

Membership and Breakdown Cover

# TERMS & CONDITIONS



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## Welcome

Please check your policy schedule to ensure you have the level of cover you need and read the following to help you use the service. The General Notes and Definitions detailed in pages 7 to 9 will help with the understanding of this document.

# Statement of Demands and Needs

This policy meets the demands and needs of persons wishing to ensure that they are covered in the event of a **breakdown**.

As with any insurance, it does not cover all situations and **you** should read the terms and conditions of this policy to make sure that it meets **your** specific needs.

# 1. Reporting a Breakdown

Claims can be reported via our app or by calling us. We also offer an SMS text messaging service for accessibility purposes.

#### App

Download **our** free GEM Motoring Assist mobile app from the Google Play or Apple App Store. Once downloaded, click on 'Report **Breakdown**' and follow the simple step by step instructions.

#### Phone

Call our 24 hour Control Centre on:

#### 0330 999 2505

Calls to 0330 numbers are usually chargeable at a local rate from both UK landlines and mobile phones. These

calls are usually included within network providers "free minutes" packages.

If you are unable to make a connection, please contact us on:

#### 01206 785805

#### **Accessibility Options**

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, our app and online reporting options will usually be most suitable. If you are unable to use our app or online option, please send a text message containing your full name, policy number, vehicle registration and policy postcode to:

#### 07537 404890

#### Information we will need

Please have the following information ready to provide to **our rescue co-ordinator**, who will use this to validate **your** policy.

- 1. Your return telephone number
- 2. Your policy number and vehicle registration
- 3. What has happened to your vehicle
- 4. The location of the **vehicle** (including a postcode, GPS co-ordinates, or what3words)
- 5. Whether your vehicle location will be accessible for a large truck
- 6. Your preferred recovery operator, if you have one

When reporting your claim, please let us know if there are any circumstances which may affect the handling of your claim, such as if you are towing something, travelling with animals, in an area exposed to extreme weather conditions, or if any of your passengers have any special requirements we may need to take into consideration.

#### What to do when you breakdown

If you require the attendance of a recovery operator, we will contact you to advise which recovery operator will be attending and approximately how long they are expected to take. Where possible, please ensure your mobile phone is available to accept calls at all times in case we need to contact you.

You will need to be with the vehicle when the recovery operator arrives. If you would prefer not to wait with the vehicle or it is unsafe to do so, please inform our rescue co-ordinator who will arrange a call on approach, so you have sufficient time to return to the vehicle. It is your responsibility to guard your safety and abide by the rules of the Highway Code. Please advise our rescue co-ordinator if you feel it is not safe to remain within eyesight of the vehicle.

In the event of a **breakdown** on a motorway where **you** have no means of contacting **us** or are unaware of **your** location, please use the nearest SOS box and advise the Emergency Services of **our** telephone number, they will then contact **us** to arrange assistance. If the Police or Highways Agency are present at the scene, please advise them that **you** have contacted **us** and provide them with **our** telephone number to call **us** on **your** behalf.

# 2. Policy Benefits

The level of service you have purchased is detailed on your policy schedule. Details of each level of service are as follows:

We will provide cover to a **vehicle you** are driving or to a **vehicle** where **you** are a **passenger**, for **breakdowns** and the costs involved with the **breakdown**, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the level of service **you** purchased. Cover will apply to **breakdowns** which occur within the **territorial limits** and during the **period of insurance**, providing **your** cover is fully paid at the time of the **breakdown**.

All members detailed on the policy schedule must reside at the same address within the territorial limits.

# **Recovery EXTRA**

The following services are only available if you have Recovery EXTRA and have paid the appropriate premium.

#### Roadside Assistance & Recovery

In the event of a **breakdown** within the **territorial limits**, which occurs at least a quarter of a mile from **your home address**, **we** will pay for a **recovery operator** to attend the **breakdown** and where they deem appropriate, they will spend up to 60 minutes to try and repair the **vehicle**.

If, in the opinion of the **recovery operator**, they are unable to repair the **vehicle** within 60 minutes at the roadside, **we** will:

**Either:** pay for the **vehicle** and the **passengers** to be recovered to the nearest **suitable garage**.

Or: If the above is not possible at the time or the repair cannot be made within the same working day, we will pay for the vehicle and the passengers to be recovered to any one place you choose within the territorial limits.

Recovery of the **vehicle** and **passengers** must take place at the same time as the initial **callout** otherwise **you** will have to pay for additional **callout** charges.

If the **vehicle** requires recovery, **you** must immediately inform **our rescue co-ordinator** of the address **you** would like the **vehicle** taken to. Once the **vehicle** has been delivered to the nominated address, the **vehicle** will be left at **your** own risk and no further recovery costs will be covered in relation to the **claim**.

Laws and regulations limit the number of hours recovery operators can drive for. Regular breaks and/ or 'changeovers' to a different recovery operator will often be required when transporting the vehicle prolonging the time it takes for the recovery to be completed. In some cases, it will be necessary to store the vehicle and deliver it at a later date. If this is necessary, we will pay reasonable travel expenses for the passengers to travel separately to the vehicle. If you would prefer to utilise your preferred recovery operator, please make this known to our rescue co-ordinator. We reserve the right not to authorise costs where we can make arrangements more cost effectively.

