

DARWIN CLAYTON (UK) LTD

Our Business Terms, Practices and Principles - Consumers



Our Company

Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd is an Insurance Broker and our Head Office is located at:

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Kent TN1 1ED.
Tel No: 01892 511144.
Fax No: 01892 511455.
Email: info@dcuk.co.uk.
Website: www.darwinclayton.co.uk.

Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) authorisation No 303990.

This information can be confirmed by visiting the Financial Conduct Authority website: (see below) or by contacting them on Tel No: 0800 111 6768. A copy of the Insurance Conduct of Business rules is available from the Financial Conduct Authority website or by telephoning them on the above number. www.fsa.gov.uk/register/firmSearchForm.do

We are an owner-managed business with no share holdings in any other Company apart from our wholly owned subsidiary Darwin Clayton Ltd. No Insurer has any share holding in Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd.

Permissions

Darwin Clayton (UK) Limited has been given permission by the Financial Conduct Authority to carry out the following activities in respect of non-investment insurance contracts:-

- advising on investments (except on Pension Transfers and Pension Opt Outs)
- agreeing to carry on a regulated activity
- arranging (bringing about) deals in investments
- assisting in the administration and performance of a contract of insurance
- credit broking - dealing in investments as agents
- debt administration - making arrangements with a view to transacting investments.

The Delivery of Service

Our aim is to provide a service that gives value and achieves the highest professional standards. This will be achieved by continuous improvement, transparency and a desire to create value for our Customers.

Our Commitment

We aim, at all times, to carry out our business with clarity and integrity.

We ensure that our staff are competent and that we control our business in accordance with the requirements of the FCA. We endeavour to provide insurance coverages in accordance with the requirements of our Customers and place their interests of paramount importance.

Quotations provided will have due care given to ensure accuracy. The identity of all Insurers will be disclosed with whom we place cover including the premium required.

Where appropriate, we will conduct a fair market analysis in order to determine an Insurer. In some instances, we select an Insurer from a panel and for our Schemes, Preferred Providers, or where business is particularly difficult to place, we may recommend a single Insurer or utilise another intermediary. We will clearly detail how we make our selection in the Demands and Needs Statement provided for all quotations and renewals.

Where we make a personal recommendation we will assess the Customer's demands and needs and then assess the suitability of the contract against these.

We will clearly identify any additional fee or charge in addition to the insurance contract premium required by the Insurer.

We disclose upon request from our Customers the remuneration received from their Insurers.

We will provide advice objectively, independently and in our Customers' best interests. Any conflict or potential conflict of interests will be informed to our Customers immediately we become aware of the situation.

Insurer Security

Whilst we endeavour to place business with insurers who demonstrate an adequate level of financial solvency we cannot guarantee the solvency or continuing solvency of any insurer. The financial position of an Insurer can change after cover has been incepted. We will not be liable for losses suffered by you in the event of the insolvency of any insurer.

Demands and Needs

We will provide all our Customers with a Demands and Needs Statement when we sell them an insurance contract.

This will be provided before the conclusion of the contract unless the contract is concluded face to face or on the telephone. In these instances, it will be provided immediately after the conclusion of the contract in a durable medium.

Documentation

A **Policy Summary** will be provided before the conclusion of the contract unless the contract is concluded face to face or on the telephone. In these instances, it will be provided in a durable medium immediately after conclusion of the contract.

A **Policy** will be provided promptly after conclusion of the contract. New documents will be provided upon request.

It is your responsibility to read all documentation upon receipt and raise any queries regarding it, otherwise you may risk any loss you suffer not being covered in part or in full.

Mid-Term Changes

We will advise Customers of any changes to any term or condition of the contract before the change takes effect. This will be provided in a durable medium before the change takes place unless the contract is concluded face to face or on the telephone. In these circumstances it will be provided in a durable medium immediately after conclusion of the contract.

Renewals

We will advise Consumers 21 days prior to the policy expiry, details of changes, price and cancellation.

We will also advise 21 days prior to the policy expiry if we no longer deal with the insurance company or if the insurance company is not willing to renew.

Disclosure & Representation.

