

Occupier Tenant Direct Ltd, Park View 14 New Road SOUTHAMPTON SO14 0AY

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Dear Policy Holder,

#### Your Insurance Backed Guarantee

We've been asked to issue you with an Insurance Backed Guarantee by your contractor, The Window Company Ltd, in respect of the home improvement work recently carried out at your property. This has been requested by them either because they have self-certified the installation for Building Regulations compliance; or to ensure that their written guarantee can be honoured in the event that they have ceased trading.

We just want to draw to your attention some key details, in case you have any concerns over how this insurance Backed Guarantee was requested or how it was paid for:

- Your Insurance Backed Guarantee was paid for by your contractor; we DO NOT have any bank or payment details for you; and we will NOT request payment details from you;
- You have the right to cancel your Insurance Backed Guarantee; please see the Your Right to Cancel section in the Policy of Insurance;
- We group work types together into general categories, so what is detailed on the Schedule of your Policy of Insurance may not exactly match the home improvement works carried out by your contractor; for example, we may generalise Double Glazing to encompass Doors, Windows & Doors, Windows etc;
- Minor spelling errors in the Policy Holder name/title section do not require to be updated and will not invalidate your Insurance Backed Guarantee;
- If you sell your property, your insurance Backed Guarantee can be passed to the new owners please see the Policy Transferability section of the Policy of Insurance document attached which explains how;
- Should you need to make a claim on your Insurance Backed Guarantee, please see the How to Make a
  Claim section of the Policy of Insurance document attached which explains how;
- Your Insurance Backed Guarantee is underwritten by a UK based insurer, Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd.

For full details on the coverage provided by your Insurance Backed Guarantee, please read the other documents enclosed or for more information on us, or our insurer, please visit the following websites:

www.qanw.co.uk www.gp-insurance.co.uk

We hope that this clarifies the matters for you; however, if you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

**QANW** Operations Team

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## INSURANCE BACKED GUARANTEE POLICY OF INSURANCE

## **POLICY SCHEDULE**

#### **Policy Holder**

Occupier Tenant Direct Ltd, Park View 14 New Road SOUTHAMPTON SO14 0AY

Policy Number: GFFC14225559 Insured Works: Double Glazing Contract Value: £8,880,00

Contractor: The Window Company Ltd

Completion Date: 31/05/2022

Property: 83 Tennyson Road, SOUTHAMPTON, SO17 2HG

Excess: £50



Congratulations on the completion of Your recent home improvement works.

An Insurance Backed Guarantee is designed to protect **You** against the unforeseen costs that **You** might incur in order to rectify a **Defect** in the **Insured Works** or to rectify a breach of the **Building Regulations** in the **Insured Works**; in the event that the original **Contractor** that installed the **Insured Works** has **Ceased Trading** and is unable to honour their obligations to **You**.

This **Policy** sets out the terms of the insurance contract between **You** and **GPI**. **You** should read through the **Policy** carefully to ensure that **You** understand it, and that it is suitable for **Your** needs. The **Policy** explains the protection that **You** have in full, although if **You** do not understand anything **You** can contact **QANW** to check this.

#### **Our Contact Details**

If You have an enquiry relating to this Policy, You should contact QANW. You can contact Us via e-mail to <a href="mailto:info@qanw.co.uk">info@qanw.co.uk</a>; in writing to QANW, PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ; via Telephone on 01292 268020 during office hours, or You can visit Our website at www.qanw.co.uk

When You contact Us to make an enquiry, You should be ready to tell Us the Policy Number, shown in the Policy Schedule, so that We can assist You as quickly as possible.

#### Important Information for You to Note

You should check that the information shown within the Policy Schedule is correct. If the information shown is correct, You do not need to take any action. However, if it is incorrect, You should contact QANW to advise Us of the amendments that may be required. We may ask that You return the Policy documentation to Us for amendment.