#### Home Assist

In the event of a **breakdown** at or within a quarter of a mile radius/straight line of **your home address**, **we** will pay for a **recovery operator** to attend the **breakdown** and where they deem appropriate, they will spend up to 60 minutes to try and repair the **vehicle**.

If, in the opinion of the **recovery operator**, they are unable to repair the **vehicle** within 60 minutes at the roadside, **we** will pay for **your vehicle** and the **passengers** to be recovered to the nearest **suitable garage** which is able to undertake the repair.

Any recovery of **your vehicle** and **passengers** required must take place at the same time as the initial **callout** otherwise **you** will have to pay for additional **callout** charges.

If the **vehicle** requires recovery, **you** must immediately inform **our rescue co-ordinator** of the address **you** would like the **vehicle** taken to. Once the **vehicle** has been delivered to the nominated address, the **vehicle** will be left at **your** own risk and no further recovery costs will be covered in relation to the **claim**.

#### **Alternative Travel**

In the event of a **breakdown** within the **territorial limits** which occurs more than 25 miles from the **home address**, **we** will pay up to £200 towards the reasonable cost of:

**Either:** standard class public transport tickets;

Or: an 'Economy' class hire car (including the costs of insurance and/or excess reduction fees)

to enable the **passengers** to complete one single journey to either **your** original destination or return to the **home address**.

This benefit shall only be provided where:

- the vehicle cannot be repaired within the same working day; and
- you opt to have your vehicle recovered to the nearest suitable garage to the breakdown location for repairs.

We will also pay up to £150 towards the reasonable cost of alternative transport, to enable one person to collect the repaired vehicle.

This benefit is in place to assist with the movement of **passengers** only, it is not designed to cover the cost of hiring a van or commercial **vehicle**.

#### **Emergency Overnight Accommodation**

If you are eligible for the Alternative Travel benefit above but would prefer to stay overnight close to where the vehicle is being repaired, we will pay up to £200 towards the reasonable cost of overnight accommodation including breakfast for the passengers whilst the vehicle is being repaired. We will also pay reasonable expenses for the passengers to travel to their Emergency Overnight Accommodation.

#### Caravans and Trailers

In the event of a **breakdown** where **your** caravan/trailer is attached, providing the caravan/trailer is fitted with a standard 50mm tow ball coupling hitch and does not exceed 7 metres/23 feet in length (not including the length of the A-frame and hitch), **we** will also pay for the caravan/trailer to be recovered with the **vehicle**.

In the event of a **breakdown** to the caravan or trailer being towed by the **vehicle**, **we** will pay for a **recovery operator** to tow it to any one place **you** choose within the **territorial limits**. Any caravan or trailer must be attached using a standard 50 millimetre (2 inch) towing coupling.

#### Kevs

If you lock the vehicle keys within the vehicle or they are lost or stolen within the territorial limits, we will pay the callout and mileage charges back to the recovery operator's base or your preferred destination if closer. All other costs incurred, including any specialist equipment needed to move the vehicle or secure storage costs will not be covered.

#### **Misfuel Assist**

In the event your vehicle's fuel tank is filled with the incorrect type of fuel within the territorial limits, we will pay up to £250 (inclusive of VAT) towards:

- a fuel drain and flush to be completed at the roadside; or
- the recovery of your vehicle and passengers to the nearest suitable repairer (within 10 miles) and their reasonable costs to drain and flush your vehicle's fuel tank; and
- 5 litres of correct fuel.

Occasionally misfuelling a **vehicle** can cause extensive damage which a fuel drain and flush will not rectify. This policy does not cover repairs for damage.

#### Driver Illness/Injury

If you are unable to continue your journey within the territorial limits due to illness or injury to the driver of the vehicle, we will pay towards:

- the cost of hiring an alternative driver to return the **vehicle** to **your** nominated destination within the **territorial limits** or
- the recovery of the vehicle to your nominated destination within the territorial limits; and
- if any passengers are unable to accompany the vehicle; the reasonable alternative transport costs for the passengers to reach the same destination as the vehicle.

Payment of this benefit will be contingent upon **you** providing **us** with a medical certificate proving **you** are unable to drive.

#### Message Service

If **you** require, **we** will pass on two messages to **your** home or place of work to let them know of **your** predicament and ease **your** worry.

# **Recovery RECLAIM**

If you have selected to take Recovery RECLAIM, you can call our 24 hour Rescue Control Centre or you can make your own arrangements for assistance to your broken down vehicle. However, you must pay the recovery operator's costs and expenses and then send us the invoice(s) together with any receipts and a completed claim form in accordance with General Condition 10. We will then reimburse the appropriate costs shown.

The following services are only available if you have Recovery RECLAIM and have paid the appropriate premium.

