

Duty of Disclosure

Duty of Disclosure (Non-Consumer Insurance Contracts Only)

In accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth), you and everyone who is an insured under your policy and/or everyone who arranges insurance on behalf of a business entity and/or body corporate must comply with the Duty of Disclosure. Make sure that you explain the duty to any other insureds you apply on behalf of and/or to others involved in arranging insurance.

Before you enter into an insurance contract, you have a duty to tell the insurer anything that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know, that may affect the insurer's decision to insure you and on what terms.

You have this duty until the insurer agrees to insure you.

You have the same duty before you renew, extend, vary, or reinstate an insurance contract. You do not need to tell the insurer anything that:

- reduces the risk they insure you for; or
- is common knowledge; or
- the insurer knows, or should know; or
- the insurer waives your duty to tell them about.

If you do not tell the insurer something

If you do not tell the insurer anything you are required to, they may cancel your contract, or reduce the amount they will pay you if you make a claim, or both.

If your failure to tell the insurer is fraudulent, they may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

Duty to Not Make a Misrepresentation - (Consumer Insurance Contracts Only)

New Business and Variations

(Note: if you are applying for a new consumer insurance contract, or varying an existing consumer insurance contract, which is an insurance policy obtained wholly or predominately in relation to personal, domestic or household insurance purposes, you must answer the specific questions asked by the insurer truthfully and accurately. In answering those questions, you must tell the insurer all information that's known to you and that a reasonable person would be expected to provide in answer to the questions).

You have a duty under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (ICA) to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to the insurer (your duty).

Your duty applies only in respect of a policy that is a consumer insurance contract, which is a term defined in the ICA.

Your duty applies before you enter into the policy, and also before you renew, extend, vary, or reinstate the policy.

Before you do any of these things, you may be required to answer questions, and the insurer will use the answers you provide in deciding whether to insure you, and anyone else to be insured under the policy, and on what terms. To ensure you meet your duty, your answers to the questions must be truthful, accurate and complete.

If you fail to meet your duty, the insurer may be able to cancel your contract or reduce the amount it will pay if you make a claim or both.

If your failure is fraudulent, the insurer may be able to refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

Renewals

(Note: if you are renewing a consumer insurance contract, which is an insurance policy obtained wholly or predominately in relation to personal, domestic or household insurance purposes, you must answer the specific questions asked by the insurer truthfully and accurately. In answering those questions, you must tell the insurer all information that's known to you and that a reasonable person would be expected to provide in answer to the questions).

Before you renew your policy, you have a duty under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (ICA) to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to the insurer (your duty).

Your duty applies only in respect of your policy that is a consumer insurance contract, which is a term defined in the ICA.

This notice includes information you have previously told us that is relevant to your policy, which we passed on to the insurer. The insurer requires you to contact us to tell us if this information is incorrect, or if it has changed. If you do not tell us about a change to something you have previously told us, the insurer will take this to mean that there is no change.

To ensure you meet your duty, when you contact us to advise of any information that is incorrect or has changed, the updated information you give us must be truthful, accurate and complete.

If you fail to meet your duty, the insurer may be able to cancel your contract or reduce the amount it will pay if you make a claim, or both.

If your failure is fraudulent, the insurer may be able to refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.