For You to be eligible to benefit from the cover provided by this Policy, You must be the owner of the Property and also be the beneficiary of a Written Guarantee.

As part of the claims process, **QANW** will expect **You** to be able to supply **Us** with a copy of the **Written Guarantee** provided in respect of the **Insured Works** and also be able to evidence ownership of the **Property** where requested. If **You** cannot provide this evidence, and in particular provide **Us** with a copy of a **Written Guarantee**, **We** may decline **Your** claim.

## Your Right to Cancel

You have the right to cancel this **Policy** within 14 days of receipt, if **You** decide that it is not required. **You** can do so by providing written notice to **Us** at QANW of PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ. When doing so, **You** should return the **Policy** documentation to **Us**, and **We** will confirm both receipt and cancellation of cover to **You**.

Where the insurance premium has been paid to **Us** by someone other than **You** (i.e. the **Contractor**) or if **You** have intimated a claim, then no refund of premium will be made when the **Policy** is cancelled.

If You cancel the Policy, You will not be able to make any claim to Us at any time in the future



QUALITY ASSURED NATIONAL WARRANTIES

### The Meaning of Key Words Used in this Policy

When the following words and phrases appear in the Policy, they have the meanings given below. These words are highlighted by the use of bold print.

- "Alternative Firm" means a replacement supplier or installer instructed by Us and/or GPI to rectify a Defect and/or a breach of the Building Regulations identified in the Insured Works.
- "Building Regulations" means the building regulations of the jurisdiction in which the Insured Works are located at the time of the Completion Date.
- "Ceased Trading" means ceasing to trade by reason of Liquidation (whether voluntary or involuntary), Receivership, Administration, Strike-Off or Dissolution in respect of a Limited company, Bankruptcy, Retirement, total incapacity or death of the principal(s) in the case of a Sole Trader or Partnership, or any other reason where suitable proof can be exhibited to Us and/or GPI to confirm that the Contractor is no longer trading in any shape or form.
- "Competent Person" means a Contractor who, at the time of the Completion Date, is a member of a scheme, permitting the Contractor to self-certify that installations carried out by them comply with the Building Regulations (as an alternative to either submitting a building notice; using an approved inspector through Local Authority Building Control; or some other means of complying with the Building Regulations).
- "Completion Date" means the date on which the Insured Works were practically completed, all monies were paid across to the Contractor (with the exception of any agreed retention), and also the date upon which the Written Guarantee becomes effective.
- "Contractor" means the supplier or installer of the Insured Works named on the Policy Schedule, who has issued a Written Guarantee to You.
- "Contract Value" means the full price of the installation of the Insured Works paid by You, shown in the Policy Schedule.
- "Defect" means a physical fault or error in the Insured Works which was caused by the defective workmanship of the Contractor or defective materials which were supplied by the Contractor, but which will only form the basis of a valid claim where it is specifically stated as being an item covered by the Written Guarantee provided to You by the Contractor.
- "Excess" means the first amount of £50 in respect of each and every claim, for which You are responsible.
- "GPI, Insurer" means Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd of One Fleet Place, London, England, EC4M 7WS.
- "Insured Works" means the work described in the Policy Schedule, which was carried out by the Contractor on Your behalf and can be evidenced by a contract and/or specification of work; and for which the Written Guarantee was issued to You in respect of.
- "Policy" means this contract of insurance between You and GPI.
- "Property" means the dwelling in which the Insured Works are situated, which is owned by You.
- "QANW, Us, We, Our" means Warranty Services Ltd trading as QANW of PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ.
- "Written Guarantee" means the written commitment from the Contractor to rectify a Defect in the Insured Works; and issued by the Contractor to You.
- "You, Your, Policy Holder" means the person or body corporate named in the Policy Schedule.

