reimbursement for all payments made to insurers on behalf of clients where the firm has acted in good faith in renewing a policy of insurance for the client. Product producers may withdraw benefits or cover in the event of default on payments due under policies of insurance or other products arranged for you. You are responsible for the prompt settlement of insurance premiums. We have no obligation to fund any premiums on your behalf and cannot be held responsible for any loss which you may suffer as a result of a policy being cancelled or otherwise prejudiced due to late payment of a premium. Premium financing companies may also seek full reimbursement from you directly should you default on your payments prior to your mandate being repaid in full. You should refer to policy and/or premium financing documents & product terms for the details of such provisions. Should your insurer become unable to reimburse premiums for unexpired cover under their policy and a finance agreement is in place with a third party finance company, you will still be liable to continue payments to the end of your agreement.

#### MAKINGACLAIM

Many insurers provide a 24-hour helpline in respect of claims and you should consult your policy documentation for contact details and details of your insurers particular instructions and requirements in the event of a claim. Please ensure that you report all incidents that could give rise to a claim as soon as you become aware of them, either by contacting your insurer on their helpline or by telephoning our office. You will be advised if you need to complete a claim form or produce documentation to support your claim. In certain circumstances late notification may result in your claim being rejected.

# If a claim involves damage to your property, please do not:

Dispose of damaged items and /or Authorise repair work (except in an emergency or to prevent further damage) until your insurers or we advise that you can. If your claim involves damage to third party property or injury to persons please pass copies of all correspondence, including solicitors' letters to us immediately and unanswered. Any attempt to negotiate or respond to the incident without prior reference to your insurers to us might prejudice your cover. You should be aware that a claim arising after renewal of the policy has been invited might affect the assessment and acceptance of renewal by your insurers.

Unless stated otherwise quotes for new insurances are: Valid for a period of 30 days & Subject to satisfactory completion of the insurer's proposal form/ SOF.

#### **INSURER IMPOSED CANCELLATION**

Your insurer may cancel your policy in certain circumstances. These conditions are clearly outlined on all policy documents. Certain policies such as motor contain a short period clause which means in the event of cancellations within 12 months allows insurers to retain a greater than pro rata percentage of the first premium. In some circumstances, Cancellation may not be possible until you return you certificate of insurance to us. Cancellation of a direct debit does not necessarily cancel a policy and any balance of premium owing may be requested by the insurers. If you have a financing agreement and wish to cease cover, you must continue payments to your finance company as per the terms of your agreement with them. If you do not comply with their financing agreement, every possible recourse will be exercised to recoup the balance due.

# **CANCELLATION OF POLICIES & COOLING OFF PERIOD**

You have the right to a cooling-off period (except for certain short-term policies, such as travel, one-off events), and may withdraw

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from a general insurance policy within 14 days of the start date of the policy without penalty, by notice in writing. Provided that no incident giving rise to a claim has occurred, you will be entitled to a proportionate return of the premium for the un-expired period of insurance unless the policy is on a minimum and deposit basis, and if this is the case, no return will be allowed on the policy. We reserve the right to cancel your insurance policy in the event of the following:

- Non-payment of the premium due at inception, renewal or following mid-term alteration or return of a cheque from your bank. Non-disclosure of material information or other relevant information

- Direct Debit default causing withdrawal of credit services from premium finance company. In which case we will assist you by giving you a 10-day period to pay the outstanding balance (Withdrawal of credit usually only occurs after numerous defaults). CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

It is our policy to avoid situations where there is a conflict of interest. Should such a situation arise or could be perceived to arise we will declare it as soon as possible. Where an unavoidable conflict of interest arises, we will advise you of the fact, in writing, before providing any business service. If you have not been advised of any such conflict of interest you may assume that none arises. From time to time, we have agreements with insurers for the provision of goods or services in connection with specific product development, training and promotion. All such arrangements are reviewed to ensure that they do not conflict with our customers best interests and are in accordance with our obligations under the Consumer Protection Code.

We are members of the Investor Compensation Company Ltd (ICCL) established under the Investor Compensation Act 1998. This is a compensation scheme for clients of covered firms in certain circumstances. In the event that a right to compensation is established, the amount is the lesser of 90% of your loss which is recognised for being eligible for compensation or €20,000. We are also covered by the Brokers Ireland Compensation Fund, which allows for our clients to benefit up to a maximum of €100,000 in the event of our failure and where the ICCL has also failed to compensate the client. We also carry Professional Indemnity insurance.

# COMPLAINTS

We recognise the importance of service and set ourselves high standards. Should there be any occasion when we do not meet your expectations, you can let us know by contacting us by phone, in person or in writing. Complaints in writing should be addressed to Compliance Officer, Brady Insurance at our address. Complaints will be acknowledged in writing within 5 working days and updates will be advised in intervals of not more than 20 working days. We will make every effort to resolve the complaint within 40 working days and findings will be furnished to you within 5 working days of completion of our investigation, In the event that you are dissatisfied with our firms handling of and response to your complaint, you may refer the matter to the Financial Services & Pensions Ombudsman. See <a href="https://www.financialombudsman.ie">www.financialombudsman.ie</a>

# CALL RECORDING

Please note that telephone calls to and from our offices may be recorded for quality, training and verification purposes, to assist in the complaints procedure and/or to help detect fraud and ensure the accuracy of our consumer records. All data recorded complies with GDPR & Data Protection Acts. A copy of any call made to us is available to you on request.

# TRANSFERRED BUSINESS

If we take over the servicing of insurance policies which were originally arranged through another insurance broker or intermediary or directly with an insurer, we do not accept liability for any claim arising out of the advice given by that broker, intermediary or insurer, nor for any errors, omissions or gaps in your current insurance protection. We would ask you to contact us should any aspect of a policy which has been transferred to us cause you concern or require review.

# ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

The Firm reserves the right to request information which it believes it needs to know in order to comply with the Criminal Justice (money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010. From time to time, we may ask customers to confirm (or reconfirm) their identity in order to comply with the Anti-Money Laundering requirements. Suspicious Transactions will be reported to the Gardai. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

We comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Acts, 1988 and 2003 and GDPR 2018. We are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. We wish to be transparent on how we process your data and ensure we comply with GDPR in relation to not only processing your data but ensuring you understand your rights as a client. The data will be processed only in ways compatible with the purposes for which it was given and as outlined in our Privacy Statement which is available on our website here <u>www.bradyinsurance.ie/about/compliance</u>. You have the right at any time to request a copy of any "personal data" as per GDPR that our office holds about you and to have any inaccuracies in that information corrected.

I/We acknowledge receipt of these Terms of Business and confirm that I/We have read and understand these terms. I/We accept and agree to be bound by those terms in all my/our dealings with the company.

SIGNATURE:	 DATE :

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