# AXA Car Insurance

## Your policy booklet April 2015 edition



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This policy booklet contains details of what is covered and how claims are settled. **We** recommend that **you** check **your** cover meets **your** needs.

## **Choice of cover**

## Comprehensive

All parts of the policy apply except where amended by endorsement.

## **Third Party Fire and Theft**

- Loss and damage under Part A is only covered where loss or damage to your car is caused by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft.
- You are not covered under sections 2 and 5 of Part A - Loss and damage.
- You are not covered under Parts
  D Injury benefits and E Personal belongings and other parts amended by endorsement.

## **Third Party only**

You are not covered under Parts A, D and E and other Parts amended by endorsement.

Your policy schedule will show what sections are in force.

We want you to understand your policy and everything we can do for you and have tried to design your policy booklet to help you do this. You will find the following headings on many pages:

## ✓ What is covered

This provides detailed information on the insurance provided and should be read with 'What is not covered'.

## X What is not covered

This tells you what is not included in your policy.

## To help you further...

We have included some explanatory notes in your policy. These are headed *Useful information* and are printed in *italics* at the bottom of the page. They are not part of the insurance contract but they are there to help you understand it.

## **Making a claim**

If you need to make a claim or think you do please call our claims team on 0845 608 0230\* who will immediately take action to help you. We will take all the details and if appropriate, give you the telephone number and location of our nearest recommended repairer and inform you of any further action you may need to take.

To make the claims process quicker please have **your** policy number to hand and a full description of the incident. **We** will keep **you** informed about how **we** are progressing with the resolution of **your** claim. **We** are committed to dealing with each claim quickly and effectively.

\*Telephone calls may be monitored and recorded.

## **Your policy**

This policy is a contract between **you** and **us**.

This policy describes the insurance cover provided during the **period of cover you** have paid for, or have agreed to pay for, and for which **we** have accepted the premium.

The contract between **you** and **us** is formed of this policy, the **schedule** and any endorsements shown in the **schedule**.

You will be provided with a copy of your statement of fact or proposal form. This document lists the answers to the questions you were asked when applying for this insurance.

The insurance cover applies anywhere in the **UK** except when **we** state otherwise in this policy – see Part C – Territorial limits and foreign use. **Your car** is also covered when it is being transported within the **UK** and between any **UK** ports.

## Important

Please read the policy, the **certificate of insurance** and the **schedule** as one document to ensure that it meets with **your** requirements.

# The law which applies to your policy

You and we can choose the law which applies to this policy. We propose that the Law of England and Wales apply. Unless we and you agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales will apply to this policy.

# Changes to your circumstances

It is important that **you** tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible if **your** circumstances change or if any of the information shown in **your** proposal form, statement of fact, **schedule** or **certificate of insurance** changes during the **period of cover**. Please refer to the 'General conditions applicable to all parts of this policy' section of this policy wording.

## **Meaning of defined terms**

Where we explain what a word means that word will have the same meaning wherever it is used in the policy, endorsements and **schedule**. These words are highlighted by the use of **bold blue** print.

### **Certificate of insurance**

The certificate of motor insurance which is evidence of **your** motor insurance.

### **Excess/excesses**

The amount **you** are required to pay as the first part of each and every claim made.

## **Market value**

The cost of replacing **your car** in the **UK** with one of the same make, model, specification, mileage, age and condition.

## Misfuelling

Accidental filling of the fuel tank with inappropriate fuel for **your car**.

## **Period of cover**

A period of 12 months from the start date of **your** current policy.

## **Personal belongings**

Clothes and items of a personal nature belonging to **you** and **your** passengers, including portable navigational equipment, car phones, radios, CD players, cassette players, games consoles or any other audio or visual equipment.

### **Recommended repairer**

A repairer that **we** recommend to **you**, who **we** will authorise to repair **your car** following a claim under Part A - Loss and damage.

## **Schedule**

The schedule forms part of this policy. Please read the schedule carefully. It defines the cover **you** have under this policy.

### **Spouse**

Your husband, wife or civil partner.

### UK

England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

## We/us/our

AXA Insurance UK plc.

## You/your

The policyholder named in the schedule.

### Your car

Any motor vehicle for which **we** have issued a **certificate of insurance** or a temporary cover note.

# General conditions applicable to all parts of this policy

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your** policy.

If you do not comply with them we may at our option take one or more of the following actions:

- cancel the policy;
- declare your policy void (treating your policy as if it had never existed);
- change the terms of your policy;
- refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of any claim payments.

## Cancellation

#### Statutory cancellation rights

You may cancel this policy within 14 days of receipt of the policy documents (new business) or the renewal date (the Cancellation period) by writing to **us** at the following address during the Cancellation period:

AXA Personal Lines Customer Service PO Box 440 Bristol BS34 8YQ

You must return your certificate of insurance to us otherwise we will not be able to cancel your policy.