#### What is Covered

#### **SECTION 1: INSURANCE BACKED GUARANTEE COVER**

On behalf of GPI, We agree to indemnify You in respect of the cost of making good a Defect in the Insured Works where the Contractor has Ceased Trading and is consequently unable to rectify such a Defect subject to the terms of the Written Guarantee issued to You. A Defect is considered to be a physical fault or error in the Insured Works which was caused by the defective workmanship of the Contractor or defective materials which were supplied by the Contractor, but which will only form the basis of a claim where it is specifically stated as being covered by the Written Guarantee provided to the Policy Holder by the Contractor.

To do so, We will arrange for the repair of the Insured Works; the replacement of the Insured Works; or pay in cash the amount of the proven loss or damage to You. We will confirm to You which action is to be taken and shall arrange this on GPI's behalf.

#### **SECTION 2: BREACH OF BUILDING REGULATIONS COVER**

On behalf of GPI, We agree to indemnify You in respect of the cost of making good a breach of the Building Regulations in the Insured Works where the Contractor has Ceased Trading and is consequently unable to rectify such a breach of the Building Regulations. This element of cover only applies where the Insured Works are replacement windows, doors, rooflights and roof windows installed within an existing domestic dwelling; where the Contractor was a Competent Person at the time of the Completion Date; and where the Contractor self-certified the Insured Works as being compliant with the Building Regulations.

To do so, We will arrange for the repair of the Insured Works; the replacement of the Insured Works; or pay in cash the amount of the proven loss or damage to You. We will confirm to You which action is to be taken and shall arrange this on GPI's behalf.

#### The Duration that this Policy is Effective for

#### **SECTION 1: INSURANCE BACKED GUARANTEE COVER**

In respect of the rectification of a Defect in the Insured Works; this section of cover comes into effect on the Completion Date and shall run for a period of 10 years, or the period stated in the Contractor's Written Guarantee, whichever is the lesser of those periods. Where the Contractor's Written Guarantee provides cover for a particular Defect for a period shorter than the overall period of cover set out in the Contractor's Written Guarantee; this Policy shall provide cover for that particular Defect for the shorter period.

#### **SECTION 2: BREACH OF BUILDING REGULATIONS COVER**

In respect of the rectification of a breach of the Building Regulations evident in the Insured Works; this section of cover comes into effect on the Completion Date and shall run for a period of 6 years.

## Financial Limits of this Policy

The maximum amount payable in respect of all claims made against this **Policy** will not exceed the **Contract Value** as stated in the Policy Schedule. This financial limit is used up as **We** accept claims. If **You** are not the first owner of the **Property**, the financial limit may already have been partly or fully used up by claims from previous owners.

Any costs incurred that amount to more than the financial limit of this Policy will be Your responsibility.

## What is Not Covered

Your Insurance Backed Guarantee does not protect You against every event or circumstance – it only protects You against the events covered in this Policy. You cannot claim under this Policy for any of the following, or for anything resulting from any of them:

