AXA Travel Insurance Policy booklet





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Policy summary – AXA Travel Insurance

This policy summary does not contain full details and conditions of your insurance – these are located in your policy wording. This insurance is underwritten by AXA Insurance UK plc.

Type of insurance and cover

Travel insurance for single trips only.

Age eligibility

This policy is not available to anyone aged 86 or over.

United Kingdom residents

This policy is only available to you if you are permanently resident in the United Kingdom and registered with a medical practitioner in the United Kingdom.

Conditions

- It is essential that you refer to the important conditions relating to health in the policy wording, as failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardise your claim or cover.
- 2 If you are travelling to Australia and you require medical treatment you must enrol with a local Medicare office.

Special conditions apply to each section of your policy – Please refer to the policy wording for full details.

Significant features and benefits

- War risks, civil commotion and terrorism cover for these events is provided under Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses, Section C – Hospital benefit and Section D – Personal accident (unless caused by nuclear, chemical or biological attack) – Please see paragraph 1. in What is not covered – applicable to all sections of the policy in the policy wording for full details.
- 2 The table shows the maximum benefits you can claim for each insured person after the deduction of the policy excess (unless otherwise stated).

Section	Title	Limit	Excess
A		£750	£100
В	Emergency medical and other expenses	£2,000,000	£100
	Emergency dental treatment	£150	£100
	Funeral expenses abroad	£1,500	£100
	Mountain rescue	£30,000	£100
С	Hospital benefit	£200 (£20 per day)	Nil
D	Personal accident	£5,000 (subject to age)	Nil

Policy summary – AXA Travel Insurance continued

Section	Title	Limit	Excess
Е	Baggage	£1,000	£100
	Single article limit	£150	£100
	Total for all valuables	£250	£100
	Emergency replacement of baggage	£100 (if not returned within 12 hours)	Nil
F	Personal money, passport and documents	£100 cash (£50 if under 16) and £150 other money and documents	£100
	Passport	£150	£100
G	Personal liability	£2,000,000	£150
н	Delayed departure	£100 (£10 after 12 hours and £10 per 12 hours delay thereafter)	Nil
н	Abandonment of trip	£750 (after 12 hours delay)	£100
I	Missed departure	£300	£100
J	Legal expenses and assistance	£5,000	£100

Significant or unusual limitations or what is not covered

- The standard excesses and any increased amount you have agreed to pay will be shown within your policy wording.
- Any trip that has already begun when you purchase this insurance will not be covered.

What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy

- War risks, civil commotion, terrorism, (except under Section B Emergency medical and other expenses, Section C – Hospital benefit and Section D – Personal accident unless caused by nuclear, chemical or biological attack), sonic bangs, radioactive contamination.
- 2 There are a number of sports, activities and winter sports that are not covered Please see paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy in the policy wording.
- 3 Climbing on or jumping from vehicles, buildings or balconies regardless of the height.
- 4 Wilful, self inflicted injury, suicide, drug use or solvent abuse.
- 5 You drinking too much alcohol, or you are suffering from alcohol dependence or directly or indirectly from the symptoms of alcohol withdrawal resulting in a claim.
- 6 Unlawful actions and any criminal proceedings brought against you.
- 7 Travel to a country, specific area or event which the Travel Advice Unit of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has advised against all travel or all but essential travel.

What is not covered under Section A - Cancellation or curtailment charges

- 1 Misconduct leading to dismissal, resignation, voluntary redundancy, entering into a compromise agreement or where you received a warning or notification of redundancy before you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.
- 2 Any circumstances known to you before you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip that could reasonably be expected to result in a claim.
- 3 Claims arising directly or indirectly from volcanic eruptions and/or volcanic ash clouds.

What is not covered under Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses

- 1 Treatment or surgery which in the opinion of AXA Assistance, can wait until your return to your home area.
- 2 Medication, which prior to departure is known to be required.
- 3 Expenses incurred as a result of a tropical disease where you have not had the NHS recommended inoculations and/or not taken the NHS recommended medication.

What is not covered under Section C - Hospital benefit

 Hospitalisation, compulsory quarantine or confinement to your accommodation as a result of a tropical disease where you have not had the NHS recommended inoculations and/or not taken the NHS recommended medication.

What is not covered under Section E - Baggage

- 1 Valuables left unattended at any time unless in a hotel safe, safety deposit box or in your locked accommodation.
- 2 Baggage contained in an unattended vehicle between 9 pm and 9 am (or at any time between 9 am and 9 pm unless it is locked out of sight in a secure baggage area) – Please see the definition of secure baggage area in the Definitions in the policy wording.
- 3 Contact or corneal lenses, hearing aids, dental or medical fittings, ski equipment, golf equipment and other items are excluded – See your policy wording for the full list.
- 4 Business equipment, business goods, samples or tools used in connection with your occupation.

What is not covered under Section F – Personal money, passport and documents

- Personal money or your passport or visa left unattended at any time unless in a hotel safe, safety deposit box or in your locked accommodation.
- 2 Loss or theft of traveller's cheques where you have not complied with the issuing agents conditions.

What is not covered under Section G - Personal liability

1 Pursuit of any trade, business or profession, or the ownership, possession or use of mechanically propelled vehicles, aircraft or watercraft.

What is not covered under Section H - Delayed departure

- Strike or industrial action existing or being publicly announced by the date you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.
- 2 Claims arising directly or indirectly from volcanic eruptions and/or volcanic ash clouds.
- 3 Any costs incurred by you which are recoverable from the public transport operator or for which you receive or are expected to receive compensation, damages, refund of tickets, meals, refreshments, accommodation, transfers, communication facilities or other assistance.
- 4 Any travel and accommodation costs, charges and expenses where the public transport operator has offered reasonable alternative travel arrangements within 12 hours of the scheduled time of departure.

What is not covered under Section I - Missed departure

- 1 Strike or industrial action existing or being publicly announced by the date you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.
- 2 Your failure to arrive at the departure point in time to board any connecting public transport after your departure on the initial international outbound and return legs of the trip.
- 3 Claims arising directly or indirectly from volcanic eruptions and/or volcanic ash clouds.

Duration

This policy is for a single trip.

Cancellation period

You are free to cancel this policy at any time. If you wish to cancel within 14 days of receipt of the policy documents, you may do so by contacting the agent from which you purchased the policy providing you have not travelled and no claim has been made. If you cancel after the first 14 days of receipt of the documents, no premium refund will be made. See General conditions applicable to the whole policy in the policy wording for full details.

Claim notification

To make a claim contact 0845 366 2217 (except for Legal expenses where you should contact 0845 366 2214).

Making a complaint

Any complaint you may have should in the first instance be addressed to the claim office or agent from which you purchased the policy as applicable. If the complaint is still not resolved, you can approach The Financial Ombudsman Service. Referral to the Financial Ombudsman will not affect your right to take legal action.

Full details of how to make a complaint can be found within the Making a complaint section of the policy wording.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (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).

Introduction

This is **your** travel insurance policy. It contains details of what is covered, conditions and what is not covered, for each **insured person** and is the basis on which all claims will be settled. It is validated by the issue of the booking confirmation which **we** recommend be kept with the policy.

In return for having accepted **your** premium **we** will in the event of **bodily injury**, death, illness, disease, loss, theft, damage, legal liability or other specified events happening within the **period of insurance** provide insurance in accordance with the operative sections of **your** policy as referred to in **your** booking confirmation.

The booking confirmation and any endorsements are all part of the policy. Your policy is evidence of the contract of insurance.

United Kingdom residents

This policy is only available to **you** if **you** are permanently resident in the **United Kingdom** and registered with a **medical practitioner** in the **United Kingdom**.

The law applicable to this policy

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

Age eligibility

This policy is not available to anyone aged 86 or over.

Policy excess

Under most sections of the policy, claims will be subject to an excess. This means that you will be responsible for paying the first part of each and every claim per incident claimed for, under each section by each **insured** person, unless you have paid the additional premium to waive the excess as stated in the booking confirmation.

Helplines

Please carry this policy with **you** in case of an emergency. Details of the claims helplines can be found in the Claims conditions on page 13.

Policy information

If you would like more information or if you feel the insurance may not meet your needs, contact the agent from which you purchased the policy.