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If, in the opinion of the **recovery operator**, they are unable to repair the **vehicle** within 60 minutes at the roadside. **we** will:

**Either:** reimburse the cost for the **vehicle** and the **passengers** to be recovered to the nearest **suitable** garage.

Or: If the above is not possible at the time or the repair cannot be made within the same working day, you can reclaim the cost of the vehicle and the passengers to be recovered to any one place you choose within the territorial limits.

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This benefit shall only be provided where:

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#### Keys

If you lock the vehicle keys within the vehicle or they are lost or stolen within the territorial limits, you can reclaim the cost of callout and mileage charges back to the recovery operator's base or your preferred destination if closer. All other costs incurred, including any specialist equipment needed to move the vehicle or secure storage costs will not be covered.

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- 5 litres of correct fuel.

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If you are unable to continue your journey within the territorial limits due to illness or injury to the driver of the vehicle, you can reclaim the costs of:

- hiring an alternative driver to return the vehicle to your nominated destination within the territorial limits: or
- the recovery of the vehicle to your nominated destination within the territorial limits; and
- if any passengers are unable to accompany the vehicle; the reasonable alternative transport costs for the passengers to reach the same destination as the vehicle.

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#### 3. General Notes

#### Reclaim Procedure

All benefits may be offered on a pay/claim basis which means that **you** must pay initially and **we** will reimburse **you**. If a benefit is not offered on a pay/claim basis but **you** would prefer to make **your** own arrangements, please notify **our rescue co-ordinator**.

Before paying for any services which **you** intend on reclaiming, authorisation must be obtained from **our rescue co-ordinator** unless **you** have a Recovery RECLAIM policy.

Please send copies of any itemised receipt(s) to reimbursements@call-assist.co.uk and we will reimburse valid costs once these have been verified/processed by us.

When we are reimbursing costs settled in a currency other than pound sterling (GBP), payment will be made in accordance with the exchange rate on the date of the claim.

#### Uninsured Service

We can usually provide assistance for services which are not covered under this insurance policy. All costs (including an administration fee) must be paid for immediately by credit or debit card.

#### **Discussing Your Policy**

Should **you** wish to discuss any aspect of **your** policy, **you** can contact GEM Motoring Assist using any of the options below.

Mail: GEM Motoring Assist, Station Road, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5EN

Online: www.motoringassist.com

Email: memberservices@motoringassist.com

Telephone: 01342 825676

#### Governing Law

This policy will be governed by English Law, and **you** and **we** agree to submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

#### Language

The contractual terms and conditions, communication and other information relating to this contract will be in the English language.

#### Measurements

All measurements are calculated using driving distances.

#### **Garage Repairs**

Any repairs undertaken either by a separate garage or a **recovery operator** at their premises are provided under a separate contract, which is between **you** and the repairer.

#### Signing Documentation

You may be asked to sign documents by the recovery operator which relate to the service being provided. Whilst you are not required to sign such documents, failure to do so may result in further services being denied. Please do not sign any documents until you have read and understood the content in full. Often, in signing such documentation, you will be confirming your satisfaction with the service provided by the recovery operator and that proper care has been taken with your vehicle. In the event you require assistance with understanding such documents or you have not been satisfied with the service provided by the recovery operator, please contact us on 01206 785805 prior to signing.

#### **Estimated Arrival Times**

Where we arrange for a recovery operator to attend your vehicle, we will provide an estimated time of arrival. Please note this estimate can change based on the availability of recovery operators at the time. We cannot guarantee the arrival of a recovery operator within a specified amount of time. If you would prefer to organise your own assistance, please obtain authorisation from our rescue co-ordinator before arranging this.

#### **Emergency Repairs**

Emergency repairs undertaken at the roadside by recovery operators cannot be guaranteed and in some cases, will not be attempted. Due to the nature of roadside assistance, it is not always possible for recovery operators to accurately diagnose the fault with the vehicle or state whether the vehicle is in a roadworthy condition or otherwise safe to drive. Recovery operators are not instructed to conduct vehicle health inspections.

## 4. Definitions

#### Accident

A collision immediately rendering the **vehicle** immobile or unsafe to drive.

#### Breakdown

An electrical or mechanical failure, lack of fuel, lack of charge, misfuel, flat battery, accident, theft, vandalism or puncture to the vehicle, which immediately renders the vehicle immobilised.

#### Callout

The deployment of a recovery operator to the vehicle.

#### Claim

Each **breakdown** or similar incident resulting in **us** paying **you** or a supplier (or both) for costs covered by this policy.

#### Home Address

The last known address within the **territorial limits** recorded on **our** system where **your vehicle** is ordinarily kept.

#### **Passengers**

All non-fare paying persons travelling with the **vehicle** at the time of the **breakdown**, up to the legal carrying capacity of the **vehicle**.

#### Period of Insurance

The duration of this policy as indicated on **your policy schedule** for a period not exceeding twelve months.

#### **Policy Schedule**

The document which provides evidence that your insurance is in force and shows details such as your name, Membership number and period of insurance.