Under the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representation) Act 2012 it is your duty as a consumer to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to an insurer. Under the act, a consumer is defined as an individual who enters into an insurance contract wholly or mainly for purposes unrelated to the individual's trade, business or profession. A failure by the consumer to comply with the insurers request to confirm or amend particulars previously given is capable of being a misrepresentation for the purposes of this act. It is important that you ensure all statements you make on proposal forms, claim forms and other documents are full and accurate and we recommend that you keep a copy of all correspondence in relation to the arrangement of your insurance. Under the act an insurer has a remedy against a consumer in respect of qualifying misrepresentations in breach of the consumers' duty of reasonable care where the insurer deems the misrepresentation to be either deliberate, reckless or careless.

If in doubt about any point in relation to your duty to take reasonable care and subsequent qualifying misrepresentations, please contact us immediately.

Cancellation

You have the right to cancel within 14 days of receiving the policy documents without giving any reasons.

Your premium will be refunded after deduction of a charge for the cover provided from the beginning of the contract until the policy is cancelled.

To cancel please contact Darwin Clayton (UK) Limited either in writing or by telephone.

In some instances we cannot cancel a contract of insurance without the return of documentation.

Termination

Our services may be terminated without cause or penalty by either you or us. In the event you terminate our services, other than at the expiry of the policy period or at renewal, we will be entitled to retain any and all fees or brokerage payable (whether or not the same have been received by us) in relation to policies placed by us prior to the date of termination.

With effect from the date of termination and in the absence of express agreement to the contrary, we will have no obligation to perform any further services (whether contained in the Terms of Business or otherwise) for you.

Claims

If we act for a Customer in relation to claims, we will act with due care, skill and diligence and will avoid conflicts of interest.

Where we act for you on claims, it is essential that all claims are notified to Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd immediately and that all material facts are disclosed in order for us to inform Insurers. If there is any doubt whether a matter constitutes a notifiable claim or circumstance, we should be contacted immediately.

Accounts

Our system of accounting is maintained to FCA requirements and Customer's monies are kept separate.

Payment terms will be agreed prior to attachment of cover subject to a maximum of 7 days. Failure to pay premiums will affect cover. The FCA rules are designed to protect you in the event that an insurance intermediary fails or is unable to transfer:

- any premium money it has received from you to the Insurer; or
- any claims or return premium monies that it has received from the Insurer to you.

We are governed by strict rules pertaining to Client Money, set down by the FCA. Where we hold monies in a client bank account we may earn interest on monies held, which will be retained by us. If you are unhappy with this arrangement, then please contact us.

In many instances we act as agents for the Insurer for the collection of premiums. This means that premiums are treated as being received by the Insurer when received in our bank account and that any claims money or premium refund is treated as received by you when it is actually paid over to you. There are occasions where such transactions are restricted (for example, to receiving premiums only) and we will tell you if this is the case.

Where we do not act as agents for the Insurer we will hold client money separate from our own money with an approved bank segregated in a client bank account designated as subject to a Non-Statutory Trust.

Under a Non-Statutory Trust we are entitled to use client money to make advances of credit, for example to pay another client's premium before the premium has been received from the other client and to pay claims and premium refunds to a client before such monies have been received from the Insurer.

We act as Trustees of our clients' monies and must meet certain legal and regulatory conditions. If you are unhappy with this arrangement, please contact us.

We may transfer client money to another person, such as another broker or settlement agent, for the purpose of effecting a transaction on your behalf through that person. We do however still remain responsible to you in respect of your money.

Where payment is via instalments direct to the Insurer or an external finance arrangement, you must return any instalment deposit payment and/or form to us within seven days of receipt of the documents.

We will confirm any Agreement separate to this in writing to you. Where premiums are paid by instalments we will be under no duty to monitor the payment of instalments. If cover is withdrawn because an instalment has not been paid Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd do not accept any liability arising from this action.

Our Remuneration

We will receive our remuneration by one or more of the under noted methods:-

- A fee payment, which will be agreed with you before the liability occurs.
- A commission payment from the Insurer.
- Fees for additional services including premium finance.

All instructions that we receive either verbally or in writing or by representatives of your company are binding and any remuneration arising from such instructions will be deemed to be earned in full.

We remind you of your right to be advised of the level of commission, which we receive from underwriters.

You are entitled, at any time, to request information regarding any commission, which we may have received as a result of placing your insurance business.

Confidentiality

We will treat any information in our possession, which relates to your business as confidential. It will be necessary, however, for us to use information that you consider confidential to certain underwriters where such information is material to the risks being covered. Likewise we may disclose to Third Parties

certain industry-wide statistics or other information, which may include information relating to you. We may have to allow access to your records by a regulator or a complaints resolution body, or their appointees or representatives, who have been appointed to undertake monitoring or investigatory activities.