AXA Insurance

AXA Insurance UK plc is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority under registration number 202312. This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting the FCA's website at www.fca.org.uk or by contacting them on 0800 111 6768.

Data Protection Act Notice

To set up and administer your policy we will hold and use information about you supplied by you and by medical providers. We may send it in confidence for processing to other companies acting on our instructions including those located outside the European Economic Area.

Please note insurers exchange information with various databases to help check the information provided and prevent fraudulent claims.

Fraud prevention

To keep premiums low we do participate in a number of industry initiatives to prevent and detect fraud. To help prevent crime we may:

- Share information about you with other organisations and public bodies including the Police.
- Share information about you within the AXA Group and with other insurers.
- 3 Pass your details to recognised centralised insurance industry applications and claims review systems (for example the Travel Claims Database) where your details may be checked and updated.
- 4 Check your details with fraud prevention agencies and databases. If you give us false or inaccurate information and we suspect fraud, we may record this with fraud prevention agencies.
- 5 Search records held by fraud prevention and credit agencies to:
 - Help make decisions about credit services for you and members of your household.
 - b Help make decisions on insurance policies and claims for you and members of your household.
 - Trace debtors, recover debt, prevent fraud and to manage your insurance policies.
 - d Check your identity to prevent money laundering.
- 6 Undertake credit searches and additional fraud searches.

Definitions

These definitions apply throughout **your** policy booklet. Where **we** explain what a word means that word will appear highlighted in **bold** print and have the same meaning wherever it is used in the policy. **We** have listed the definitions alphabetically.

Baggage

means luggage, clothing, personal effects and other articles (but excluding **valuables**, **personal money** and documents of any kind) which belong to **you** (or for which **you** are legally responsible) which are worn, used or carried by **you** during any **trip**.

Bodily injury

means an identifiable physical injury caused by sudden, unexpected, external and visible means including injury as a result of unavoidable exposure to the elements.

Business trip

means a trip taken wholly or in part for business purposes but excluding manual work.

Close business associate

means any person whose absence from business for one or more complete days at the same time as **your** absence prevents the proper continuation of that business.

Close relative

means mother, father, sister, brother, wife, husband, civil partner, daughter, son, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, step parent, step child, step sister, step brother, foster child, legal guardian, domestic partner or fiancé/fiancée.

Curtailment/Curtail/Curtailed

means either:

- 1 abandoning or cutting short the trip after you leave your home (or for a business trip your place of business) by direct early return to your home or place of business, in which case claims will be calculated from the day you returned to your home or place of business (whichever is the earlier) and based on the number of complete days of your trip you have not used, or
- 2 by attending a hospital outside your home area as an in-patient or being confined to your accommodation abroad due to compulsory quarantine or on the orders of a medical practitioner, in either case for a period in excess of 48 hours. Claims will be calculated from the day the ill/injured person was admitted to hospital or confined to your accommodation and based on the number of complete days for which you were hospitalised, quarantined or confined to your accommodation. Cover only applies to ill/injured persons.

Family cover

means up to two adults and up to four of their children, grandchildren, step children or foster children aged under 18, accompanying the parents or legal guardian insured on the same policy travelling on any **trip** to the same destination. The children are only insured when travelling with one or both of the insured adults, (or accompanied by another responsible adult).

Home

means your normal place of residence in the United Kingdom.

Home area

For residents of the **United Kingdom** excluding Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, **your** home area means the **United Kingdom** excluding Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. For residents of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, **your** home area means either the particular Channel Island on which **you** live or the Isle of Man depending on where **your home** is.

Insured Person

See definition of You/Your/Yourself/Insured person.

Medical condition

means any disease, illness or injury.

Medical practitioner

means a registered practising member of the medical profession recognised by the law of the country where they are practising, who is not related to **you** or any person who **you** are travelling with.

Period of insurance

means the period of the **trip** and terminating upon its completion, but not in any case exceeding the period shown in **your** booking confirmation. Under these policies Section A – Cancellation cover will be operative from the time **you** pay the premium.

For all other sections of the policy including Section A - curtailment cover, the insurance starts when **you** leave **your home** or for a **business trip your** place of business (whichever is the later) to start the **trip** and ends at the time of **your** return to **your home** or place of business (whichever is the earlier) on completion of the **trip**.

However any **trip** that had already begun when **you** purchased this insurance will not be covered.

The period of insurance is automatically extended for the period of the delay in the event that **your** return to **your home area** is unavoidably delayed due to an event insured by this policy.

Personal money

means bank notes, currency notes and coins in current use, travellers' and other cheques, postal or money orders, pre-paid coupons or vouchers, travel tickets, event and entertainment tickets, phonecards, money cards and credit/debit or pre-pay charge cards all held for private purposes.

Pre-existing medical condition

means:

- 1 Any respiratory condition (relating to the lungs or breathing), heart condition, stroke, Crohn's disease, epilepsy or cancer for which you have ever received treatment (including surgery, tests or investigations by your doctor or a consultant/specialist and prescribed drugs or medication).
- 2 Any medical condition for which you have received surgery, in-patient treatment or investigations in a hospital or clinic within the last twelve months.
- **3** Any **medical condition** for which **you** are taking prescribed drugs or medication.

Public transport

means any publicly licensed aircraft, sea vessel, train, coach or bus on which **you** are booked or had planned to travel.

Secure baggage area

means any of the following, as and where appropriate:

- **1** The locked dashboard, boot or luggage compartment of a motor vehicle.
- 2 The locked luggage compartment of a hatchback vehicle fitted with a lid closing off the luggage area, or of an estate car with a fitted and engaged tray or roller blind cover behind the rear seats.
- 3 The fixed storage units of a locked motorised or towed caravan.
- 4 A locked luggage box, locked to a roof rack which is itself locked to the vehicle roof.

Terrorism

means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or governments, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

Trip

means any holiday, business or pleasure trip or journey made by **you** within the area of travel shown in the insurance details contained in **your** booking confirmation which begins and ends in **your home area** or place of business during the **period of insurance**, but with cover for one way trips or journeys ceasing 12 hours after **you** first leave the immigration control of the country in which **your** final destination is situated. However any trip that had already begun when **you** purchased this insurance will not be covered.

Unattended

means when **you** are not in full view of and not in a position to prevent unauthorised interference with **your** property or vehicle.

United Kingdom

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

Valuables

means jewellery, gold, silver, precious metal or precious or semiprecious stone articles, watches, furs, cameras, camcorders, portable satellite navigation systems, photographic, audio, video, computer, television and telecommunications equipment and other electronic entertainment devices (including but not limited to mobile phones, MP3 or 4 players, tablets, ebooks, CD's, DVD's, tapes, films, cassettes, cartridges and headphones), computer games and associated equipment, telescopes and binoculars.

We/Us/Our

means AXA Insurance UK plc. Registered in England No. 78950. Registered Office: 5 Old Broad Street, London, EC2N 1AD.

You/Your/Yourself/Insured person

means each person travelling on a **trip** whose name appears in the insurance details contained in your booking confirmation plus all of their children aged under 2 when travelling on the same **trip**.

General conditions applicable to the whole policy

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

If **you** do not comply **we** may cancel the policy or refuse to deal with **your** claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

1. Dual insurance

If at the time of any incident which results in a claim under this policy, there is another insurance covering the same loss, damage, expense or liability we will not pay more than **our** proportional share (not applicable to Section D – Personal accident).

2. Reasonable precautions

At all times **you** must take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury, illness, disease, loss, theft or damage and take all reasonable steps to safeguard **your** property from loss or damage and to recover property lost or stolen.

3. Cancellation

Statutory cancellation rights

You may cancel this policy within 14 days of receipt of the policy documents (new business) by contacting your original issuing agent (whose contact details are shown on your booking confirmation) during the cancellation period. Any premium already paid will be refunded to you providing you have not travelled, no claim has been made or is intended to be made and no incident likely to result in a claim has occurred.

Cancellation outside the statutory period

You may cancel this policy at any time after the **cancellation period** by contacting **your** original issuing agent (whose contact details are shown on **your** booking confirmation). If **you** cancel after the **cancellation period** no premium refund will be made.

We reserve the right to cancel the policy by providing 21 days notice by registered post to **your** last known address. No refund of premium will be made.

Non payment of premiums

We can cancel the policy immediately by sending you written notice if you do not pay the premium.