- 1. any loss or damage that You would not have been able recover under the Contractor's Written Guarantee;
- 2. any loss or damage where You are unable to supply a Written Guarantee;
- 3. any loss or damage where the Contractor has not Ceased Trading
- 4. any loss incurred by You which is above the Financial Limits of this Policy;
- 5. the first £50 of each and every claim under this Policy, which is the Excess;
- 6. any loss or damage that does not relate specifically to the physical rectification of the Insured Works;
- 7. any loss or damage to any part of Your Property, caused by the Contractor, which does not form part of the Insured Works;
- the cost of routine maintenance, overhaul or modifications to the Insured Works or loss or damage arising therefrom;
   any loss or damage to the Insured Works caused by any peril capable of being insured under a commercial property, household
- or similar insurance, including but not limited to fire, lightning, explosion, storm, tempest, flood, malicious damage, accidental damage, subsidence, landslip or heave; whether or not such insurance is effective or in force at the time;
- 10. any loss incurred by You for which compensation or recourse is provided by legislation, particularly where You made payment to the Contractor via a credit card or finance agreement, and You have rights under the Consumer Credit Act 1974;
- 11. any loss of use, consequential loss or any other costs that are directly or indirectly caused by the event which led to a claim, unless specifically stated in this **Policy**;
- 12. any loss or damage caused by fair, wear and tear or the discolouration of the insured Works;
- 13. any loss or damage which is due to a neglect in the maintenance of the Insured Works;
- 14. any loss or damage to the **Insured Works** in respect of items of door and window furniture, locks, hinges, handles, tracks, runners, mountings, mechanisms and trims where that loss or damage becomes apparent more than 2 years after the **Completion Date**, unless the **Written Guarantee** explicitly states that an item of this nature is covered for a longer period;
- 15. breakage of glass for any reason;
- 16. the rectification of the defective design of the Insured Works;
- 17. any remedial work, which may be the subject of a claim under this Policy, undertaken to the Insured Works without Our consent;
- 18. any Defect discovered or reported to the Contractor more than 6 months before the Contractor Ceased Trading;
- 19. any Defect discovered or reported to the Contractor prior to the Contractor having Ceased Trading; where You refused the Contractor access to the Insured Works and/or refused the Contractor the opportunity to rectify the Defect;
- 20. any additional costs caused by Your failure to notify a claim as soon as reasonably possible, which has resulted in additional costs being required to rectify a Defect, which will be Your sole responsibility;
- 21. any loss or damage to the **Insured Works**, where they are specifically shown as a Conservatory or an Orangery within the Policy Schedule, in respect of any brick work, base work, foundations or below ground level structural works, where that loss or damage becomes apparent more than 2 years after the **Completion Date**.
- 22. any loss or damage caused by defective materials which were provided to You by a party other than the Contractor;
- 23. any loss, damage, liability or expense caused by the malicious use, by any party, of computers, computer viruses, computer code, spyware, malware, or electronic systems;
- 24. any loss, or damage caused by, or arising as a result of, failure by You to secure against unauthorised access or control, any networked devices which are a part of -or connected to any part of- the **Insured Works**.
- 25. where the **Insured Works** are a solid or tiled conservatory roof system (such as a "guardian roof", or a similar conservatory roof system which is not comprised primarily of glazing); any loss, damage or failure in conservatory frames or other load bearing structures in a conservatory. **You** shall be responsible for such losses, damages and failures.

## **Policy Conditions**

There are a number of conditions that You must adhere to for this Policy to be effective and these are as follows:

- 1. It is a condition precedent to liability that the Contractor has Ceased Trading. Therefore, no claim can be made to Us under this Policy unless the Contractor has Ceased Trading.
- Where a Defect or a breach of the Building Regulations is evident in the Insured Works and the Contractor has not Ceased Trading, You should immediately arrange for the Contractor to rectify that Defect or breach of the Building Regulations.
- 3. It is a condition precedent to liability that You are the beneficiary of the Written Guarantee. Therefore, You shall not receive any benefit under this Policy unless You are the beneficiary of the Written Guarantee.
- 4. You need to take all reasonable precautions to avoid losses that are or may be recoverable under this Policy. This includes, but is not limited to, allowing the Contractor access to Your Property and the Insured Works in order to assess or rectify them, whilst they are trading; notifying a potential claim to Us as soon as practically possible when You become aware of it; and taking any actions which will minimise any loss that could be suffered in the event of a Defect or a breach of the Building Regulations occurring.
- 5. Your benefit under this Policy will be forfeited if You or anyone acting on Your behalf knowingly provides fraudulent information or makes a fraudulent claim.
- 6. GPI may at its expense take such proceedings as it sees fit in Your name in order to enforce any rights and remedies against or obtain relief or indemnity from other parties to which GPI shall be or may become entitled or subrogated under this Policy; and You shall at GPI's request and expense do such acts and things as may reasonably be required by GPI.
- 7. Where **You** hold this **Policy** for reasons mainly related to **Your** business, trade or profession; **We**, on behalf of **GPI**, shall have no liability to pay damages to **You** for late payment of a claim under this **Policy**, unless **We** fail deliberately or recklessly to pay the claim within a reasonable time.