#### **Recovery Operator**

The independent technician appointed to attend the breakdown.

#### **Rescue Co-ordinator**

The telephone operator employed by Call Assist Ltd.

#### **Specialist Equipment**

Non-standard apparatus or recovery **vehicles** which in the opinion of the **recovery operator** are required to recover the **vehicle**. **Specialist equipment** includes but is not limited to winching, skates, sliders, dolly wheels, donor wheels and a crane lift.

#### Suitable Garage

Any appropriately qualified mechanic or garage which is suitable for the type of repair required and where the remedial work undertaken can be evidenced in writing.

#### **Territorial Limits**

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, and Jersey and Guernsey.

#### Us, We, Our

In respect of handling your claim: Call Assist Ltd.

In respect of paying costs which are provided by this policy: Collinson Insurance.

#### Vehicle

Any of the following types of **vehicle** which is being driven by **you** or **you** are travelling in as a **passenger** at the time of a **breakdown**:

- Private cars or motorcycles
- Vans with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) up to 3500 kgs
- Motorhomes/campervans with a GVW up to 3500 kgs

#### You, Your

The person named as the member on the **policy** schedule.

# 5. Exclusions & General Conditions

#### **Exclusions**

Applying to all sections unless otherwise stated.

This insurance does not cover the following: -

- Any breakdown occurring or reported within 24 hours of the time the policy was purchased, amended or upgraded. The 24 hour inception delay does not apply when renewing a policy.
- Any costs incurred to attend the vehicle due to faults with electric windows, sun roofs, broken windows/windscreens or locks not working which prevent the vehicle from being parked securely, unless the fault occurs during the course of a journey and your safety is compromised.
- 3. Breakdowns caused by a failure to maintain the vehicle in a roadworthy condition including the routine servicing of the vehicle in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations or maintaining proper levels of oil and water.
- 4. Costs incurred in addition to a standard callout and recovery further than 10 miles where service cannot be undertaken at the roadside because the vehicle is not carrying a roadworthy spare wheel, aerosol repair kit, appropriate jack or, the locking mechanisms for the wheels are not immediately available to remove the wheels. This exclusion does not apply to motorcycles, scooters or vehicles which have run flats, are not equipped to carry spare wheels or the aerosol repair kit cannot repair the breakdown.
- Specialist equipment, additional manpower and/or recovery vehicles, or a recovery

- further than 10 miles from the scene of the **breakdown** if **your vehicle** is immobilised due to snow, mud, sand, water, ice, or a flood.
- Claims totalling more than £15,000 in any one period of insurance.
- Breakdowns caused by overloading or where the vehicle is overloaded or carrying more passengers than it is designed to carry.
- 8. Assistance following a fire, other than minor electrical fires contained within the electrical bay.
- 9. Any subsequent claims for any symptoms related to a claim which has been made within the last 28 days, unless your vehicle has been fully repaired at a suitable garage, declared fit to drive by the recovery operator or is in transit to a pre-booked appointment at a suitable garage.
- 10. The recovery of the vehicle and passengers beyond the nearest suitable garage if repairs can be carried out within the timescales described within this policy, irrespective as to whether you have adequate funds for the repair or wish to claim under a warranty.
- 11. Any request for service if the vehicle is being used for motor racing, rallies, rental, hire, public hire, private hire, courier services or any contest or speed trial or practice for any of these activities.
- 12. Vehicles with refrigerated loads, livestock, or hazardous chemicals, buses, coaches, minibuses, limousines or vehicles with more than ten seats, horseboxes, or agricultural machinery.
- 13. Assistance if the vehicle is dangerous to transport or cannot lawfully be driven on the public highway, for example where the vehicle isn't roadworthy, insured, taxed (unless exempt) or doesn't hold a valid MOT (unless exempt).
- 14. The cost of any parts, components or materials used to repair the vehicle. If the vehicle can be repaired at the roadside, you can either pay for any parts supplied and fitted or pay for the vehicle to be recovered.
- Repair and labour costs other than up to 60 minutes roadside labour at the scene of the breakdown.
- 16. The use of specialist equipment occasionally required because the vehicle is not between the kerbs, it has modifications, or nearby obstructions are impeding the usual method of recovery.
- 17. Storage charges.
- 18. Any **breakdown** occurring or reported outside the **period of insurance**.
- Any breakdown that occurred before the vehicle was placed on cover, or before the policy was upgraded.
- 20. Any costs (including Police/Statutory Removal Fees) which were not expressly agreed by us prior to being incurred. We reserve the right not to authorise costs where we can make arrangements more cost effectively. This exclusion does not apply if your service is Recovery RECLAIM, unless you are arranging alternative travel or emergency overnight accommodation.
- The cost of food (apart from breakfast when overnight accommodation is provided), drinks, telephone calls or other incidentals.