Fraudulent claims

Throughout your dealings with us we expect you to act honestly.

If you or anyone acting for you:

- a knowingly provides information to us as part of your application for your policy that is not true and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief; or
- b knowingly makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under your policy; or
- c knowingly makes a false statement in support of a claim; or
- d submits a knowingly false or forged document in support of a claim; or
- makes a claim for any loss or damage caused by your wilful act or caused with your agreement, knowledge or collusion.

Then

- a we may prosecute fraudulent claimants;
- b we may make the policy void from the date of the fraudulent act;
- c we will not pay any fraudulent claims;
- d we will be entitled to recover from you the amount of any fraudulent claim already paid under your policy since the start date;
- e we will not return any premium paid by you for the policy;
- f we may inform the Police of the circumstances.

Claims conditions

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

If you do not comply we may refuse to deal with your claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment. You must contact us by phone if you want to make a claim using the relevant number given below, depending on the type of claim:

1. Claims

All claims except Legal expenses 0845 366 2217

Legal expenses only 0845 366 2214

For medical assistance and/or repatriation claims +44 845 366 2215

Or if **you** are in a country that does not accept the above international phone number please call +44 203 285 7998.

The claim notification must be made within 31 days or as soon as possible after that following any **bodily injury**, illness, disease, incident, event, redundancy or the discovery of any loss, theft or damage which may lead to a claim under this policy.

You must also tell us if you are aware of any court claim form, summons or impending prosecution. Every communication relating to a claim must be sent to us as soon as possible. You or anyone acting on your behalf must not negotiate, admit or repudiate (refuse) any claim without our permission in writing and cooperate fully with us in our investigations into the circumstance of your claim.

Each section of this policy contains Special conditions relating to claims. You should refer to the particular section under which you are claiming for further details of what you must do following the incident or event which has caused the claim.

You or your legal representatives must supply at your own expense, all information relevant to the claim detailed under Claims evidence at the end of each section. You should refer to the particular section under which you are claiming for further details of the evidence that we need to deal with your claim.

We reserve the right to require you to undergo an independent medical examination at our expense. We may also request and will pay for a post mortem examination.

You must retain any property which is damaged, and if requested, send it to us at your own expense. If we pay a claim for the full value of the property and it is then recovered it will then become our property.

We may refuse to reimburse you for any property which you cannot provide proof of ownership such as an original receipt, a valuation, original user manual or bank or credit card statements.

2. Transferring of rights

We are entitled to take over any rights in the defence or settlement of any claim and to take proceedings in **your** name for **our** benefit against any other party.

Important conditions relating to health

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

- 1 It is a condition of this policy that you will not be covered under Section A Cancellation or curtailment charges, Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses, Section C – Hospital benefit and Section D – Personal accident for any claims arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a At the time of taking out this policy:
 - i Any pre-existing medical condition you have unless you have contacted AXA medical screening at www.yourmedicalscreening.co.uk or called us on 0845 366 2216 and we have agreed in writing, to cover you.
 - Any medical condition for which you have received a terminal prognosis.
 - iii Any medical condition you are aware of but for which you have not had a diagnosis.
 - iv Any medical condition for which you are on a waiting list for or have knowledge of the need for surgery, treatment or investigation at a hospital, clinic or nursing home.
 - Any medical condition affecting you, a close relative or a close business associate that you are aware of, that could reasonably be expected to result in a claim on this policy.

unless we have agreed in writing, to cover you.

- b At any time:
 - i Any medical condition you have which a medical practitioner has advised you not to travel (or would have done so had you sought his/her advice), but despite this you still travel.
 - ii Any surgery, treatment or investigations for which you intend to travel outside of your home area to receive (including any expenses incurred due to the discovery of other medical conditions during and/or complications arising from these procedures).
 - iii Any medical condition for which you are not taking the recommended treatment or prescribed medication as directed by a medical practitioner.
 - Your travel against any health requirements stipulated by the carrier, their handling agents or any other public transport provider.

If your health changes after the start date of your policy and the date your travel tickets or confirmation of booking were issued, you should telephone our customer helpline on 0845 366 2216 to make sure your cover is not affected.

You should also refer to What is not covered – applicable to all sections of the policy.

What is not covered – applicable to all sections of the policy

We will not pay for claims arising directly or indirectly from:

1. War risks, civil commotion and terrorism

War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, **terrorism**, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power but this exclusion shall not apply to losses under Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses, Section C – Hospital benefit and Section D – Personal accident unless such losses were already taking place at the beginning of any **trip**.

2. Radioactive contamination

lonising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste, from combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.

3. Sonic bangs

Loss, destruction or damage directly caused by pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

4. Professional sports or entertaining

Your participation in or practice of any professional sports or professional entertaining.

5. Other sports or activities

Your participation in or practice of any other sport or activity, manual work, driving any motorised vehicle or racing unless:

- a specified in the list on page 17 or
- b shown as covered in your booking confirmation.

6. Suicide, drug use or solvent abuse

Your wilfully self-inflicted injury or illness, suicide or attempted suicide, sexually transmitted diseases, solvent abuse, drug use (other than drugs taken in accordance with treatment prescribed and directed by a **medical practitioner**, but not for the treatment of drug addiction) and putting **yourself** at needless risk (except in an attempt to save human life).

7. Alcohol abuse

You drinking too much alcohol or alcohol abuse where it is reasonably foreseeable that such consumption could result in an impairment of your faculties and/or judgement resulting in a claim. We do not expect you to avoid alcohol on your trips or holidays, but we will not cover any claims arising because you have drunk so much alcohol that your judgement is seriously affected or you are suffering from alcohol dependence or directly or indirectly from the symptoms of alcohol withdrawal and you need to make a claim as a result.

8. Jumping or falling from balconies, vehicles or buildings

You jumping or falling from a balcony or building, or climbing on top of and jumping or falling from a vehicle, or sitting, planking, balconing, owling or lying on any external part of any building, or climbing or moving from any external part of any building to another (apart from stairs, ramps or walkways) and falling regardless of the height, unless **your** life is in danger or **you** are attempting to save human life.

9. Unlawful action

Your own unlawful action or any criminal proceedings against you.

10. Additional loss or expense

Any other loss, damage or additional expense following on from the event for which **you** are claiming, unless **we** provide cover under this insurance. Examples of such loss, damage or additional expense would be the cost of replacing locks after losing keys, costs incurred in preparing a claim or loss of earnings following **bodily injury**, illness or disease.

11. Armed Forces

Operational duties of a member of the Armed Forces (other than claims arising from authorised leave being cancelled due to operational reasons, as provided for under subsection 1.d). of Section A – Cancellation or curtailment charges).

12. Travelling against FCO advice

Your travel to a country, specific area or event when the Travel Advice Unit of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) or regulatory authority in a country to/from which you are travelling has advised against all, or all but essential travel.

Sports and activities covered

The following lists detail the sports and activities that this policy will cover without charge (or can be covered when **you** have paid the appropriate additional premium) under Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses, Section D – Personal accident and Section G – Personal Liability when **you** are participating on a recreational and non professional basis during any **trip**. Any involvement is these sports and/or activities is subject to **your** compliance with local laws and regulations and the use of recommended safety equipment (such as helmet, harness, knee and/or elbow pads). Details of any other sports and activities which **you** have purchased cover for will be shown in **your** booking confirmation.