There is no refund of premium in the event of a total loss claim. However, in all other cases, we will keep an amount of premium in proportion to the time you have been on cover and refund the balance to you. If there is a total loss and if **you** are paying by instalments, **you** will either have to continue with the instalment payments until the premium is paid in full or **we** may, at **our** discretion, deduct the remaining instalments **you** owe from any claim payment made.

# Cancellation outside the statutory period

You may cancel this policy at any time by giving prior written notice to the above address and returning your certificate of insurance to us.

As long as **you** have not incurred any eligible claims, apart from a claim for Windscreen Repair or Windscreen Replacement, **we** will keep an amount of premium in proportion to the time **you** have been on cover and refund the rest to **you**.

If you are paying by instalments your instalment payments will cease and if you incur eligible claims you will either have to continue with the instalment payments until the premium is paid in full or we may, at our discretion, deduct the outstanding instalments due from any claim payment made.

#### **Cancellation by us**

We reserve the right to cancel your policy when there is a valid reason to do so. Valid reasons include, but are not limited to:

• You provide us with inaccurate or incomplete information. Please see the 'General conditions applicable to all parts of this policy' section set out on pages 8-10 for further information.

- You make a change to your information which renders the risk no longer acceptable for us to insure. Please see the 'General conditions applicable to all parts of this policy' section set out on pages 8-10 for further information.
- You act in a fraudulent manner. Please see the 'Claims conditions applicable to all parts of this policy' section set out on pages 11-12 for further information.
- You fail to supply requested validation documents (proof of no claims discount (NCD), driving licences, vehicle registration documents etc).

If we cancel your policy we shall provide you with 7 days prior written notice by recorded delivery to your last known address. Within this notice we will advise you of our reasons for cancelling your policy and any premium refund will be calculated in accordance with the above.

#### Non payment of premiums

We reserve the right to cancel this policy immediately on written notice in the event of non payment of the premium or default if you are paying by instalments.

If we are unable to collect a payment by instalments we will contact you and use reasonable endeavours to collect the outstanding payment(s) before exercising our right to cancel the policy.

# Providing accurate and complete information

When taking out, renewing or making changes to this policy, **you** or **your** agent (acting on **your** behalf) must take reasonable care to provide accurate and complete answers to all questions.

It is a criminal offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 to make a false statement for the purposes of obtaining a Certificate of Motor Insurance.

We may ask you to provide further information and/or documentation to ensure that the information you provided when taking out, making changes to or renewing your policy was accurate and complete.

# Changes to your circumstances

You must tell us as soon as reasonably possible if your circumstances change or if any of the information shown in your statement of fact, proposal form, schedule or certificate of insurance changes during the period of cover. Examples of the changes we must be made aware of are:

- A change to the people who need to be insured under this policy.
- If any person insured under this policy receives any motoring conviction including driving license endorsements, fixed penalties and pending prosecutions.

- If any person insured under this policy receives a criminal conviction.
- If you change your car.
- If the owner of **your car** changes.
- If the main driver of your car changes.
- If you change the way in which your car is used. For example, you begin to use your car for business purposes.
- If your car is modified in any way including, but not limited to:
  - changes to the bodywork such as spoilers or body kits
  - changes to the suspension or brakes
  - cosmetic changes such as alloy wheels
  - changes affecting performance such as changes to the engine management system or exhaust system
  - changes to the audio/ entertainment system.
- If you change your address or the address where your car is kept overnight.

You must ensure that you provide us with accurate and complete information when asked questions about the changes in your circumstances.

## Taking care of your car

You must do all you can to protect your car and keep it in a roadworthy condition. If you do not do this your right to claim under **your** policy may be affected.

#### You must:

- ensure the car is locked, windows, including sunroofs are closed, and any required security devices are activated and all keys and keyless entry system devices are removed when the car is left unattended
- when leaving your car take personal belongings with you, lock them in your boot or glove compartment. Do not leave them in open view in your car
- when leaving your car unattended remove if physically possible your radio and other audio equipment or activate any security features they may have
- maintain your car in roadworthy condition and ensure you have a valid MOT certificate where appropriate
- always keep the tyres within the legal requirements at all times.

## Access to your car

You must let us examine your car at any reasonable time if we ask you.

# Keeping to the terms and conditions

We will only provide the insurance described in this policy if anyone claiming protection has met all its terms and conditions.

## **Claims conditions**

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your** policy.

If you do not comply with them we may at our option take one or more of the following actions:

- cancel the policy;
- change the terms of your policy;
- refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of any claim payments.