- 22. Any damage or loss to the vehicle or its contents (including any personal possessions, loads, tools and equipment). We cannot guarantee response/recovery times and it is your responsibility to manage the vehicle's contents at all times. You should notify us if you need more time to remove any contents prior to the vehicle being recovered.
- 23. Nothing in this policy limits our liability for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of us or our employees or for any liability which may not lawfully be limited or excluded. This policy is not a motor liability insurance policy within the meaning of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- 24. Any cost that would have been incurred if no **claim** had arisen.
- 25. The cost of fuel, oil or other consumable when hiring a **vehicle**.
- Overnight Accommodation or Alternative Travel charges if repairs can be carried out at or near the scene of the breakdown within the same working day.
- 27. Transport costs to collect the vehicle once it has been inspected or repaired (unless expressly covered under applicable Alternative Travel benefit) or recovery of the vehicle once it has been inspected or repaired.
- 28. We will not pay for any losses that are not directly covered by the terms and conditions of this policy. For example, we will not pay for any loss of earnings, missed appointments, loss in value of goods carried, or loss of income.
- Any cost incurred as a result of your failure to remain contactable or comply with reasonable requests by us or the recovery operator concerning the assistance being provided.
- A request for service following any intentional or wilful damage caused by you to your vehicle.
- 31. Fines and penalties imposed by courts.
- 32. Any cost recoverable under any other insurance policy that you may have. You agree to assign your rights of recovery against any third party for claims costs paid by us in relation to this policy and you shall co-operate with us to achieve this where reasonably required.
- Direct or indirect loss, damage or liability caused by, contributed to or arising from: -
- lonising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from an irradiated nuclear fuel or from nuclear fuel or from nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
- The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.
- Any results of war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, riot, rebellion, revolution,

- military or usurped power.
- The result of interplanetary coronal mass ejection.
- e) Large scale computer malfunction or malicious cyber activity.
- 34. Any breakdown of a vehicle bearing trade plates or where we have reason to believe the vehicle has just been imported, purchased at auction or where we believe the vehicle is being transported in connection with the motor trade e.g. to or from an auction house.
- 35. We shall not provide cover or be liable to pay any claim or other sums, including return premiums, where this would expose us to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions, asset freezing or trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom, and/or all other jurisdictions where we transact business.

#### **General Conditions**

The following conditions apply to all policies.

- We will provide cover if you have met all the terms and conditions within this insurance and the information provided to us, as far as you are aware, is correct.
- Regardless of circumstances, we will not be held liable for any costs incurred if you are unable to make a telephone connection to any numbers provided or our Mobile Phone app services. If you are unable to make a connection on any of the numbers provided, please call: 01603 327180
- 3. The policy is not transferable to another policyholder.
- 4. Details of your cover may not reach us by the time assistance is required. In this unlikely event, we will assist you however before assistance can be provided we will ask to take a preauthorisation on a credit or debit card for the estimated cost of the assistance. If we receive confirmation that you have adequate cover the reserved funds will be released. If we receive confirmation that you do not have adequate cover we will take payment for any uninsured costs.
- 5. If a callout is cancelled by you and a recovery operator has already been dispatched, we recommend you wait for assistance to ensure the vehicle is functioning correctly. If you do not wait for assistance and the vehicle breaks down again within 12 hours, you will be charged for the second and any subsequent callouts.
- We reserve the right to charge you for any costs incurred as a result of incorrect location details being provided.
- 7. We have the right to refuse service and/or cancel your policy if you or the passengers are being obstructive in allowing us to provide the most appropriate assistance or are abusive to our rescue co-ordinator(s) or the recovery operator(s).
- 8. The vehicle(s) must be registered to and

- ordinarily kept at an address within Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- Vehicles must be located within Great Britain and Northern Ireland when cover is purchased and commences.
- 10. Any claim against a Recovery RECLAIM policy must be made in writing to GEM RECLAIM, Call Assist Limited, Axis Court, North Station Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UX or by email to reclaim@motoringassist.com within 14 days of the breakdown concerned and you must supply such information, details and documentary evidence as GEM Motoring Assist and/or the underwriters may reasonably require.
- 11. If in our opinion the vehicle is beyond economical repair or the cost of the claim is likely to exceed the market value of the vehicle in its current condition following the breakdown, we have the option to pay you the market value of the vehicle in its current condition and pay you reasonable public transport costs for the passengers to return to the home address. It will be your responsibility to apply for a Certificate of Destruction or other such document and you will be required to pay for any storage costs whilst this is obtained and any costs to dispose of the vehicle. If you would prefer the **vehicle** to be transported to the **home** address or original destination, this can be arranged, but you will need to pay any costs which exceed the market value of the vehicle in its current condition. If the vehicle is beyond economical repair, you will have one week to advise us of how you wish to transport or dispose of the vehicle. If vou do not contact **us** within one week **you** consent to us to dispose of the vehicle. We reserve the right to deduct any outstanding costs owed by you, in relation to the storage or disposal of the vehicle, from the payment made by us to you for the market value of the vehicle.
- 12. It is your responsibility to ensure you have sufficient funds to initially pay for the benefits offered by this policy. If funds are not immediately available to you, please let us know and we will try to assist.
- 13. In the event you use the service and the claim is subsequently found not to be covered by the policy you have purchased, we reserve the right to reclaim any monies from you in order to pay for the uninsured service.
- **14.** We may decline service if you have an outstanding debt with us.
- 15. The transportation of livestock (including dogs) will be at the discretion of the recovery operator. We will endeavour to help arrange alternative transport, but any additional costs incurred as a result will not be covered by this policy.