No cover under Section G – Personal liability for those sports or activities marked with \ast

Sports and activities covered as standard without charge

Archerv Badminton Banana boating Baseball (amateur) Basketball (amateur) Beach games Body boarding (boogie boarding) Bungee jump (1 jump) *Camel riding Canoeing (up to grade 2) *Clay pigeon shooting Climbing wall Cricket (amateur) Cycling/cycle touring (up to 2 days only) Dinghy sailing *driving any motorised vehicle (other than a Quad bike which you are not covered to drive unless you have paid the appropriate additional premium under Category B) for which you are licenced to drive in the United Kingdom (other than in races, motor rallies or competitions) and wearing a helmet if driving a motorbike, Quad bike, moped or scooter. Elephant riding Fell walking up to 2,500 metres above sea level Fencing Fishing Football (amateur and not the main purpose of the trip) GAA football (amateur and not the main purpose of the trip) Golf High rope activities Hiking (without the use of any climbing equipment) up to 2,500 metres above sea level Hockey Horse riding (up to 2 days) Hot air ballooning (one balloon ride)

Jet skiing (one ride only) Jogging Kavaking (up to grade 2) Marathon running (amateur) Mountain biking (2 days maximum) Netball (amateur) *Non manual work (including professional, administrative or clerical duties only) Orienteering Outwardbound pursuits *Paintballing Parascending (over water) Pony trekking Racquetball Rambling Ringos River canoeing (up to grade 2) Roller blading Roller skating Rounders Rowing Running - sprint/long distance (amateur) Safari Sail boarding Sailing within territorial waters Scuba diving down to 18 metres (up to 2 dives only) Sea canoeing/kayaking Sea fishing (2 trips maximum) Skate boarding Snorkelling Squash (amateur) Surfing (amateur, 2 days maximum) Swimming (recreational) Tennis (amateur) Track events (amateur) Trekking/walking up to 2,500 metres above sea level Volleyball (amateur) Wakeboarding (amateur, 2 days maximum) War games Water polo (amateur) Water skiing (amateur, 2 days maximum) White water rafting (up to grade 4) Windsurfing (amateur, 2 days maximum) *Yachting (racing/crewing inside territorial waters) Zorbing

Sports and activities that can be covered if the appropriate additional premium has been paid as shown in your booking confirmation

Category A sports and activities

Abseiling Black water rafting (grade 1 to 4 – life jacket and helmet must be worn) Boxing training (no contact) Bungee jump (2 or more jumps) Canoeing (up to grade 4) Cycling/cycle touring (3 or more days) Dry slope skiing Go karting Horse riding for 3 days or more (no polo, hunting, or jumping) Hot air ballooning (two or more balloon rides) Hurling (amateur) Jet boating Jet skiing (2 or more rides) Kayaking (up to grade 4) Martial arts (training only) Mountain biking (3 or more days) River canoeing (up to grade 4) Scuba diving down to 50 metres (3 or more dives) Sea fishing (3 or more trips) Shark diving (in a cage) Street hockey (wearing pads and helmets) Surfing (amateur, 3 or more days) Triathlon Wakeboarding (amateur, 3 or more days) Waterskiing (amateur, 3 or more days) Windsurfing (amateur, 3 or more days) Zip wiring

Category B sports and activities

American football (amateur) Buggying (helmet must be worn) Canyoning Caving Expeditions professionally organised with experienced operators Hang gliding *Kite surfing Microlighting Paragliding *Quadbiking (helmet must be worn) Rugby (amateur) Sand dune surfing or skiing Sand yachting Summer (or grass) tobogganing Tandem parachute jump (one jump only) White water rafting (up to grade 5) Yachting (racing/crewing) outside territorial waters Any sports and activities not featured on your booking confirmation or in the list above are not covered.

Emergency and medical service

You must contact AXA Assistance in the event of an illness or accident which may lead to in-patient hospital treatment or before any arrangements are made for repatriation; or in the event of curtailment necessitating your early return home. The service operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for advice, assistance, making arrangements for hospital admission, repatriation (returning you to your home area) and authorisation of medical expenses. If this is not possible because the condition requires emergency treatment you must contact AXA Assistance as soon as possible.

Medical assistance abroad

AXA Assistance has the medical expertise, contacts and facilities to help should **you** be injured in an accident or fall ill. AXA Assistance will also arrange transport home when this is considered to be medically necessary or when **you** are told about the illness or death of a **close relative** or a **close business associate** at home.

Payment for inpatient medical treatment abroad

If you are admitted to a hospital/clinic while abroad, AXA Assistance will arrange for medical expenses, covered by the policy, to be paid direct to the hospital/clinic. To take advantage of this benefit someone must contact AXA Assistance for you as soon as possible. Private medical treatment is not covered unless authorised specifically by AXA Assistance.

Payment for outpatient medical treatment abroad

If you need outpatient medical treatment please provide a copy of your booking confirmation to the doctor and your treatment will be paid for by AXA Assistance. Please also show the instructions below to the doctor, which explains what the hospital/clinic needs to tell **us** so that payment can be arranged.

You will need to pay any excess at the time of treatment.

Some hospitals/clinics may not wish to settle their bill directly with us and you may be asked to pay for your treatment and claim this back from us on your return to your home area. In this case beware of requests for you to sign for excessive treatment or charges. If you are in doubt, please call AXA Assistance for guidance.

Instructions to outpatient clinics

Please call AXA Assistance on +44 845 366 2215 stating that you are seeking payment for outpatient treatment to a AXA travel insurance customer and quote the booking reference from their booking confirmation. Or if you are in a country that does not accept the above international phone number please call +44 203 285 7998.

Reciprocal health agreements with other countries

EU, EEA or Switzerland

If you are travelling to countries within the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland you are strongly advised to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). You can apply for an EHIC either online at www.ehic.org.uk or by telephoning 0300 330 1350. This will entitle you to benefit from the health care arrangements which exist between countries within the EU/EEA or Switzerland.

If we agree to pay for a medical expense which has been reduced because you have used either a European Health Insurance Card or private health insurance, we will not deduct the excess under Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses.

Australia

If you need medical treatment in Australia you must enrol with a local MEDICARE office. You do not need to enrol when you arrive, but you must do this after the first occasion you receive treatment. In-patient and out-patient treatment at a public hospital will then be available free of charge. Details of how to enrol and the free treatment available can be found by visiting the MEDICARE website on www.medicareaustralia.gov.au. or by emailing medicare@ medicareaustralia.gov.au. Alternatively please call AXA Assistance for guidance.

If **you** are admitted to hospital **you** must contact AXA Assistance as soon as possible and get their authorisation for any treatment not available under MEDICARE.

New Zealand

United Kingdom citizens on a short term visit to New Zealand are eligible for treatment (medical, hospital and related) on the same basis as citizens of New Zealand. If the treatment relates to an existing medical condition or a new condition arises, then a medical practitioner must agree in each case that prompt treatment is needed before your trip ends, if treatment is to be provided under the reciprocal agreement. You will also need to show your UK passport.

You will however have to pay the same charges as New Zealanders for treatment at a doctor's surgery or for prescribed medication.

Contact AXA Assistance on telephone number: +44 845 366 2215 Or if **you** are in a country that does not accept the above international phone number please call +44 203 285 7998.

Section A – Cancellation or curtailment charges

What is covered

We will pay you up to £750 for your proportion only of any irrecoverable unused travel and accommodation costs and other pre-paid charges (including excursions up to £100) which you have paid or are contracted to pay, together with your proportion only of any reasonable additional travel expenses incurred if

- a cancellation of the trip is necessary and unavoidable or
- b the trip is curtailed before completion
- as a result of any of the following events:
- 1 The death, **bodily injury**, illness, disease, or complications arising as a direct result of pregnancy of:

a you

- b any person who you are travelling or have arranged to travel with
- c any person who you have arranged to stay with
- d your close relative
- e your close business associate.
- 2 You or any person who you are travelling or have arranged to travel with being quarantined, called as a witness at a Court of Law or for jury service attendance.
- 3 Redundancy of you or any person who you are travelling or have arranged to travel with (which qualifies for payment under current United Kingdom redundancy payment legislation, and at the time of booking the trip there was no reason to believe anyone would be made redundant).

- 4 You or any person who you are travelling or have arranged to travel with, are a member of the Armed Forces, Territorial Army, Police, Fire, Nursing or Ambulance Services or employees of a Government Department and have your/their authorised leave cancelled or are called up for operational reasons, provided that the cancellation or curtailment could not reasonably have been expected at the time when you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.
- 5 The Police or other authorities requesting you to stay at or return to your home due to serious damage to your home caused by fire, aircraft, explosion, storm, flood, subsidence, fallen trees, collision by road vehicles, malicious people or theft.