Unless agreed to the contrary by You and GPI, this Policy will be governed by the laws of the legal jurisdiction in which the Property is situated.

#### **Policy Transferability**

If You sell the Property, the benefit of this Policy will pass to a subsequent owner; providing that the Contractor's Written Guarantee states that it is transferable. Where the Written Guarantee states that it is transferable to a subsequent owner of the Property, You should pass both this Policy and a copy of the Written Guarantee on to the subsequent owner for their retention.

If You are a subsequent owner, You must ensure that You have a copy of the Contractor's Written Guarantee; as You will require to provide this as evidence as part of any claim submission that You make to Us. There is no requirement for a replacement Policy to be issued; however, You can contact Us to discuss this if You require a Policy in Your name. A small administration fee may be chargeable if You wish Us to issue a duplicate copy of the Policy.

#### How to Make a Claim

If You identify a **Defect** or a breach of the **Building Regulations** in the **Insured Works**, You should immediately report this to the **Contractor**, who is obliged to honour the terms of their **Written Guarantee** to You for its duration. Remember, You need to allow the **Contractor** the opportunity to rectify a **Defect** and/or a breach of the **Building Regulations**; and this involves providing reasonable access to the **Property** and **Insured Works**.

It is important to remember that **We** cannot accept a claim for the rectification of a **Defect** or a breach of the **Building Regulations** whilst the **Contractor** is still trading.

If You cannot contact the Contractor and find that they have Ceased Trading, You should contact Us within 30 days by e-mailing claims@qanw.co.uk in order to intimate a claim. Alternatively, You can contact Us by telephoning 01292 268020 during office hours, or by writing to The Claims Department, QANW, PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ.

Please remember to notify a potential claim to **Us** as soon as possible; as if **You** do not notify us within 30 days, it could affect the outcome of a claim.

As part of the claims process, **We** will request that **You** complete a short claim form in order to advise **Us** about the detail of the claim that **You** are making. This information will be used to validate the claim. **You** will also need to be able to supply **Us** with copies of the following documentation along with a completed claim form: a copy of this **Policy**; a copy of the **Contractor's Written Guarantee**; evidence that **You** are the owner of the **Property** (where requested); and any other information relating to the **Insured Works** that **We** may require.

Upon receipt of a complete claim submission from **You**, **We** may instruct an **Alternative Firm** to carry out a survey in respect of the **Insured Works** in order to determine if a **Defect** or a breach of **Building Regulations** has occurred. Alternatively, **We** may request that **You** obtain a quotation for remedial works, detailing the cause of the issue identified.

If a survey confirms that a **Defect** or a breach of **Building Regulations** has occurred, and a valid claim is accepted by **Us**, on behalf of **GPI We** will then either arrange for the **repair** of the **Insured Works**; to replace the **Insured Works**; or pay in cash the amount of the proven loss or damage to **You**. **We** will confirm to **You** which action is to be undertaken; and confirm how **You** can pay **Your Excess**.

It is important to remember that all replacement or remedial work which forms part of a valid claim must be undertaken by an **Alternative Firm** instructed by **Us** on behalf of **GPI**. Where any betterment occurs as part of a claim, **You** will be responsible for the extra costs involved in respect of that betterment.

If **We** do not accept that a claim is valid under the terms of this **Policy**; **We** will explain the reasons why the claim has not been accepted to **You**. If **You** are unhappy with this decision, **You** will have the right to make a complaint to **GP!**.

#### What to do if You Want to Make a Complaint

We hope that You will be happy with the protection that the Policy provides, however if for any reason, You are unhappy, GPI would like to know about this.