# What you must do in making a claim

If bodily injury, loss, theft or damage happens to **you**, **your car** or anyone else **you** must immediately:

- call the claims telephone helpline
  0845 608 0230
- do whatever you can to protect the car and its accessories
- take all reasonable steps to recover missing property and to prevent a further incident
- provide us with full details of any other party involved in the incident
- send us any letters and documents you receive in connection with the incident before you reply to them
- if you know of any future prosecution, coroner's inquest or Fatal Accident Inquiry about any incident, you must tell us immediately in writing.

If **we** ask **you** must send **us** written details of **your** claim within 31 days.

Anyone making a claim under this policy must give **us** any information and help **we** need.

### What you must not do

You, and anyone covered by this policy, must not:

- admit anything, or
- make any offer or promise about a claim, unless you have our written permission to do so.

### What we will do

We will:

- take all the details and if appropriate, give you the telephone number and location of our nearest recommended repairer and inform you of any further action you may need to take
- have the right to take over and deal with the defence or settlement of any claim in the name of the person making a claim under this policy. We may also pursue any claim to recover any amount due from a third party in the name of anyone claiming cover under this policy
- only pay our share of the claim if you make a claim for any liability, loss or damage that is also covered by any other insurance policy
- have the right to recover any payment we make from you or from the person responsible if, under the law of any country in which you are covered by this policy, we have to pay a claim which we would not normally have to pay.

## Fraud

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

- Make a claim under the policy knowing the claim to be false or fraudulently exaggerated in any way or
- Make a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any way or
- Submit a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false in any way or
- Make a claim for any loss or damage caused by your wilful act or with your connivance.

Then

- We will not pay the claim.
- We will not pay any other claim which has been or will be made under the policy.
- We may make the policy void from the date of the fraudulent act.
- We will be entitled to recover from you the amount of any claim already paid under the policy.
- We will not refund any premium.
- We may inform the police of the circumstances.

# General exclusions applicable to all parts of this policy

- 1 This policy does not apply when your car:
  - a is being used for purposes that are not specified in your certificate of insurance
  - b is being driven by or in the charge of any person who is not covered by your certificate of insurance
  - c is being driven by you or with your permission by any person who you know has not got a driving licence or who you know to be disqualified from driving or getting a licence or is prevented by law from holding one
  - d is being driven or in the charge of a person, including **you**, who fails to meet the conditions of the licence they hold
  - e is towing a caravan, trailer, or other vehicle for payment
  - f is being used on a track or roadway designed or designated for track use or vehicle performance activities
  - g is 'airside' on any airport or airfield premises ('airside' includes runways, hangars, aprons, or anywhere aircraft have access to).
- 2 This policy does not cover any liability which you have as a result of an agreement or contract, unless you would have had that liability anyway.

- 3 This policy does not provide cover for any loss of or damage to property, legal liability, injury or other loss directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, or arising from the following:
  - a ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel
  - **b** the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.
- 4 This policy does not provide cover for any loss or damage which results from war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether or not war is declared), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military force or coup. However, this policy covers **you** so far as is necessary to meet with any law on Compulsory Insurance.
- 5 This policy does not provide cover except under Part B – Liability to others for any accident, injury, loss or damage caused by:
  - a earthquake;
  - b riot or civil commotion if it occurs outside England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

## Part A: Loss and damage

## ✓ What is covered

# 1 Loss of or damage to your car or spare parts

If **your car**, accessories or spare parts are lost, stolen or damaged, **we** will:

- repair the damage;
- replace what is lost or damaged and is too expensive to repair; or
- pay you the cost of the loss or damage.

We can choose which of these actions we will take for any claim we agree to and the repairer can use parts that have not been produced by the vehicle manufacturer.

If your car is damaged, we will use one of our recommended repairers to repair it. If you choose not to use them, we may not pay more than our recommended repairer would have charged and we may choose to settle the claim by a financial payment. Following damage to your car, we may move your car to a place of safe and free storage pending settlement of any claim.

If we are told that your car belongs to someone else or if you are buying your car under a hire purchase or leasing agreement, we will normally make the payment for the total loss of your car to the legal owner.

If you cannot use your car because of loss or damage that is insured under this policy, we will also pay the reasonable cost of protecting your car and taking it to our nearest recommended repairer. After the repair, we will pay the reasonable cost of delivering your car to your address in the UK.

Where **your car** is not recovered following a theft or is beyond economical repair **we** 

will pay **you** the **market value** of **your car**, including accessories and spare parts at the time they are lost, stolen or damaged.

If **we** settle a claim as a total loss, **we** will then take ownership of **your car**.

Accessories and spare parts of **your car**, which are in **your** private garage at the time of their loss or damage, will also be covered.

#### New car replacement

If during the period of one year after the first registration as new **your car** is:

- stolen and not recovered; or
- damaged so that repairs will cost more than 60% of the manufacturer's price list (including taxes and the cost of accessories) at the time of the loss or damage;

and provided **your car** is owned by **you** then we will replace **your car** with a new one of the same make, model and specification.

