



Information Bulletin – Comcover Statement of Cover 2021-22

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Comcover Statement of Cover 2021-22 – Key Changes

The *Comcover Statement of Cover 2021-22* (the Statement of Cover) takes effect from 1 July 2021 and supersedes the *Comcover Statement of Cover 2020-21*. It is important that you, as the Fund Member, carefully read the Statement of Cover and understand the changes that may affect the level and extent of your cover.

The Statement of Cover is a statement of the policy under which Comcover manages and settles claims for funding losses on behalf of Fund Members and the Commonwealth more generally.

As always, your Relationship Manager is available to provide guidance and advice in response to any queries you may have.

Notable changes in the Statement of Cover include:

CHAPTER 1 – PREAMBLE

3. Conditions of cover – Retroactive date

- 1(d) New subsection added to clarify the retroactive date of 1 July 1998, unless shown otherwise in a Fund Member’s Schedule of Cover, relating to Directors’ and Officers’ Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance covers.

3. Conditions of cover – Excess

- 5(d) The wording ‘which occur during any 120 hour period’ has been removed to reflect that specifying a period may not be practical in certain circumstances e.g. declared bushfire event which may extend for a longer period.

CHAPTER 2 – STATEMENT OF COVER

5. Defined terms

New term: Added a definition for ‘Director’ to clarify what the term is intended to capture. This includes providing a cross-reference to the definition of a director under section 9 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for Fund Members that are Commonwealth companies. Previously, directors were described under the definition of ‘Officer’ in the Statement of Cover.

Officer: For a Commonwealth company or its subsidiary, added ‘company secretary’ to clarify that the definition is intended to capture these individuals.

Property: Under the list of excluded types of properties, have added ‘registered motor vehicles’ to clarify that the definition is not intended to capture registered motor vehicles. These assets are covered under the Motor Vehicle class.

CHAPTER 4 – PROPERTY

11. Business Interruption

- 1(c) Added a footnote to clarify the intent of cover that a competent authority must be external to the Fund Member.

CHAPTER 5 – MOTOR VEHICLE

12. Motor Vehicle

- 4(e) Clarification that Comcover will pay for the removal costs of sign writing or fixed advertising signs or materials that form part of a Fund Member’s vehicle at the time of loss, destruction or damage.
- 6(e) Added a new section to clarify that Comcover will not pay for losses where a Fund Member’s motor vehicle or substitute motor vehicle is being used for hire or reward.

CHAPTER 6 – PERSONAL ACCIDENT AND TRAVEL

17. Personal Effects and Travel Inside Country

- 3 Deleted the exclusion as already covered under section 18(2)(k) in Chapter 7 – General Exclusions.

Note: This is only a summary of the key changes between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Statement of Cover. This summary is not definitive and decisions relating to coverage in specific circumstances will be determined in accordance with the wording of the Statement of Cover.

If you require any further information, please contact your Relationship Manager at Comcover on 1800 651 540 (selecting option 3).