If You wish to make a complaint in relation to this Policy, You should contact GPI via e-mail to <a href="mailto:complaints@gp-insurance.co.uk">co.uk</a>; or in writing to The Complaints Department, GPI, PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ; or via telephone on 01292 268020 or You can visit GPI's website at <a href="mailto:www.gp-insurance.co.uk">www.gp-insurance.co.uk</a>. GPI will provide You with details of the complaints process and attempt to resolve any issue that You may have.

If **GPI** are unable to resolve **Your** complaint, **You** can then approach The Financial Ombudsman Service in writing to FOS, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR; via telephone on 0800 023 4567 or **You** can visit the Financial Ombudsman Service's website at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

There are some instances where the Financial Ombudsman Service is unable to consider complaints: This procedure will not prejudice **Your** right to take legal proceedings.

#### **Your Duty of Disclosure**

If this **Policy** was purchased for reasons unrelated to **Your** trade, business or profession: Subject to Section 2 of the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012, it is **Your** duty to have taken reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to **Us**. Either a deliberate, reckless, or careless misrepresentation made by **You** may entitle **GPI** to seek remedies from **You** in respect of any claims paid.

If this **Policy** was purchased for reasons related to **Your** trade, business or profession: Subject to Section 3 of the Insurance Act 2015, it is **Your** duty to have made a fair presentation of the risk to **Us**. A qualifying breach of fair presentation made by **You** may entitle **GPI** to seek remedies from **You** in respect of any claims paid.

Warranty Services Limited is registered in Scotland, with the registered address of 1 George Square, Glasgow, Scotland, G2 1AL. Company registration number SC205797.

Warranty Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Firm Reference Number 309580

Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd is registered in England as a Limited Company, with the registered address of One Fleet Place, London, England, EC4M 7WS. Company registration number 03326800.

Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Firm Reference Number 207658.

## About our insurance services when providing you with an Insurance Backed Guarantee



#### Who are we?

QANW is a trading name of Warranty Services Ltd; and we are an insurance intermediary who arranges contracts of insurance between insurers and policy holders. We may be contacted by writing to: QANW, PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ; or via e-mail to info@qanw.co.uk; or by telephoning 01292 268020 during office hours.

#### How are we regulated?

We are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"). The FCA is the independent watchdog who regulates the conduct of financial services firms in the UK. Our firm reference number is 309580. You can check this by visiting the Financial Services Register at <a href="https://register.fca.org.uk">https://register.fca.org.uk</a> or by contacting the FCA by telephoning 0800 111 6768.

#### Which service will we provide you with?

We provide insurance products on a "non-advised" basis. This means that you will not receive advice or a recommendation from us as to whether or not a product is suitable for your circumstances. We do collect information in order to help ensure that the product you are provided with meets your apparent demands and needs.

#### Do we charge a fee for this service?

We do not charge you a fee for this service.

### Which insurance products do we provide?

We provide Insurance Backed Guarantees, which are underwritten by Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd. We do not offer Insurance Backed Guarantees from any other insurer.

An Insurance Backed Guarantee is an insurance product which is designed to meet the demands and needs of those who have had improvement work completed on their property by a contractor and require insurance protection in the event that the contractor has ceased trading and is unable to honour the terms of their own written guarantee as a consequence.

Additionally, an Insurance Backed Guarantee also meets the demands and needs of those who have had improvement work completed by a contractor, who is a competent person, and require insurance protection in the event that the contractor has ceased trading and is unable to rectify a breach of the building regulations as a consequence.

## How do we help ensure that an Insurance Backed Guarantee meets your needs?

The contractor who completed your home improvement work provided information about the installation to us. This information includes the type of work undertaken, the contract value of the installation and the completion date of the installation. This information is used to generate a policy of insurance which is suitable for meeting the needs of a person who has had such an installation carried out.

#### On whose behalf do we act?

QANW acts on behalf of Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd when arranging and administering an Insurance Backed Guarantee. Furthermore, we also act on behalf of Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd when handling claims made against an Insurance Backed Guarantee.