Provided that:

- one is available
- you and anyone else we know who has a financial interest in your car agree.
- If a replacement car of the same make, model and specification is not available, the most we will pay is the market value of your car and its fitted accessories and spare parts at the time of the loss or damage.

#### **Courtesy car**

Following a claim under Part A - Loss and damage, **you** will be provided with the use of a courtesy car whilst **your car** is undergoing repair, subject to the repairer's terms and conditions. A courtesy car is not available in respect of:

- claims where your car is identified as being beyond economical repair
- claims where your car has been stolen and has not been recovered
- claims where a recommended repairer has not been used
- losses which occur outside of the UK.

#### 2 Windscreen damage

We will pay for the repair or replacement of glass in windows or windscreens (including panoramic windscreens) in your car and scratching of the bodywork caused by the glass breaking.

If this is the only damage **you** claim for, **your** no claim discount will not be affected.

#### 3 Audio – visual equipment and in-car entertainment systems

We will pay for loss or damage to your car's permanently fitted in-car navigational equipment, car phones, radios, CD players, cassette players, games consoles or any other audio or visual equipment. Removable equipment is covered if it can only be used whilst it is attached to your car and is designed to be totally or partially removed.

- If the equipment was fitted by the manufacturer of your car and was part of the standard specification of your car when it was first registered then we will provide unlimited cover for the loss or damage of the equipment.
- If the equipment was not fitted by the manufacturer of your car or the equipment was not part of the standard specification of your car when it was first registered then the maximum we will pay for the loss or damage of the equipment is £500.

#### **4 Replacement locks**

If the keys, lock transmitter or entry card for the keyless entry system of **your car** are lost or stolen, **we** will pay up to £1000 towards the cost of replacing:

- the door and boot locks
- the ignition and steering locks
- the lock transmitter; and
- the entry card

providing **you** report the loss to the police within 24 hours of discovering the loss.

#### **5** Medical expenses

If you, your driver or any of your passengers are injured in an accident involving your car, we will pay medical expenses, which can include physiotherapy if you ask us to and we agree to provide the treatment, of up to £250 for each injured person.

#### 6 Hotel expenses and alternative transport

In the event that **your car** is not road worthy following an accident and **you** have reported a claim under Part A -Loss and damage (subsection 1), we will pay up to a maximum of £250 in the event that **you** can not complete **your** planned journey to cover:

- overnight accommodation, including the cost of meals and drinks, for the driver and passengers of your car; or
- public transport for the driver and the passengers of your car to return to your home or your original planned destination.

#### 7 Child car seats

If your car is fitted with any child car seats, we will pay up to £300 for their replacement with the same or similar model following an accident covered by this policy. We will pay for the replacement whether or not visible damage has been caused to the child car seat.

You should purchase the replacement seat and we will reimburse you on presentation of the receipt.

#### 8 Misfuelling

If you or any named driver accidentally fill your car with the wrong fuel please do not start the engine. Please call us on our claims line as soon as possible. If your car is subject to misfuelling during the period of insurance we will pay up to a maximum of £250 per claim for:

- Drainage and flushing of the fuel tank on site using a specialist roadside vehicle. Or
- Recovery of your car, the driver and up to 6 passengers to the nearest repairer to drain and flush the fuel tank.
- Replenishing the fuel tank with 10 litres of the correct fuel.

 Damage to your car engine caused solely and directly by misfuelling.

For damage to the engine, the **excess** shown in **your schedule** under accidental damage will apply.

A £75 excess applies in respect of claims for draining and flushing the fuel tank.

Claims for **misfuelling** should be supported by original receipts and a written report from the specialist who drained or recovered **your car**.

#### **Driver excesses**

If your car or any of its accessories or spare parts are damaged while your car is being driven by a driver as shown in the table below, you will have to pay this additional amount, on top of any other excess shown in your schedule, towards any claim.

An inexperienced driver is someone who holds a provisional driving licence, or has held a full driving licence for less than 12 months.

If we pay the inexperienced driver excess, you will have to repay that amount to us as soon as possible.

You will not have to pay the driver excess shown in your policy schedule if the loss or damage is caused by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft.

Age of driver	Level of experience	Excess
25 years and over	Inexperienced	£100
21 years to 24 years inclusive	Experienced	£150
21 years to 24 years inclusive	Inexperienced	£200
17 years to 20 years inclusive	All drivers	£500

## X What is not covered

# Loss of or damage to your car or spare parts exclusion

You are not covered for the following:

- Loss of use, loss of value, wear and tear, mechanical or electrical failure, breakdowns or breakages.<sup>†</sup>
- Loss of value after a repair.
- The cost of any repair or replacement which improves your car beyond the condition it was in before the loss or damage occurred.
- Loss of or damage to your car arising from or as a result of water freezing in the cooling circulation system of your car.
- Damage to tyres from braking, punctures, cuts or bursts unless as a result of an accident.
- Loss, destruction or damage caused directly by pressure waves from aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.
- Loss or theft of your car by deception. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Loss or theft as a result of handing the keys of **your car** over to someone who claims to be a buyer or agent without taking precautions to ensure **your car** is returned to **you.** An example of an acceptable precaution is to attend the test drive with the prospective buyer.
  - Loss or theft as a result of someone purchasing your car using a payment method which does not result in you receiving the payment for your car.