Any sensitive information will be handled appropriately and information specific to you will not be identified without your consent. Darwin Clayton (UK) Limited are subject to the Data Protection Act which gives you the right of access to information we hold regarding you.

Employee Remuneration Policy

It is a requirement that our employees do not offer, give, solicit or accept an inducement; or direct or refer any actual or potential business in relation to its activities to another person on their own initiative or on the instructions of an associate; if it is likely to conflict to a material extent with any duty that the firm owes to its customers.

Professional Indemnity

Professional Indemnity Insurance is mandatory under FCA Regulations. Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd carries insurance in excess of those requirements.

Feedback

We want to know what our Customers think of our service. We like to receive praise for jobs well done and we also like to know when we fail to reach the standards expected of us by our Customers.

Bribery Act.

Darwin Clayton UK Limited complies with the Bribery Act 2010 and will not accept any kind of payment, gift or service, the intention of which could be considered to result in the improper performance of our obligations to you. We will terminate our agreement with you immediately should we reasonably believe that you have attempted to offer a bribe to us.

Financial Crime

Current UK money laundering regulations require us to obtain adequate "Know Your Client" information about you. We are also required to cross check you against the HM Financial Sanctions List as part of the information gathering process. We are obliged to report to the National Crime Agency any evidence or suspicion of financial crime at the first opportunity and we are prohibited from disclosing any such report.

Consumer Credit Licence

We are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in respect of our current Consumer Credit Licence.

Governing Law

Our Terms of Business will be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints may be made either orally or in writing. We have a formal complaints procedure (full copy available upon request). In the first instance you should contact us. Please address your complaint to:-

The Compliance Officer
Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd
Darwin House
20 Mount Ephraim Road
Tunbridge Wells

Telephone No: 01892 511144
Fax No: 01892 511455
Email: info@dcuk.co.uk

If we are unable to resolve your complaint immediately we will provide a formal written response within five working days from receipt of the original complaint.

A copy of our complaints procedure will be provided at that time.

Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)

You may complain to the FOS if:-

- a) We have sent you our final response to your complaint and you are still unhappy.
- b) We have had at least eight weeks, but still have not sent you our final response, and you are not prepared to wait any longer.

Details for FOS are as follows:-

The Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange House
London
E14 9SR

Telephone No: 0800 023 4567
Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

As we are regulated by the FCA you will also have access to the FSCS.

You can contact them if we become insolvent, and you have a claim that we are unable, or likely to be unable to pay.

10th Floor
Beaufort House
15 St Botolph Street
London EC3A 7QU

Telephone: 0800 678 1100
Email: Use submission form on FSCS website

Terms of Payment

Our payment terms are usually 7 days from the date of the invoice, unless we notify you otherwise.

Our preferred method of payment is by BACS transfer details as below

Bank: Lloyds Bank
Sort Code: **30 – 98 - 77**
Account No: **00190368**
Ref: Client Name

Confidentiality and Data Protection

We are registered under the Data Protection Act 1998 and we undertake to comply with the Act in all our dealings with your personal data. All information about you of a sensitive or personal nature will be treated as private and confidential.

We will however use and disclose the information we have about you in the course of arranging, placing and administering your insurance. This may involve passing information about you to the Financial Conduct Authority, insurers, other intermediaries, risk management assessors, uninsured loss recovery agencies and other third parties involved (directly or indirectly) in your insurance.

To make sure you get our best deal and to ascertain the most appropriate payment options for you and to protect you from fraud, we use public and personal data from a variety of sources, including credit reference agencies and other organisations. Our search will appear on your credit report and will be visible to other credit providers whether or not your application proceeds. If you do not proceed it will be clear the search was for quotation purposes.

By agreeing to the terms and conditions you agree to these uses of your information. We may also pass information about you to credit reference agencies and premium finance providers in connection with the assessment of your financial standing generally and, in particular, where you have requested a premium instalment plan – this may include details of your payment record with us.

We may also pass information about you to other companies with which we are associated. We or they may also use the information we hold about you to provide you with information on other products and services we or they can offer and which we or they feel may be of interest to you. Please notify us promptly in writing if you do not wish your details to be used for any of these purposes otherwise we shall treat the issue of these Terms as evidence of your informed consent.

In the interests of security and to improve our service, telephone calls you make to us may be monitored and / or recorded for training purposes.