#### How are we owned and operated?

100% of the share capital of Warranty Services Ltd is owned by Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd. 100% of the share capital of Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd is owned by Kinnell Holdings Ltd.

#### How are we remunerated?

In respect of Insurance Backed Guarantees; QANW collects the insurance premium from the contractor who carried out the work undertaken at your property. QANW retains a portion of the net premium and remifs the balance of the premium to Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd.

Warranty Services Ltd's staff are remunerated on a salary basis and do not receive commission in respect of the sales of Insurance Backed Guarantees.

#### What to do if you have a complaint?

If you wish to register a complaint about our services, please contact us. We may be contacted by writing to QANW, PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ; via e-mail to info@qanw.co.uk; or by telephoning 01292 268020 during office hours. Complaints about the performance of an insurance product (e.g. the outcome of a claim) should be made in accordance with the complaints procedures detailed within the Policy of Insurance document.

#### How do we protect your data?

QANW respects your privacy rights and your rights as a data subject. We will manage and protect your data accordingly, whilst it is in our hands, in accordance with all applicable data protection legislation. Please either click the following link or alternatively type the URL into your internet browser, in order to view our privacy notice <a href="https://documentation.warranty-services.co.uk">https://documentation.warranty-services.co.uk</a>



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# Insurance Backed Guarantee Insurance Product Information Document

GPI

Company: Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd

**Product:** Insurance Backed Guarantee

Guarantee Protection Insurance Ltd is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority, in the UK.
Our Firm Reference Number is 207658.

This Insurance Product Information Document is only intended to provide a summary of the main coverage provided by an Insurance Backed Guarantee and also to highlight the significant policy exclusions; it is not personalised to any specific individual needs in any way. Complete pre-contractual and contractual information on the product is provided in the Policy of Insurance document.

## What is this type of insurance?

This type of insurance is an Insurance Backed Guarantee, which is designed for those who have had improvement work completed on their property by a contractor and require insurance protection in the event that the contractor has ceased trading and as a consequence is unable to rectify a defect and/or a breach of building regulations in the insured works.



## What is insured?

- An Insurance Backed Guarantee will protect the policy holder against the unforeseen costs that they might incur in order to rectify a defect in the insured works, in the event that the original contractor that installed the insured works has ceased trading.
  - A defect is a physical fault or error in the insured works which was caused by the defective workmanship of the contractor or defective materials which were supplied by the contractor, but which will only form the basis of a valid claim where it is specifically stated as being an item covered by the written guarantee provided to the policy holder by the contractor.
- An Insurance Backed Guarantee will protect the policy holder against the unforeseen costs that they might incur in order to rectify a breach in the building regulations in the insured works, in the event that the original contractor that installed the insured works has ceased trading.
- The maximum amount payable in respect of all claims made against an Insurance Backed Guarantee is the contract value, which is stated on the Policy Schedule.



## What is not insured?

An insurance Backed Guarantee does not provide cover for:

- any remedial works required that would not have been carried out by the contractor under the terms of their own written guarantee; or that do not relate to a breach of the building regulations.
- any loss or damage where the installing contractor has not ceased trading and the policy holder is able to pursue them for their loss.
- any monetary amount which is above the financial limit of the policy. The financial limit of the policy is the contract value, which is detailed on the Policy Schedule.
- the first £50 of each claim that the policy holder makes against an Insurance Backed Guarantee, which is the Excess.
- any loss or damage that could be covered by a standard household buildings or property insurance. Therefore, perils such as but not limited to fire, storm, subsidence, accidental damage and malicious damage are not covered.