- Loss from taking your car and returning it to its legal owner.
- Loss or damage to your car by theft or attempted theft if you or anyone else has left it unlocked or with keys or keyless entry system in your car, or on it.
- Confiscation or requisition or destruction by, or under the order of, any government or public or land authority.
- Unless we provide cover under this insurance, any other loss, damage or additional expense following on from the event for which you are claiming.\*
- Any excess that applies to this insurance.\*\*

If any part, unit or accessory of **your car** becomes unobtainable or obsolete in pattern and therefore out of stock in the **UK**, **you** are not covered for the following:

- increased repair and replacement part, unit, or accessory costs due to non-availability and/or waiting time for delivery
- storage costs awaiting commencement of the repair to your car.

#### Windscreen damage exclusion

- The excess shown in your policy schedule or in Endorsement 29 – Windscreen breakage if it is applicable. You will not have to pay this amount if the glass is repaired and not replaced.<sup>^</sup>
- To repair or replace any other glass forming part of your car including sunroofs and panoramic sunroofs, where the roof glass is a separate unit to the windscreen glass. Please

note, **you** may be entitled to make a claim for other glass under Part A -Loss and damage (Subsection 1), this will however be subject to a different **excess** and may impact **your** no claims discount.

#### Audio - visual equipment and in-car entertainment systems exclusion

Any removable or portable equipment that is able to be used whilst not attached to **your car.** This equipment may be covered under Part E - Personal belongings.

The **excess** shown in **your schedule** applies.

#### **Replacement locks exclusion**

- the theft excess shown in your schedule
- any amount in excess of £1000.

#### **Misfuelling exclusion**

- any claim resulting from foreign matter entering the fuel system except for diesel or petroleum.
- claims for misfuelling outside the UK
- fuel, other than the 10 litres of correct fuel to replenish the fuel tank after draining and flushing out incorrect fuel.
- for damage to the engine, the excess shown in your schedule under accidental damage will apply.
- a £75 excess applies in respect of claims for draining and flushing the fuel tank.

#### **Useful information:**

† This policy does not cover mechanical breakdown, or computer failure. But, if for example your engine management system fails and causes the engine to shut down, any accident that happens as a result would be covered (although the cost to repair the fault of the engine management system would not be covered). The same applies if your vehicle catches fire – the faulty item would not be covered, but you would be covered for the other fire damage.

\*Examples of such loss, damage or additional expense are the costs incurred in preparing a claim or loss of earnings following your bodily injury or illness.

\*\* Excesses

The excess is the amount you have to pay for every claim for loss of or damage to your vehicle (for example, if your repairs cost £1,000 and you have a £100 excess, you pay £100 and the insurer pays £900). Excesses apply whoever was to blame.

<sup>^</sup>You can save money by having the glass repaired instead of replaced. Ask the glass supplier to check the damage to see whether it can be repaired. Have your certificate of insurance ready when you have the glass repaired or replaced. The glass repairer needs this for your claim.

## **Part B: Liability to others**

## What is covered

#### 1 Cover provided for you

This policy covers **you** for the amounts shown below:

- **a** Death of or injury to any person unlimited.
- b Damage to any other person's property up to £20,000,000, plus all legal costs and expenses provided the total does not exceed £25,000,000

which **you** become legally responsible for paying due to the death of or injury to any person and damage to any person's property in respect of any claim or series of claims arising out of one event involving **your car**, or caused by a trailer, caravan or other vehicle that is attached to **your car**.

The same cover will apply if **you** are driving any other car which **your certificate of insurance** allows **you** to drive. This cover ceases if **you** dispose of **your car** shown in the **certificate of insurance** or it becomes a total loss.\*

#### 2 Cover provided for other people

If you ask us to, we will give the following people the same level of cover as provided in 1 above:

- Anyone you allow to drive your car and who is allowed to drive it in the certificate of insurance.
- Any person using (but not driving) your car with your permission for social, domestic and pleasure purposes.
- Any person travelling in or getting into or out of your car.

Your employer or business partner, as long as your car is not owned by or hired to either your employer or business partner and your car is being used for a purpose that is allowed in your certificate of insurance.