Special conditions relating to claims

- 1 You must get the prior approval of AXA Assistance to confirm the necessity to return home, prior to curtailment of the trip due to death, bodily injury, illness, disease or complications arising as a direct result of pregnancy.
- 2 If you fail to notify the travel agent, tour operator or provider of transport or accommodation as soon as you find out it is necessary to cancel the trip, the amount we will pay will be limited to the cancellation charges that would have otherwise applied.
- 3 If you cancel the trip due to:
 - a stress, anxiety, depression or any other mental or nervous disorder that you are suffering from you must provide (at your own expense) a medical certificate from either a registered mental health professional if you are under the care of a Community Mental Health Team or if not, a consultant specialising in the relevant field or
 - b any other bodily injury, illness, disease or complications arising as a direct result of pregnancy, you must provide (at your own expense) a medical certificate from a medical practitioner

stating that this necessarily and reasonably prevented **you** from travelling. We need the medical certificate completed as soon as **you** find out it is necessary to cancel the **trip**, as any delay in seeing a **medical practitioner** could mean that **your** symptoms are no longer present. If **you** cannot get an immediate appointment, please make one for as early as possible and keep all details of this to help substantiate **your** claim.

4 You must get (at your own expense) a repair report from the contractor who carried out the necessary repairs to make your home secure, confirming the cause of the damage and the cost of the repairs.

X What is not covered

- The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each insured person.
- 2 The cost of your unused original tickets where AXA Assistance or we have arranged and paid for you to come home following curtailment of the trip. If however you have not purchased a return ticket, we reserve the right to deduct the cost of an economy flight (based on the cost applicable on the date you come home) from any additional costs we have incurred which are medically necessary to repatriate you to your home.
- 3 Any claims arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a Your misconduct or misconduct by any person who you are travelling with or have arranged to travel with leading to dismissal, your/their resignation, voluntary redundancy, you/them entering into a compromise agreement, or where you/they had received a warning or notification of redundancy before you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.

- b Circumstances known to you before you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip which could reasonably have been expected to lead to cancellation or curtailment of the trip.
- c Volcanic eruptions and/or volcanic ash clouds.
- 4 Travel tickets paid for using any airline mileage or supermarket reward scheme (for example Avios formerly known as Air Miles), unless evidence of specific monetary value can be provided.
- 5 Accommodation costs paid for using any Timeshare, Holiday Property Bond or other holiday points or supermarket reward scheme. In addition any property maintenance costs or fees incurred by you as part of your involvement in such schemes is not covered.
- 6 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

You should also refer to the Important conditions relating to health.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1 A medical certificate from the treating medical practitioner (or in the case of stress, anxiety, depression or any other mental or nervous disorder, either a registered mental health professional if you are under the care of a Community Mental Health Team or if not, a consultant specialising in the relevant field) explaining why it was necessary for you to cancel or curtail the trip.
- 2 In the case of death causing cancellation or **curtailment** of the **trip**, the original death certificate.
- 3 Booking confirmation together with a cancellation invoice from your travel agent, tour operator or provider of transport/accommodation.
- 4 In the case of curtailment claims, written details from your travel agent, tour operator or provider of transport/accommodation of the separate costs of transport, accommodation and other pre-paid costs or charges that made up the total cost of the trip.
- 5 Your unused travel tickets.
- 6 Receipts or bills for any costs, charges or expenses claimed for.
- 7 In the case of compulsory quarantine, a letter from the relevant authority or the treating medical practitioner.
- 8 In the case of jury service or witness attendance, the court summons.
- 9 The letter of redundancy for redundancy claims.
- 10 A letter from the commanding officer concerned, confirming cancellation of authorised leave or call up for operational reasons.
- 11 In the case of serious damage to your home a report from the Police or relevant authority. Where flooding or other damage is so widespread that the Police or other authorities could not be present, then a report from your household insurers or the contractor engaged to carry out repairs to your home.
- 12 Details of any travel, private medical or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses

✓ What is covered

We will pay you up to $\pounds 2,000,000$ for the following expenses which are necessarily incurred during a **trip** as a result of you suffering unforeseen **bodily injury**, illness, disease and/or compulsory quarantine:

1 Emergency medical, surgical, hospital, ambulance and nursing fees and charges incurred outside of your home area.

- 2 Emergency dental treatment for the immediate relief of pain up to a limit of £150 incurred outside of your home area.
- 3 The cost of mountain rescue services incurred outside of your home area up to a maximum of $\pounds 30,000$ where medically necessary.
- 4 Costs of telephone calls:
 - a to AXA Assistance notifying and dealing with the problem for which you are able to provide receipts or other reasonable evidence to show the cost of the calls and the numbers you telephoned
 - b incurred by you when you receive calls on your mobile phone from AXA Assistance for which you are able to provide receipts or other reasonable evidence to show the cost of the calls.
- 5 The cost of taxi fares for your travel to or from hospital relating to your admission, discharge or attendance for outpatient treatment or appointments and/or for collection of medication prescribed for you by the hospital.
- 6 If you die:
 - a outside your home area the reasonable additional cost of funeral expenses abroad up to a maximum of £1,500 plus the reasonable cost of returning your ashes to your home, or the additional costs of returning your body to your home
 - b within your home area the reasonable additional cost of returning your ashes or body to your home up to a maximum of £750.
- 7 Reasonable additional transport and/or accommodation expenses incurred, up to the standard of your original booking (for example full or half board, all inclusive, bed and breakfast, self catering or room only), if it is medically necessary for you to stay beyond your scheduled return date.

This includes, with the prior authorisation of AXA Assistance, reasonable additional transport and/or accommodation expenses for a travelling companion, friend or **close relative** to stay with **you** or travel to **you** from the **United Kingdom** or escort **you**. Also additional travel expenses to return **you** to **your home** or a suitable hospital nearby if **you** cannot use the return ticket.

8 With the prior authorisation of AXA Assistance, the additional costs incurred in the use of air transport or other suitable means, including qualified attendants, to repatriate you to your home if it is medically necessary. These expenses will be for the identical class of travel utilised on the outward journey unless AXA Assistance agree otherwise.

Special conditions relating to claims

- 1 You must tell AXA Assistance as soon as possible of any bodily injury, illness or disease which necessitates your admittance to hospital as an in-patient or before any arrangements are made for your repatriation.
- 2 If you suffer bodily injury, illness or disease we reserve the right to move you from one hospital to another and/or arrange for your repatriation to the United Kingdom at any time during the trip. We will do this, if in the opinion of AXA Assistance or us (based on information provided by the medical practitioner in attendance), you can be moved safely and/or travel safely to your home area or a suitable hospital nearby to continue treatment.
- 3 The intention of this section is to pay for emergency medical/surgical/ dental treatment only and not for treatment or surgery that can be reasonably delayed until your return to your home area. Our decisions regarding the treatment or surgery that we will pay for (including repatriation to your home area) will be based on this.

If you do not accept our decisions and do not want to be repatriated, then we will cancel all cover under all the medical related sections being Section A - Cancellation or curtailment charges, Section B - Emergency medical and other expenses, Section C - Hospital benefit and Section D - Personal accident of **your** policy and refuse to deal with claims for any further treatment and/or **your** repatriation to **your home area**. Cover under all other operative sections will however continue for the remainder of **your trip**.

X What is not covered

- The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each insured person.
- 2 Normal pregnancy, without any accompanying **bodily injury**, illness, disease or complication. This section is designed to provide cover for unforeseen events, accidents, illnesses and diseases and normal childbirth would not constitute an unforeseen event.
- 3 The cost of your unused original tickets where AXA Assistance or we have arranged and paid for you to return to your home, if you cannot use the return ticket. If however you have not purchased a return ticket, we reserve the right to deduct the cost of an economy flight (based on the cost applicable on the date you come home) from any additional costs we have incurred which are medically necessary to repatriate you to your home.
- 4 Any claims arising directly or indirectly for:
 - a The cost of treatment or surgery, including exploratory tests, which are not related to the **bodily injury** or illness which necessitated your admittance into hospital.
 - **b** Any expenses which are not usual, reasonable or customary to treat **your bodily injury**, illness or disease.
 - c Any form of treatment or surgery which in the opinion of AXA Assistance or us (based on information provided by the medical practitioner in attendance), can be delayed reasonably until your return to your home area.
 - d Expenses incurred in obtaining or replacing medication, which you know you will need at the time of departure or which will have to be continued outside of your home area. Where possible and with the agreement of your medical practitioner, you should always travel with plenty of extra medication in case of travel delays.
 - e Additional costs arising from single or private room accommodation.
 - f Treatment or services provided by a health spa, convalescent or nursing home or any rehabilitation centre unless agreed by AXA Assistance.
 - g Any costs incurred by you to visit another person in hospital.
 - h Any expenses incurred after you have returned to your home area.
 - i Any expenses incurred in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands which are:
 - for private treatment, or
 - ii are funded by, or are recoverable from the Health Authority in your home area, or
 - iii are funded by a reciprocal health agreement (RHA) between these countries and/or islands.
 - j Expenses incurred as a result of a tropical disease where you have not had the NHS recommended inoculations and/or not taken the NHS recommended medication.
 - k Any expenses incurred after the date on which we exercise our rights under this section to move you from one hospital to another and/or arrange for your repatriation but you decide not to be moved or repatriated.
- 5 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