## Are there any restrictions on cover?

- The cover provided by an Insurance Backed Guarantee is provided on the basis that the contractor has issued their own written guarantee to the policy holder. The policy holder will be required to provide a copy of a written guarantee to QANW in the event of a claim. It is important for the policy holder to be aware that if they have not been issued with a written guarantee by the contractor, they may not be able to make a claim. Where the policy holder does not have a written guarantee issued to them by the contractor by the time an Insurance Backed Guarantee has been issued, they should request a copy from the contractor as a matter of urgency.
- In accordance with Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974: Where the policy holder has made payment to the contractor for the insured works by credit card or via a finance agreement; the credit provider may, for a period of up to six years, have equal liability for breaches of contract by the contractor. Where the policy holder is protected by Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974; prior to making a claim against an Insurance Backed Guarantee; the policy holder must firstly seek recourse through the relevant credit provider.
- The cover provided by an Insurance Backed Guarantee is specifically related to meeting the cost of the rectification of the insured works. Therefore, any other damage suffered to the policy holder's property or any other loss that the policy holder might incur as a consequence of a defect or breach of building regulations identified in the insured works (such as loss of profit, loss of use, or loss of enjoyment) is not covered by an Insurance Backed Guarantee.





#### Where am I covered?

- An Insurance Backed Guarantee applies only to insured works situated within England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands.
- ✓ Section 2 of the cover provided by an Insurance Backed Guarantee relates to a breach of the Building Regulations. It is important to note that this cover can only apply in England and Wales.



## What are my obligations?

- The policy holder needs to check that the information shown within the Policy Schedule of their Insurance Backed Guarantee is correct. If the information shown is correct they do not need to take any action. However, if it is incorrect, they should contact QANW to advise of the amendments that may be required. QANW may ask that the policy documentation is returned for amendment.
- If the policy holder identifies a defect or a breach of the building regulations to the insured works, they should immediately report this to the installing contractor, who is obliged to honour the terms of their written guarantee for its duration. Remember, the policy holder has a duty to protect their property and they need to allow the contractor the opportunity to rectify a defect and/or a breach of the building regulations; and this involves providing reasonable access to the insured works.
- If the policy holder identifies a defect or a breach of the building regulations to the insured works; and they cannot contact the contractor, and find that they have ceased trading, they should contact QANW within 30 days by e-mailing claims@qanw.co.uk in order to intimate a claim. Alternatively, QANW can be contacted by telephoning 01292 268020 during office hours or in writing to The Claims Department, QANW, PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ.
- Where the policy holder has a valid claim against an Insurance Backed Guarantee, they need pay the first £50
  of that claim, which is the excess. The policy holder is also obliged to co-operate with QANW, who will advise
  what will occur in order for a claim to be resolved i.e. that the repair/replacement of the insured works has been
  instructed; or that payment in cash of the amount of the proven loss or damage is being made.



## When and how do I pay?

In respect of an Insurance Backed Guarantee; QANW collects the applicable insurance premium from the contractor who carried out the work. The policy holder does not need to pay any insurance premium or any additional fee in respect of the Insurance Backed Guarantee.



## When does the cover start and end?

Section 1 of cover - Insurance Backed Guarantee Cover - becomes effective on the Completion Date, which is detailed on the Policy Schedule, and shall run for a period of 10 years, or the period stated in the contractor's written guarantee, whichever is the lesser of those periods.

Section 2 of cover - Breach of Building Regulations Cover - becomes effective on the Completion Date, which is detailed on the Policy Schedule, and shall run for a period of 6 years.



#### How do I cancel the contract?

The policy holder has the right to cancel an Insurance Backed Guarantee within 14 days of receipt, if they decide that it is not required. They can do so by providing written notice to QANW of PO Box 26332, Ayr, KA7 9BJ. When doing so, they should return the policy documentation to QANW, who will confirm both receipt and cancellation of cover to the policy holder.

Where the insurance premium has been paid to QANW by someone other than the policy holder (i.e. the contractor) or if a claim has been intimated, then no refund of premium will be made when the Insurance Backed Guarantee is cancelled.

If the Insurance Backed Guarantee is cancelled, no claim can be made at any time in the future.

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