#### 3 Your legally-appointed representatives

After the death of anyone insured under this policy, we will protect that person's estate against any liability the deceased person had if that liability is insured under this policy.

#### 4 Legal fees and expenses

If **we** give **our** written permission, **we** will pay for solicitors fees to:

- represent anyone insured under this policy at any Coroner's Inquest or Fatal Accident Inquiry; or
- defend anyone insured under this policy in a court of summary jurisdiction;

for any incident which might give rise to a claim under Part B – Liability to others of this policy.

Proceedings for manslaughter or causing death by dangerous driving.

We will pay fees for legal services to defend anyone insured under this policy if legal proceedings are taken against that person for manslaughter or causing death by reckless driving. The following conditions will apply to this cover:

- You must ask us to provide it.
- The death or deaths giving rise to the proceedings must have been caused by an incident covered by this policy.

#### **5** Emergency medical treatment

We will pay for any emergency medical treatment that must be provided under the Road Traffic Act. If this is the only payment we make, it will not affect your no claim discount.

#### X What is not covered

You are not covered for the following:

- 1 Anyone driving your car who is disqualified from driving or has never held a driving licence, or is prevented by law from holding one.
- 2 Liability for loss of or damage to property which belongs to, or is with, any person who is insured under this policy and who is driving your car.
- 3 Any loss of or damage to property, legal liability, injury or other loss directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arising from terrorism or any action taken in controlling preventing suppressing or in any way relating to terrorism. However this policy covers you so far as is necessary to meet any law on compulsory insurance.

For the purposes of this exclusion terrorism means an act or acts whether threatened or actual of any person or persons involving the causing or occasioning or threatening of harm of whatever nature and by whatever means made or claimed to be made whole or in part for political, religious or similar purposes.

#### **Useful information:**

\* If an accident causes damage to another car, an animal or property, or if anyone is injured, the law says you must stop. You must give your name, address and car registration number to anyone reasonably asking. If anyone is injured, you must show your certificate of motor insurance to the police or anyone who asks.

## Part C: Territorial limits and foreign use

### What is covered

This policy provides the cover described in the **schedule** within the **UK**.

Your policy also provides the minimum cover you need by law to use your car in:

- 1 any country which is a member of the European Community; or
- 2 any other country which has agreed to follow the European Community Directive on Insurance Civil liberties (Article 7(2) of EC Directive 72/166/EEC) and is approved by the commission of the European Communities. We will also provide this cover while **your car** is being transported between any of those countries and the UK.

Where the level of cover in any European Community Member State is less than that provided by the legal minimum requirements of **UK**, the level of cover that applies in **UK** will apply in that Member State.

Your policy automatically extends the cover shown in the **schedule** to the countries described in **1** and **2** above for up to 93 days in any one **period of cover**.

If **you** want to extend **your** cover for more than 93 days **you** must contact **us** before **you** travel.

It is no longer necessary to have an International Motor Insurance Certificate (Green card) when travelling to countries covered by **1** or **2** above. In the absence of a Green card **you** must carry **your** current **certificate of insurance** when travelling. If **you** plan to travel to any other country, please notify **us** at least three weeks before **you** leave as **you** may require a Green card, which will be supplied free of charge if **we** agree to extend cover.

When contacting **us** please supply the following information:

- your policy number
- the period for which cover is required
- the registration number, make and model of your car
- details of any trailer or caravan being towed
- countries to be visited.

## X What is not covered

You are not covered for any legal action taken against you outside the UK, unless it is a result of using your car in a country for which we have agreed to extend this insurance cover.

# **Part D: Injury benefits**

## ✓ What is covered

lf:

- you, your spouse or your civil partner are injured solely as a result of an accident involving your car; or while travelling in or getting into or out of your car; or
- any other person is injured while travelling in or getting into or out of your car;

we will pay you or your legal representatives or if you ask us to, the person injured or their legal representative the compensation specified below:

Provided that death or loss occurs within three calendar months and solely and directly as a result of the accident.

	You and members of your household normally living with you	Other passengers
Death	£15,000	£15,000
Total and irrecoverable loss of sight in one or both eye	£10,000	Nil
Total and irrecoverable loss of one or more limbs	£10,000	Nil

## X What is not covered

You are not covered for the following:

- If you or a member of your household have more than one policy with us, we will only pay out under one policy
- any person who, at the time of the injury, has not reached their sixteenth birthday;
- in respect of death or injury as a result of suicide, attempted suicide or any intentional self-injury;
- in respect of any death or injury to you or members of your household or any other person as a result of an accident that does not involve your car, or while travelling in or getting out of any car other than your car.

# Part E: Personal belongings

## ✓ What is covered

We will pay up to a maximum of £300 for **personal belongings** carried in or on **your car** if lost or damaged by:

- accident to your car;
- fire, lightning, explosion;
- theft or attempted theft.