You should also refer to the Important conditions relating to health.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- Receipts or bills for all in-patient/out-patient treatment or emergency dental treatment received.
- 2 In the event of death, the original death certificate and receipts or bills for funeral, cremation or repatriation expenses.
- 3 Receipts or bills for taxi fares to or from hospital claimed for, stating details of the date, name and location of the hospital concerned.
- 4 Receipts or bills or proof of purchase for any other transport, accommodation or other costs, charges or expenses claimed for, including calls to AXA Assistance.
- 5 Details of any travel, private medical or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section C – Hospital benefit

✓ What is covered

We will pay you £20 for every complete 24 hours you have to stay in hospital as an in-patient or are confined to your accommodation due to your compulsory quarantine or on the orders of a medical practitioner outside your home area, up to a maximum of £200 as a result of bodily injury, illness or disease you sustain.

We will pay the amount above in addition to any amount payable under Section B – Emergency medical and other expenses. This payment is meant to help you pay for additional expenses such as taxi fares and phone calls incurred by your visitors during your stay in hospital.

Special conditions relating to claims

1 You must tell AXA Assistance as soon as possible of any bodily injury, illness or disease which necessitates your admittance to hospital as an in-patient, compulsory quarantine or confinement to your accommodation on the orders of a medical practitioner.

X What is not covered

- 1 Any claims arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a Any additional period of hospitalisation, compulsory quarantine or confinement to your accommodation:
 - relating to treatment or surgery, including exploratory tests, which are not directly related to the **bodily injury**, illness or disease which necessitated **your** admittance into hospital
 - relating to treatment or services provided by a convalescent or nursing home or any rehabilitation centre
 - iii following your decision not to be repatriated after the date, when in the opinion of AXA Assistance it is safe to do so.
 - b Hospitalisation, compulsory quarantine or confinement to your accommodation:
 - relating to any form of treatment or surgery which in the opinion of AXA Assistance or us (based on information provided by the medical practitioner in attendance), can be delayed reasonably until your return to your home area
 - as a result of a tropical disease where you have not had the NHS recommended inoculations and/or not taken the NHS recommended medication

- iii occurring in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands and relating to either private treatment or tests, surgery or other treatment the, costs of which are funded by a reciprocal health agreement (RHA) between these countries and/or Islands, or are recoverable from the Health Authority in your home area.
- 2 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

1 Confirmation in writing from the hospital, relevant authority or the treating medical practitioner of the dates when you were admitted and subsequently discharged from hospital, compulsory quarantine or confinement to your accommodation.

Section D – Personal accident

Special definitions relating to this section (which are shown in italics)

Loss of limb

means loss by permanent severance of an entire hand or foot or the total, complete and permanent loss of use of an entire hand or foot.

Loss of sight

means total and irrecoverable loss of sight which shall be considered as having occurred:

- 1 in both eyes, if your name is added to the Register of Blind Persons on the authority of a fully qualified ophthalmic specialist and
- 2 in one eye if the degree of sight remaining after correction is 3/60 or less on the Snellen scale (which means only seeing at 3 metres what you should see at 60 metres).

V What is covered

We will pay one of the benefits shown below if you sustain **bodily injury** which shall solely and independently of any other cause, result within two years in your death, loss of limb, loss of sight or permanent total disablement.

BENEFIT	Up to age 15 years inclusive	Age 16 years to 64 years inclusive	Age 65 years and over
1 Death	£1,000	£5,000	£1,000
2 Loss of one or more limbs and/ or loss of sight in one or both eyes	£5,000	£5,000	Not covered
3 Permanent total disablement	£5,000	£5,000	Not covered

Special conditions relating to claims

1 Our medical practitioner may examine you as often as they consider necessary if you make a claim.

Provisions

- Benefit is not payable to you:
 - a Under more than one of items 1, 2 or 3.
 - b Under item 2, if the permanent loss of use is only partial and not total and complete (being 100%).

- c Under item 3, until one year after the date you sustain bodily injury.
- d Under item 3, if you are able or may be able to carry out any relevant occupation after one year.
- 2 Benefit 1 will be paid to the deceased insured person's estate.

X What is not covered

 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1 In the event of death, the original death certificate.
- 2 A medical certificate or report in relation to claims for loss of limb, loss of sight or permanent total disablement.

Section E – Baggage

✓ What is covered

- 1 We will pay you up to £1,000 for the accidental loss of, theft of or damage to baggage and valuables. The amount payable in the event of a total loss, will be the value at today's prices less a deduction for wear, tear and depreciation (loss of value), or we may replace, reinstate or repair the lost or damaged baggage and/or valuables. The maximum we will pay you for the following items is:
 - The maximum we will pay you for the following items i
 - a £150 for any one article, pair or set of articles
 - **b** £250 for the total for all **valuables**.
- 2 We will also pay you up to £100, for the emergency replacement of clothing, medication and toiletries if your baggage is temporarily lost in transit during the outward journey and not returned to you within 12 hours, as long as we receive written confirmation from the carrier, confirming the number of hours the baggage was delayed.

If the loss is permanent we will deduct the amount paid from the final amount to be paid under this section.

Special conditions relating to claims

- 1 You must report to the local Police in the country where the incident occurred within 24 hours of discovery, or as soon as possible after that and get (at your own expense) a written report of the loss, theft or attempted theft of all baggage and/or valuables.
- 2 If baggage and/or valuables are lost, stolen or damaged while in the care of a carrier, transport company, authority, hotel or your accommodation provider you must report details of the loss, theft or damage to them in writing and get (at your own expense) written confirmation.
- 3 If baggage is lost, stolen or damaged whilst in the care of an airline you must give written notice of the claim to the airline within the time limit contained in their conditions of carriage (please keep a copy).
- 4 You must provide (at your own expense) an original receipt or proof of ownership for items lost, stolen or damaged to help you to substantiate your claim.

X What is not covered

 The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each insured person (except claims under subsection 2 of What is covered).

- 2 Loss, theft of or damage to valuables left unattended at any time (including in a vehicle, in checked in luggage or while in the custody of a carrier, tour operator or public transport operator) unless deposited in a hotel safe, safety deposit box or left in your locked accommodation.
- 3 Loss, theft of or damage to baggage contained in an unattended vehicle:
 - a overnight between 9 pm and 9 am (local time) or
 - **b** at any time between 9 am and 9 pm (local time) unless:
 - i it is locked out of sight in a secure baggage area and
 - ii forcible and violent means have been used by an unauthorised person to gain entry into the vehicle and evidence of such entry is available.
- 4 Loss or damage due to delay, confiscation or detention by customs or any other authority.
- 5 Loss, theft of or damage to unset precious stones, contact or corneal lenses, hearing aids, dental or medical fittings, antiques, musical instruments, motor accessories, documents of any kind, bonds, securities, perishable goods (such as foodstuffs), bicycles, ski equipment, golf equipment and damage to suitcases (unless the suitcases are entirely unusable as a result of one single incidence of damage).
- 6 Loss or damage due to cracking, scratching, breakage of or damage to china, glass (other than glass in watch faces, cameras, binoculars or telescopes), porcelain or other brittle or fragile articles unless caused by fire, theft, or an accident to the aircraft, sea vessel, train or vehicle in which they are being carried.
- 7 Loss or damage due to breakage of sports equipment or damage to sports clothing whilst in use.
- 8 Loss, theft of or damage to business equipment, business goods, samples, tools of trade and other items used in connection with your business, trade, profession or occupation.
- 9 Loss or damage caused by wear and tear, depreciation (loss in value), atmospheric or climatic conditions, moth, vermin, any process of cleaning repairing or restoring, mechanical or electrical breakdown.
- 10 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at **your** own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1 A police report from the local Police in the country where the incident occurred for all loss, theft or attempted theft.
- 2 A Property Irregularity Report from the airline or a letter from the carrier where loss, theft or damage occurred in their custody.
- 3 A letter from your tour operator's representative, hotel or accommodation provider where appropriate.
- 4 All travel tickets and tags for submission.
- 5 Proof of ownership such as an original receipt, a valuation, original user manual or bank or credit card statements for items lost, stolen or damaged and for all items of clothing, medication and toiletries replaced if your baggage is temporarily lost in transit for more than 12 hours.
- 6 A letter from the carrier confirming the number of hours your baggage was delayed for.
- 7 Repair report where applicable.
- 8 Details of any household, travel or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section F – Personal money, passport and documents

✓ What is covered

1 We will pay you up to the amounts shown below for the accidental loss of, theft of or damage to personal money and documents (including the unused portion of passports, visas and driving licences). We will also cover foreign currency during the 72 hours immediately before your departure on the outward journey.