# 6. Renewing & Cancelling Your Policy

#### Cancellation By You

This policy has a cooling off period of 14 days from the time **you** receive this information or **your** policy start date, whichever is the latter. If **you** do not wish to continue with the insurance, **we** will provide a refund of **your** insurance premium paid, providing no claim has been made.

**You** may cancel **your** policy after the 14 day cooling off period but no refund of **your** insurance premium is available.

If you cancel your policy after the 14-day cooling off period you will not be entitled to a refund or credit.

Please call GEM Motoring Assist to discuss using any of the options below.

Mail: GEM Motoring Assist, Station Road, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5EN

Online: www.motoringassist.com Email: memberservices@motoringassist.com

Telephone: 01342 825676

#### Cancellation By Us

We have the right to cancel this policy at any time by sending 7 days notice to the home address however we must have valid reasons for doing so. Valid reasons include but are not limited to:

- Suspected or proven fraud;
- Non-payment of premium when it is due;
- We discover you are no longer eligible for cover with us or a vehicle isn't being used in accordance with the policy wording;
- If you are threatening or abusive to our staff or the people we instruct to assist with your breakdown, including the recovery operators; or
- It is evident you have failed to maintain the vehicle in a roadworthy condition including not having the vehicle routinely serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

In such situations, providing no claim has been made within the first 6 months from the inception date of your policy, we will refund your premium in full. Where you have received a service or where the policy has been in force for a period of more than 6 months, no premium refund will be available to you. Cancelling your policy will be in addition to any other legal rights we may have.

#### 7. Fraud

You must not act in a fraudulent way. If you or anyone acting for you:

• fails to reveal or hides a fact likely to influence

- whether **we** accept **your** proposal, **your** renewal, or any adjustment to **your** policy; or
- Fails to reveal or hides a fact likely to influence the cover we provide; or
- Makes a statement to us or anyone acting on our behalf, knowing the statement to be false: or
- Sends us or anyone acting on our behalf a document, knowing the document to be forged or false; or
- Makes a claim under the policy, knowing the claim to be false, dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent in any way; or
- Makes a claim for any loss or damage you caused deliberately or with your knowledge.

We will not pay any benefit under this policy or return any premium to you, and we may cancel your policy immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraudulent claim. We may also take legal action against you and inform the appropriate authorities.

#### 8. Consumer Insurance Act

You are required by the provisions of the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 to take care to:

- a) Supply accurate and complete answers to all the questions we or the selling broker may ask as part of your application for cover under the policy.
- To make sure that all information supplied as part of your application for cover is true and correct
- c) Tell **us** of any changes to the answers **you** have given as soon as possible.

Failure to provide answers in-line with the requirement of the Act may mean that **your** policy is invalid, and **you** won't be able to make a **claim**.

#### 9. Your Data

#### Your Personal Data

GEM Motoring Assist ("GEM Motoring Assist") collects and maintains personal data as an independent Data Controller in order to administer this policy.

Call Assist Ltd ("Call Assist") collects and maintains personal data as an independent Data Controller in order to provide the services detailed within this policy wording.

Collinson Insurance ("Insurer"), the insurer of this policy, also acts as an independent Data Controller

Please note that all personal data that is held by

the Data Controllers is safeguarded with appropriate levels of security and in accordance with prevailing Data Protection legislation which includes the Data Protection Act 2018, the United Kingdom General Protection Regulation (the UK GDPR) and all other Applicable Laws, any successor or replacement legislation relating to the processing of personal data

#### **Call Assist Privacy Policy**

Please contact GEM Motoring Assist or refer to their website for a copy of their full Privacy Policy.

Call Assist's full Privacy Policy can be accessed online via https://www.call-assist.co.uk/privacy-policy. Enquiries in relation to personal data held by Call Assist should be directed to the Data Protection Officer, Call Assist Ltd, Axis Court, North Station Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UX or by emailing DPO@call-assist.co.uk.

#### **Sharing Your Personal Data**

We will only share your personal data in the following circumstances:

- it has been authorised by you;
- it is with regulatory bodies;
- it is with fraud prevention and credit reference agencies;
- it is required by law;
- it is being provided to recovery operators
  or other suppliers as required to fulfil our
  contractual and legal obligations in this Policy
  Wording. In these circumstances, your personal
  data will be limited to the minimum ordinarily
  required for service provision. Additionally, these
  suppliers will only be able to use your personal
  data to provide the specific services described in
  this policy.
- it is necessary for us to exercise our rights of subrogation as outlined in exclusion 32.

