



# Information Bulletin – Comcover Statement of Cover 2025-26

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### Introduction and Purpose

This bulletin outlines the key updates to the Comcover Statement of Cover for 2025–26, which takes effect from 1 July 2025 and replaces the previous 2024–25 version.

As a Fund Member, it is important that you review the updated Statement of Cover to understand how these changes may affect your coverage, obligations, and claims processes.

The bulletin presents changes in a structured format, referencing:

- Chapter number and heading
- Section number and heading
- Sub-section number (where applicable)
- Explanation of the change.

### What is the Statement of Cover?

The Statement of Cover defines the scope of coverage, eligibility for membership to Comcover, and the responsibilities of Fund Members. It is the official policy under which Comcover manages and settles claims for funding losses on behalf of Fund Members.

### Need assistance?

Your Comcover Relationship Manager is available to provide support and answer any questions you may have regarding these updates. You can reach Comcover at 1800 651 540 (selecting option 3).

## Chapter 1 – Preamble

### Section 1(2) – Overview

The Statement of Cover has been updated to reflect the Government’s 2024-25 Budget decision to cap the amount funded by Comcover for a single ‘claim’ or ‘event’ at \$100 million and provide reference to the process for claims and events exceeding this amount.

A new term, event, has also been added to the definitions in Section 5 to clarify what constitutes an event under Comcover's policy.

### **Section 3 – Conditions of Cover**

#### *Subsection (2)(c)(vii) – Obligations of Fund Members*

Fund Members are now expected to ensure that both replacement values and location details of assets are recorded accurately. This aligns with the updated definition of Assets Schedule in section 5.

#### *Subsection (2)(c)(x) – Participation Expectations*

Comcover encourages Fund Members to actively participate in its forums. Two events have been added to the list of expected engagements:

- Commonwealth Risk Managers' Forum
- Comcover Legal Liability Community of Practice.

These forums provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, learning, and staying informed about best practices in risk management and legal liability.

## **Chapter 2 – Statement of Cover**

### **Section 4(2) – Eligibility Clarification**

This section has been revised to remove references to 'internal policies and the Accountable Authority Instructions.' These documents do not restrict Fund Members from maintaining insurance cover with Comcover.

Eligibility reminder: All Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies subject to the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and classified under the General Government Sector remain eligible for membership in the Comcover Scheme.

### **Section 5 – Defined Terms**

A number of definitions have been updated or added to improve clarity and alignment with legislative references:

- Comcover: Now aligned with the definition in Section 4 of the *PGPA Act Determination (Comcover Special Account 2018)* (the Determination). It clarifies that Comcover is administered by the Department of Finance to protect Fund Members from losses covered by the Commonwealth Insurance Policy.
- Comcover Insurance Policy (new): Defined as comprising both the Statement of Cover and the Schedule of Cover, consistent with Section 4 of the Determination.

- Comcover Fund: Updated to reflect that references to the Fund should be interpreted in line with the Determination.
- Event (new): Introduced to define what constitutes an ‘event’ under Comcover, particularly in relation to financial limits.
- Fund Member: Revised to include Commonwealth entities and Commonwealth companies named on the Fund Member’s Schedule of Cover, aligning with the Determination.
- Loss: Updated to align with the insuring clauses in Chapter 3 – Liability.
- Motor Vehicle: Added the words ‘fixed operational modifications’ to clarify that these modifications form part of the motor vehicle and are reflected in the market value of the motor vehicle.
- Total Loss (new): Added to clarify what ‘total loss’ means in the context of motor vehicle claims under section 12.

## Chapter 4 – Property

### Section 8(1) – Definition Update

The term ‘event’ has now been bolded in this section to reflect its status as a defined term under Section 5 of the Statement of Cover. This change ensures consistency with the updated definition and clarifies the scope of what constitutes an event under Comcover’s policy.

The definition of ‘event’ helps determine how property losses are grouped and assessed, particularly in relation to the financial limits of the Comcover Fund.

## Chapter 5 – Motor Vehicle

### Section 12(1) – Insurable Loss Definition

This section now clearly states that Comcover will either:

- pay reasonable repair costs, or
- declare a total loss and pay the replacement cost,

when a motor vehicle owned or leased by a Fund Member is lost, destroyed, or damaged.

### Section 12(2)(a) – Total Loss Clarification

The wording has been refined to explain how Comcover responds to total loss scenarios. A new paragraph now separately addresses cases where the vehicle is not a total loss.

### **Section 12(2)(g) – Windscreen and Window Glass**

The previous provision stating that no excess would apply for windscreen or window glass damage has been removed. From 2025-26, an excess will apply to these claims due to the rising cost of repairs.

### **Section 12(3) – Hire Car Coverage**

A footnote has been added to clarify that this subsection applies only to hire cars not covered under the whole-of-Australian Government Vehicle Rental Service Arrangement. Under this arrangement, rental companies are required to provide comprehensive insurance.

## **Chapter 6 – Personal Accident and Travel**

### **Section 16(1) – Expatriate Coverage Clarification**

A footnote has been added to clarify that Comcover will not reimburse expenses that have already been covered through an allowance or reimbursement provided by the Fund Member. This ensures there is no duplication of payments and aligns with Comcover's funding principles.

### **Section 17(1)(a) – Domestic Travel Coverage**

The word 'baggage' has been added to this section to clarify that coverage includes baggage claims for domestic travel, not just personal effects. This update ensures that Fund Members understand the full scope of coverage available for travel within Australia.