The maximum we will pay for the following items is:

- a £100 for bank notes, currency notes and coins
- ${\tt b}$ £50 for bank notes, currency notes and coins, if you are under the age of 16
- c £150 for all other personal money and documents (including the cost of the emergency replacement or temporary passport or visa obtained outside your home area and the value of the unused portion of your passport, visa or driving licence).
- 2 We will pay you up to £150 for reasonable additional travel and accommodation expenses necessarily incurred outside your home area to obtain a replacement of your passport or visa which has been lost or stolen outside your home area.

Special conditions relating to claims

- 1 You must report to the local Police in the country where the incident occurred within 24 hours of discovery or as soon as possible after that and get (at your own expense) a written report of the loss, theft or attempted theft of all personal money, passports or documents.
- 2 If personal money, passports or visas are lost, stolen or damaged while in the care of a hotel or your accommodation provider you must report details of the loss, theft or damage to them in writing and get (at your own expense) written confirmation. Keep all travel tickets and tags for submission if a claim is to be made under this policy.
- 3 If documents are lost, stolen or damaged while in the care of a carrier, transport company, authority, hotel or your accommodation provider you must report details of the loss, theft or damage to them in writing and get (at your own expense) written confirmation.
- 4 If documents are lost, stolen or damaged whilst in the care of an airline you must give formal written notice of the claim to the airline within the time limit set out in their conditions of carriage (please keep a copy).

X What is not covered

- 1 The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each insured person.
- 2 Loss, theft of or damage to personal money or your passport or visa if left unattended at any time (including in a vehicle, in checked in luggage or while in the custody of a carrier, tour operator or public transport operator) unless deposited in a hotel safe, safety deposit box or left in your locked accommodation.
- 3 Loss, theft of or damage to travellers' cheques if you have not complied with the issuer's conditions or where the issuer provides a replacement service.
- 4 Loss or damage due to delay, confiscation or detention by customs or any other authority.
- 5 Loss or damage due to depreciation (loss in value), variations in exchange rates or shortages due to error or omission.
- 6 Travel, event or entertainment tickets paid for using any airline mileage or supermarket reward scheme (for example Avios formerly known as Air Miles), unless evidence of specific monetary value can be provided.

- 7 Any additional travel and accommodation expenses incurred because you were unable to board the public transport on which you were booked to return to the United Kingdom or continue your trip as a result of the accidental loss of, theft of or damage to your passport and/or visa.
- 8 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1 A police report from the local Police in the country where the incident occurred for all loss, theft or attempted theft.
- 2 A letter from your tour operator's representative, hotel or accommodation provider where appropriate.
- 3 All travel tickets and tags for submission.
- 4 Proof of ownership such as an original receipt or bank or credit card statements for items lost, stolen or damaged.
- 5 Receipts or bills or proof of purchase for any transport and accommodation expenses claimed for.
- 6 Receipt for all currency and travellers cheques transactions.
- 7 Details of any household, travel or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section G – Personal liability

✓ What is covered

We will pay up to £1,000,000 (including legal costs and expenses) against any amount you become legally liable to pay as compensation for any claim or series of claims arising from any one event or source of original cause for accidental:

- 1 Bodily injury, death, illness or disease to any person who is not in your employment or who is not a close relative or persons residing with you but not paying for their accommodation.
- 2 Loss of or damage to property that does not belong to and is neither in the charge of nor under the control of you, a close relative and/or anyone in your employment other than any temporary holiday accommodation occupied (but not owned) by you.

Special conditions relating to claims

- 1 You must give us written notice of any incident, which may result in a claim as soon as possible.
- 2 You must send us every court claim form, summons, letter of claim or other document as soon as you receive it.
- 3 You must not admit any liability or pay, offer to pay, promise to pay or negotiate any claim without our permission in writing.
- 4 We will be entitled to take over and carry out in your name the defence of any claims for compensation or damages or otherwise against any third party. We will have full discretion in the conduct of any negotiation or proceedings or in the settlement of any claim and you will give us all necessary information and assistance which we may require.
- 5 If you die, your legal representative(s) will have the protection of this cover as long as they comply with the terms and conditions outlined in this policy.

X What is not covered

- 1 The first £150 of each and every claim, arising from the same incident claimed for under this section in relation to any temporary holiday accommodation occupied by **you**.
- 2 Compensation or legal costs arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a Liability which has been assumed by you under agreement (such as a hire agreement) unless the liability would have existed without the agreement.
 - b Pursuit of any business, trade, profession or occupation or the supply of goods or services.
 - Ownership, possession or use of mechanically propelled vehicles, aircraft or watercraft (other than surfboards or manually propelled rowing boats, punts or canoes).
 - d The transmission of any contagious or infectious disease or virus.
- Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at **your** own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1 Full details in writing of any incident.
- 2 Any court claim form, summons, letter of claim or other document must be sent to us as soon as you receive it.
- 3 Details of any household, travel or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section H – Delayed departure

Special definition relating to this section (which is shown in italics)

Package

means the pre-arranged combination of at least two of the following components when sold or offered for sale at an inclusive price and when the service covers a period of more than 24 hours or includes overnight accommodation:

- a transport
- b accommodation
- other tourist services not ancillary to transport or accommodation (such as car hire or airport parking) and accounting for a significant proportion of the package

as more fully described under The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tour Regulations 1992.

✓ What is covered

If the public transport on which you are booked to travel:

- 1 is delayed at the final departure point from or to the United Kingdom and in addition for residents of Northern Ireland any departure point in the Republic of Ireland (but not including delays to any subsequent outbound or return connecting public transport) for at least 12 hours from the scheduled time of departure, or
- 2 is cancelled before or after the scheduled time of departure as a result of any of the following events:
 - a strike or
 - b industrial action or
 - c adverse weather conditions or
 - d mechanical breakdown of or a technical fault occurring in the public transport on which you are booked to travel

we will pay you:

- 1 £10 for the first completed 12 hours delay and £10 for each full 12 hours delay after that, up to a maximum of £100 (which is meant to help you pay for telephone calls made and meals and refreshments purchased during the delay) provided you eventually travel, or
- 2 Up to £750 for your proportion only of any irrecoverable unused travel and accommodation costs and other pre-paid charges which you have paid or are contracted to pay, if:
 - a after a delay of at least 12 hours, or
 - b following cancellation, no suitable alternative public transport is provided within 12 hours of the scheduled time of departure

you choose to cancel your trip before departure from the United Kingdom and in addition for residents of Northern Ireland any departure point in the Republic of Ireland.

You can only claim under subsection 1. or 2. above for the same event, not both.

You can only claim under one of either Section H – Delayed departure or Section I – Missed departure cover for the same event. Depending on the cover you have selected, you should always check which section is more specific to the event and/or provides the highest level of cover before claiming.

Special conditions relating to claims

- 1 You must check in according to the itinerary given to you unless your tour operator has requested you not to travel to the departure point.
- 2 You must get written confirmation (at your own expense) from the carriers (or their handling agents) of the cancellation, number of hours of delay and the reason for these together with confirmation of your check in times and details of any alternative transport offered.
- 3 You must comply with the terms of contract of the travel agent, tour operator, carrier or transport provider and seek financial compensation, assistance or a refund of your ticket from them in accordance with such terms and/or (where applicable) your rights under EU Air Passenger Rights legislation in the event of cancellation or long delay of flights.
- 4 Where applicable you must get (at your own expense) written confirmation from the public transport operator (or their handling agents) and/or provider of accommodation (or their booking agents) that compensation, assistance or reimbursement of any costs, charges and expenses incurred by you will not be provided and the reason for this.