#### **Your Rights**

Under the terms of Data Protection legislation, **you** have a number of rights in relation to the information **we** hold about **you**. This includes the right to:

- ask for a free copy of any personal data we hold about you;
- ask for correction of any inaccurate information held;
- complain to the Information Commissioner's Office if you are not satisfied with our use of your personal data;
- object to the processing of your personal data where we are relying upon a legitimate interest, and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing it;
- ask for the processing of your personal data to be restricted. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you;

- ask for your personal data to be transferred to another company;
- ask for your personal data to be deleted from our system/database;
- where we rely on your consent to process your personal data, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

Please note that there are times when we will not be able to meet your requests in relation to data processing. This may be as a result of us fulfilling our legal and/or regulatory obligations. If we are unable to fulfil a request, we will always let you know our reasons.

Should **you** wish to exercise any of **your** rights under the Data Protection legislation, please direct **your** enquiry to the Data Protection Officer, Call Assist Ltd, Axis Court, North Station Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UX or by email to DPO@call-assist.co.uk.

#### **Collecting Your Information**

We will collect a variety of information about you including your personal data such as your name, address, contact details and date of birth. Where relevant, we will also collect special categories of data (sensitive data) about you such as details regarding your health. We may also collect information from a number of different sources for example:

- from publicly available sources such as social media and networking sites when you interact with us. For example sending us a message or entering into a competition;
- third party databases available to the insurance industry and firms, loss adjustors and/or suppliers appointed in the process of handling a claim.

#### **Using Your Personal Data**

We only process the minimum amount of personal data we need in order to fulfil our purposes, and only where we have a lawful basis for doing so.

The legal basis we mainly rely on for processing personal data is Article 6(1)(b) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) which relates to processing necessary to allow us to perform our contract with you or to take steps at your request, before entering a contract. The purposes for which we will process your personal data on the basis of contract include to provide you with the appropriate policy quotation as well as to manage your policy which may include handling a claim or issuing documentation to you. Our assessment of your policy application may also involve an automated decision to determine whether we are able to provide you with a quotation. If you object to your personal data being processed by automated decision-making, then we will not be

able to provide you with breakdown cover.

In some cases, we may use personal data to pursue our legitimate interests (Article 6(1)(f) of the UK GDPR), provided your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. The purposes for which we will process your personal data on the basis of legitimate interest include to carry out research and analysis (including profiling) for the purposes of better understanding our customers; and to record calls to our call centre for training and monitoring purposes.

We would also like to stay in contact with you, and will therefore send marketing communications to you but only where you have given us specific consent to do so (Article 6(1)(a) of the UK GDPR).

#### Keeping Your Personal Data

Your data is considered to be an important asset to us, and as such, we implement technical and organisational measures to ensure the necessary measures are in place to prevent unauthorised or inappropriate access, use, modification, disclosure or destruction.

Measures we take to keep your data secure include, but are not limited to:

- · making regular backups of files;
- protecting file servers and workstations with virus scanning software;
- using a system of passwords so that access to data is restricted;
- allowing only authorised staff into certain computer areas;
- using data encryption techniques to code data when in transit;
- ensuring that staff are only given sufficient rights to any systems to enable them to perform their job function.

#### Use and Storage of Your Personal Data

We will retain your personal data for a maximum of seven years from the end of this policy, in line with our legal and regulatory requirements.

Where possible, we will anonymise or remove your personal data that is no longer required for the purpose(s) for which it was obtained.

**We** will only keep **your** data for as long as is necessary to provide **our** products and services to **you** and/or fulfil **our** legal and regulatory obligations.

Your data may be transferred to, stored or processed outside the UK and European Economic Area (EEA). We will not transfer your information outside the UK and EEA unless it is to a country which is considered to have equivalent data protection laws or where we have taken all reasonable steps to ensure the recipient company has suitable standards in place to protect it.

# Collinson Insurance Privacy Policy How We Use The Information About You

As a data controller, we collect and process information about you so that we can provide you with the products and services you have requested. We also receive personal information from your agent on a regular basis while your policy is still live. This will include your name, address, risk details and other information which is necessary for us to:

- Meet our contractual obligations to you.
- Issue you this insurance policy.
- Deal with any claims or requests for assistance that you may have.
- Service your policy (including claims and policy administration, payments, and other transactions).
- Detect, investigate, and prevent activities which may be illegal or could result in your policy being cancelled or treated as if it never existed.
- · Protect our legitimate interests.

In order to administer your policy and deal with any claims, your information may be shared with trusted third parties. This will include members of The Collinson Group, third party administrators, contractors, investigators, crime prevention organisations and claims management organisations where they provide administration and management support on our behalf. Some of these companies are based outside of the European Union where different data privacy laws apply. Wherever possible, we will have strict contractual terms in place to make sure that your information remains safe and secure.

We will not share your information with anyone else unless you agree to this, or we are required to do this by our regulators (e.g., the Financial Conduct Authority) or other authorities.