## X What is not covered

You are not covered for the following:

- money, stamps, tickets, documents or securities;
- tools, equipment, goods or samples carried in connection with any trade or business;
- property insured by another policy;
- theft of personal belongings if carried in an open-top or convertible car, unless contained in the locked boot.

# Part F: Additional covers and benefits

## **1** No Claim Discount

As long as a claim has not been made on your policy during the current **period of cover, we** will include a discount in your renewal premium. We will give you this discount for each claim-free year up to the maximum entitlement.

Please note this is no guarantee **your** premium will not rise.

If one or two claims are made on **your** policy during the **period of cover**, the no claim discount **you** earn will be reduced as follows:

No Claims	One claim	Two claims
Discount you earn	Discount reduced to	Discount reduced to
1 year	Nil years	Nil years
2 years	Nil years	Nil years
3 years	1 year	Nil years
4 years	2 years	Nil years
5 or more years	3 years	1 year

If three or more claims had been made on **your** policy in the previous **period of cover**, **you** will not get a no claim discount.

Your no claim discount cannot be transferred to anyone else.

Your no claim discount will not be affected by payments for emergency treatment which the Road Traffic Act says we must pay or payments made under Part A (2) – Windscreen damage for windscreen replacement/repair.

## 2 Protected no claim discount

Once you have five years no claim discount and a claim has not been made on your policy for at least three years, if you are aged at least 25 years and all drivers are aged at least 21 years, then you can protect the discount if you pay an extra premium at each renewal. This protection will apply unless more than two claims are made on your policy in three consecutive **periods of cover**, then protection will end and your no claim discount will be reduced to nil at your next renewal.

Although you can protect your no claim discount, your premium may increase if claims are made on your policy or you receive motoring convictions or as required by us for any other reason.

You will have to pay the amount shown in your policy schedule under Endorsement 30 – Protected no claim discount.

This amount is in addition to any other excess you have agreed to pay towards any own damage claim.

Please note this is no guarantee **your** premium will not rise.

## **3 Uninsured driver promise**

If you have comprehensive cover and you make a claim where the driver of the other car involved in the accident is found to be uninsured, you will not have to pay your excess or lose any part of your no claims discount (NCD) as long as:

- You are able to provide the make, model and registration number of the other car involved, and
- We can establish that you were not at fault in any way.

It will also help if **you** are able to provide the details of the other driver involved and details of any independent witnesses if possible.

When you first claim you may have to pay your excess and your NCD may be affected. However, once we have established that you were not at fault in any way and the driver of the other car was uninsured, your excess will be refunded to you and your NCD restored.

## 4 Car sharing

Your policy also covers your car when you are being paid for carrying passengers for social or similar purposes as long as:

- your car cannot carry more than 8 people including the driver;
- you are not carrying the passengers as part of a business of carrying passengers; and
- the total payment you receive for the journey does not provide a profit for you.

## 5 Car service cover

#### Car servicing and car parking

Subject to the terms and conditions of this policy other than limitations to use and driving **we** will provide an indemnity to **you** whilst **your car** is in the custody or control of:

 A motor garage or other similar business, which you do not own, which has your car for the purpose of:

maintenance;

repair;

testing; or

servicing.

 A hotel, restaurant or similar business, which you do not own, where your car has been parked for you.

# 6 Driving other vehicles extension

Please refer to **your certificate of insurance** to see if **you** are covered to drive other vehicles which are not owned by, hired to or leased to **you**.

If your cover is extended to drive other vehicles, subject to the criteria listed on your certificate of insurance, the cover when driving that vehicle will be limited to Third Party Cover. This means that the car that you are driving will not be covered itself.

Please note that if **your certificate of insurance** lists this cover then cover is restricted to **you**, the policyholder only, and not any other drivers named on this policy.

You are not covered under this section whilst driving outside of the UK.

## **Endorsements**

**Your** insurance under this policy may be extended or restricted by endorsements. Endorsements only apply if their numbers appear in the **schedule**.

All the terms, conditions and exceptions of the policy continue to apply along with the endorsements.

# Endorsement 9 – Exclusion of personal belongings

**You** are not covered under Part E – Personal belongings of this policy.

# Endorsement 11 – Exclusion of injury benefits

**You** are not covered under Part D – Injury benefits of this policy.

## Endorsement 12 – Own loss or damage (voluntary)

You will pay the amount shown next to this endorsement number in the schedule towards each claim for loss or damage to your car. This endorsement will not apply if damage to the car:

- is caused by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft; or
- is limited to broken glass in the windscreen or windows or bodywork damaged by the broken glass.

This endorsement applies on top of any other amount which **you** may have to pay towards each claim. If **we** pay the whole amount of the claim at first, **you** must immediately pay **us** the amount **you** have to pay under this endorsement.