X What is not covered

- 1 The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each **insured person** under subsection 2. of What is covered.
- 2 Claims arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a Strike or industrial action existing or being publicly announced by the date you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.
 - b An aircraft or sea vessel being withdrawn from service (temporary or otherwise) on the recommendation of the Civil Aviation Authority, Port Authority or any such regulatory body in a country to/from which you are travelling.
 - c Any delays to any subsequent outbound or return connecting public transport following your departure from the final departure point from or to the United Kingdom and in addition for residents of Northern Ireland any departure point in the Republic of Ireland.
 - d Volcanic eruptions and/or volcanic ash clouds.

- 3 For subsection 2. only of What is covered:
 - a Travel tickets paid for using any airline mileage or supermarket reward scheme (for example Avios formerly known as Air Miles), unless evidence of specific monetary value can be provided.
 - b Accommodation costs paid for using any Timeshare, Holiday Property Bond or other holiday points scheme. In addition any property maintenance costs or fees incurred by you, as part of your involvement in such schemes is not covered.
 - c Any costs incurred by you which are recoverable from the providers of the accommodation, their booking agents (or the administrators of either) or for which you receive or are expected to receive compensation or reimbursement.
 - d Any costs incurred by you which are recoverable from the public transport operator or for which you receive or are expected to receive compensation, damages, refund of tickets, meals, refreshments, accommodation, transfers, communication facilities or other assistance.
 - Any costs incurred by you which are recoverable from your credit/ debit card provider or for which you receive or are expected to receive compensation or re-imbursement.
 - f Any travel and accommodation costs, charges and expenses where the public transport operator has offered reasonable alternative travel arrangements within 12 hours of the scheduled time of departure.
 - g Any cost if your trip was booked as part of a package holiday except for any pre-paid costs or charges which do not form part of your package holiday.
- 4 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- 1 Full details of the travel itinerary supplied to you.
- 2 Written confirmation from the carriers (or their handling agents) of the cancellation, number of hours of delay and the reason for these together with confirmation of your check in times and details of any alternative transport offered.
- 3 In the case of cancellation claims, your booking confirmation together with written details from your travel agent, tour operator or provider of transport/accommodation of the separate costs of transport, accommodation and other pre-paid costs or charges that made up the total cost of the trip.
- 4 Your unused travel tickets.
- 5 Receipts or bills for any transport, accommodation or other costs, charges or expenses claimed for.
- 6 Where applicable written confirmation from the public transport operator (or their handling agents) and/or provider of accommodation (or their booking agents) that compensation, assistance or reimbursement of any costs, charges and expenses incurred by you will not be provided and the reason for this.
- 7 Details of any travel or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section I – Missed departure (only applicable if you eventually travel)

✓ What is covered

We will pay you up to £300 for reasonable additional accommodation (room only) and travel expenses necessarily incurred in reaching your overseas destination or returning to the United Kingdom, if you fail to arrive at the departure point (including for residents of Northern Ireland any departure point in the Republic of Ireland) in time to board the public transport on which you are booked to travel on for the initial international outbound and return legs only of the trip as a result of:

- 1 the failure of other public transport or
- 2 an accident to or breakdown of the vehicle in which you are travelling or
- 3 an accident or breakdown happening ahead of you on a public road which causes an unexpected delay to the vehicle in which you are travelling or
- 4 strike, industrial action or adverse weather conditions.

If the same expenses are also covered under Section H – Delayed departure you can only claim under one section for the same event. Depending on the cover you have selected, you should always check which section is more specific to the event and/or provides the highest level of cover before claiming.

Special conditions relating to claims

1 You must allow enough time for the **public transport** or other transport to arrive on schedule and to deliver you to the departure point.

X What is not covered

- 1 The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each insured person.
- 2 Claims arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a Strike or industrial action existing or being publicly announced by the date you purchased this insurance or at the time of booking any trip.
 - **b** An accident to or breakdown of the vehicle in which **you** are travelling when a repairers report or other evidence is not provided.
 - c Breakdown of any vehicle owned by you which has not been serviced properly and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
 - d An aircraft or sea vessel being withdrawn from service (temporary or otherwise) on the recommendation of the Civil Aviation Authority, Port Authority or any such regulatory body in a country to/from which you are travelling.
 - e Your failure to arrive at the departure point in time to board any connecting public transport after your departure on the initial international outbound and return legs of the trip.
 - f Volcanic eruptions and/or volcanic ash clouds (except claims under subsection 1. of What is covered).
 - g Trips solely within the United Kingdom.
- 3 Additional expenses where the scheduled public transport operator has offered reasonable alternative travel arrangements within 12 hours of the scheduled time of departure.
- 4 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- A letter from the public transport provider detailing the reasons for failure.
- 2 A letter from the relevant **public transport** provider, carrier or authority confirming details of the strike, industrial action or adverse weather conditions.
- 3 Your unused travel tickets.

Section I – Missed departure continued

- 4 Receipts or bills or proof of purchase for any transport, accommodation or other costs, charges or expenses claimed for.
- 5 In the case of an accident to or breakdown of the vehicle in which you are travelling a repairers or breakdown company's report or other evidence from the relevant highway authority or local authority.
- 6 In the case of the breakdown of any vehicle owned by you a copy of the last service report confirming that the vehicle has been serviced properly and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 7 Details of any travel or other insurance under which you could also claim.

Section J – Legal expenses and assistance

✓ What is covered

We will pay up to £5,000 for legal costs to pursue a civil action for compensation, against someone else who causes **you bodily injury**, illness or death.

Where there are two or more **insured persons** insured by this policy, then the maximum amount **we** will pay for all such claims shall not exceed $\pm 10,000$.

Special conditions relating to claims

- We shall have complete control over the legal case through agents we nominate, by appointing agents of our choice on your behalf with the expertise to pursue your claim.
- 2 You must follow our agent's advice and provide any information and assistance required within a reasonable timescale.
- 3 You must advise us of any offers of settlement made by the negligent third party and you must not accept any such offer without our permission.
- 4 We may include a claim for our legal costs and other related expenses.
- 5 We may, at our own expense, take proceedings in your name to recover compensation from any third party for any legal costs incurred under this policy. You must give us any assistance we require from you and any amount recovered shall belong to us.

X What is not covered

- 1 The first £100 of each and every claim, per incident claimed for, under this section by each insured person.
- 2 Any claim where in **our** opinion there is insufficient prospect of success in obtaining reasonable compensation.
- 3 Legal costs and expenses incurred in pursuit of any claim against any TUI Group company, us, AXA Assistance or their agents, someone you were travelling with, a person related to you, or another insured person.
- 4 Legal costs and expenses incurred prior to **our** written acceptance of the case.
- 5 Any claim where the legal costs and expenses are likely to be greater than the anticipated amount of compensation.
- 6 Any claim where legal costs and expenses are variable depending on the outcome of the claim.
- 7 Legal costs and expenses incurred if an action is brought in more than one country.
- 8 Any claim where in **our** opinion the estimated amount of compensation payment is less than £1,000 for each **insured person**.
- 9 Travel, accommodation and incidental costs incurred to pursue a civil action for compensation.
- 10 The costs of any Appeal.
- 11 Claims by you other than in your private capacity.
- 12 Anything mentioned in What is not covered applicable to all sections of the policy.

Claims evidence

We will require (at your own expense) the following evidence where relevant:

- Relevant documentation and evidence to support your claim, including photographic evidence.
- 2 Details of any travel or other insurance under which you could also claim.

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 from which you purchased it.

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 South Quay Plaza 183 Marsh Wall London E14 9SR

Tel: 0300 123 9123 or 0800 023 4567 Fax: 020 7964 1001

Email: 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.

Important telephone numbers

Customer helpline	0845 366 2212
Online support team	0845 366 2212
Medical screening	0845 366 2216 or
	www.yourmedicalscreening.co.uk

All claims (excluding legal expenses) 0845 366 2217

Medical assistance and/or repatriation claims +44 845 366 2215 Or if **you** are in a country that does not accept the above international phone number please call +44 203 285 7998.

Legal expenses only

0845 366 2214

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