The personal information we have collected from you will be shared with fraud prevention agencies and databases who will use it to prevent fraud and money-laundering and to verify your identity. If fraud is detected, you could be refused certain services, finance, or employment. Further details of how your information will be used by us and these fraud prevention agencies and databases, and your data protection rights, can be found by visiting https://cifas.org.uk/fpn and https://insurancefraudbureau.org/privacy-policy.

#### Processing Your Data

Your data will generally be processed on the basis that it is:

- Necessary for the performance of the contract that you have with us.
- Is in the public or your vital interest: or

• For our legitimate business interests.

If we are not able to rely on the above, we will ask for your consent to process your data.

**How We Store And Protect Your Information** 

All personal information collected by **us** is stored on secure servers which are either in the United Kingdom or European Union. **We** will need to keep and process **your** personal information during the **period of insurance** and after this time so that **we** can meet **our** regulatory obligations or to deal with any reasonable requests from **our** regulators and other authorities.

We also have security measures in place in our offices to protect the information that you have given us.

# How You Can Access Your Information And Correct Anything Which Is Wrong

You have the right to request a copy of the information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your personal information, please contact us by email or letter as shown below:

Email address: data.protection@collinsongroup.com Postal Address: 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ

This will normally be provided free of charge, but in some circumstances, we may either make a reasonable charge for this service or refuse to give you this information if your request is clearly unjustified or excessive.

We want to make sure that your personal information is accurate and up to date. You may ask us to correct or remove information you think is inaccurate.

If you wish to make a complaint about the use of your personal information, please contact our Complaints manager using the details above. You can also complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Further information can be found at https://ico.org.uk.

### 10. Our Promise To You

#### **Complaints Procedure**

We aim to provide a high standard of service. Please telephone us if you feel we have not achieved this and we will do our best to rectify the problem immediately.

Any complaint **you** have regarding **your** policy should be addressed to Call Assist Ltd using any of the options below.

Mail: Axis Court, North Station Road,
Colchester, Essex CO1 1UX

Fmail: customerservices@call-assist co.uk

Telephone: 01206 771788

Please include the details of **your** policy and in particular **your** policy number, to help **your** enquiry to be dealt with efficiently.

#### We promise to:

- acknowledge your complaint within five working days of receiving it;
- review your complaint with impartiality;
- tell you the name of the person managing your complaint when we send our acknowledgement letter; and
- respond to your complaint within 20 working days. If this is not possible for any reason, we will write to you to let you know when we will contact you again.

If you remain dissatisfied with our final decision or if you have not received our final decision within 8 weeks of us receiving your complaint, short of court action, you may be entitled to ask The Financial Ombudsman Service to review your case. The right to apply to the Ombudsman must be exercised within six months of the date of the Company's final decision. If you do not refer your complaint within six months of our final decision The Financial Ombudsman Service will not have our permission to review your case and will only be able to do so in limited circumstances, such as if the delay was due to exceptional circumstances.

The Financial Ombudsman Service can be contacted at the following address: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Or by telephoning: 0800 023 4567 (free from landlines) or 0300 123 9123 (free from some mobile phones) or email complaint. info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

For further information, **you** can also visit the website: www.financial-ombudsman.org. Following the complaints procedure does not affect **your** rights to take legal proceedings.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme
Should we be unable to meet our liabilities
you may be entitled to compensation from
the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.
This depends on the type of insurance, the size
of your business and the circumstances of the
claim

Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Their telephone number is 0800 678 1100 or 020 77414100. Alternatively, more information can be found at www.fscs.org.uk.

#### Service Provider and Insurer

This service is provided by Call Assist Limited. Registered in England and Wales. Registered Company Number: 3668383. Registered office address: Axis Court, North Station Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1UX.

The policy is underwritten by Collinson Insurance. Collinson Insurance (a trading name of Astrenska Insurance Limited) is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority in the United Kingdom, under Firm Reference Number 202846. Registered in England number 01708613.

Call Assist Ltd, Firm Reference Number 304838 is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### **Call Recording**

To help **us** provide a quality service, **your** telephone calls may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

#### **General Terms of Club Membership**

- GEM Motoring Assist is an Association (club) governed by membership rules which are available on request.
- Membership benefits and services, including GEM breakdown cover are only available to members whose annual Club Membership subscription is fully paid.
- GEM Motoring Assist reserves the right to refuse membership if the applicant has been disqualified from driving during the previous five years.
- 4. You may cancel Club Membership at any time. If cancelled within the first 14 days after the membership start date and you have not used our service you will be entitled to a full refund. If cancelled after this date there will be no refund or credit.
- 5. All named members under each membership must reside at the same address.
- Annual Club Membership fees must be paid on or before the date of renewal otherwise membership, Membership benefits and services, including breakdown cover, will be automatically cancelled.
- 7. The terms of membership that apply are those that are current at the time of renewal.
- 8. Members must notify any change of address immediately.
- Personal data is held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. You can find our Privacy Policy at www.motoringassist.com/privacy-policy
- Any questions or complaints in relation to membership should be sent to: GEM Motoring Assist, Station Road, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5EN or via email to: memberservices@ motoringassist.co.uk

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