# Endorsement 13 – Own loss or damage (compulsory)

You will pay the amount shown next to this endorsement number in the schedule towards each claim for loss or damage to your car.

This endorsement will not apply if damage to the car:

- is caused by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft; or
- is limited to broken glass in the windscreen or windows or bodywork damaged by the broken glass.

This endorsement applies on top of any other amount which **you** may have to pay towards each claim. If **we** pay the whole amount of the claim at first, **you** must immediately pay **us** the amount **you** have to pay under this endorsement.

# Endorsement 15 – Company deletions

**You** are not covered under Parts D – Injury benefits and E – Personal belongings of this policy.

# Endorsement 16 – Fire and theft excess (compulsory)

You will pay the amount shown next to this endorsement number in the **schedule** towards each claim for loss or damage to **your car** caused by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft.

If **we** pay the whole amount of the claim at first, **you** must immediately pay **us** the amount **you** have to pay under this endorsement.

## Endorsement 29 – Windscreen breakage

You will pay the amount shown next to this endorsement number in the schedule towards each claim made under Part A – Loss and damage (2) – Windscreen damage.

# Endorsement 30 – Protected no claim discount

If **you** pay an extra premium, **your** no claim discount is protected.

This protection will apply unless more than two claims are made on **your** policy in three consecutive **periods of cover**, then protection will end and **your** no claim discount will be reduced to nil at **your** next renewal.

You will pay the amount shown next to this endorsement number in the **schedule** towards each claim for loss or damage to **your car**. If we agree to transfer someone's interest under this policy, this endorsement will be cancelled unless the person the policy is transferred to can meet **our** conditions for having a protected no claim discount.

## Endorsement 39 – Car security

You are not covered under Part A – Loss or damage of this policy for any loss or damage caused by theft and attempted theft unless:

- your car is fitted with a security device conforming to Thatcham Category 1 or 2 standards; and
- the security device is operational at the time of any loss or damage to your car.

## **Important notes**

## **Motor Insurance law**

DVLA will compare its records with details of vehicles on the MID (Motor Insurance Database) – the UK's central record of vehicle insurance.

If a vehicle does not have insurance and a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) has not been made, the registered keeper could face;

- a fixed penalty fine of £100
- their vehicle being clamped, seized and disposed of, and
- a court prosecution with a maximum fine of £1000.

These measures are in addition to the powers the police already have to seize an uninsured vehicle and fine the driver.

If you want to check your vehicle is recorded as 'insured' on the MID record, visit the free service at www.askMID.com

Do not contact DVLA as only your insurance provider can update your insurance details on the MID. If your vehicle registration number is not on the MID, contact your insurance provider immediately to get the MID updated.

## What this means for you

If you are keeping your vehicle for use on the road and it is not insured, insure it now. If you are keeping your vehicle off the road and it is not insured you must make a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN). If it is taxed you need to return the disc (including nil discs) on a V14 form to DVLA.

For more information and to get a V14 form, visit www.direct.gov.uk/ stayinsured.

## **Making a complaint**

AXA Insurance UK plc aims to provide the highest standard of service to every customer.

If our service does not meet your expectations, we want to hear about it so we can try to put things right.

All complaints **we** receive are taken seriously. The following will help **us** understand **your** concerns and give **you** a fair response.

## **Making your complaint**

If your complaint relates to a claim on your policy, please contact the department dealing with your claim.

If **your** complaint relates to **your** policy, please contact the agent or AXA office where it was bought, or AXA Insurance UK plc.

## **Contact details**

Head of Customer Relations AXA Insurance Civic Drive Ipswich IP1 2AN

Tel: 01473 205926 Fax: 01473 205101

Email: customercare@axa-insurance.co.uk

When **you** make contact please provide the following information:

- Your name, address and postcode, telephone number and e-mail address (if you have one).
- Your policy and/or claim number, and the type of policy you hold.

- The name of your insurance agent/firm (if applicable).
- The reason for **your** complaint.

Any written correspondence should be headed 'COMPLAINT' and **you** may include copies of supporting material.

## **Beyond AXA**

Should **you** remain dissatisfied following **our** final written response, **you** may be eligible to refer **your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

The FOS is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products. You have six months from the date of our final response to refer your complaint to the FOS. This does not affect your right to take legal action.

If we cannot resolve your complaint you may refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service at the address given below.

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9SR

Tel: 0300 123 9123 Fax: 020 7964 1001

E mail: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

## Our promise to you

We will

- Acknowledge all complaints promptly.
- Investigate quickly and thoroughly.
- Keep you informed of progress.
- Do everything possible to resolve your complaint.
- Use the information from complaints to continuously improve our service.

We may record or monitor telephone calls.

## Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

AXA Insurance is covered by the FSCS. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in the unlikely event we cannot meet our obligations to you. This depends on the type of insurance and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk).

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