



CANCELLING A CLAIMS MADE POLICY

Is your client thinking of cancelling their Professional Indemnity, Management Liability or Cyber Policy?

Given the current economic challenges being faced by many businesses, you may find your clients are wishing to cancel cover in order to save on costs, or worse, if they are facing the prospect of collapse. It's critical your clients are fully aware of the pitfalls of cancelling cover, particularly under a Claims Made policy.

5 key areas to consider before cancelling a Claims Made policy

We highlight below the 5 key areas clients should consider before cancelling a Claims Made policy:

Claims Made policies may provide cover for claims arising out of previous work, advice or services performed by the Insured

Claims and circumstances are capable of notification and can arise years after the work, advice or services were performed by the Insured

Claims Made policies will only be triggered if a policy is in force at that time, irrespective of when the incident leading to a claim or circumstance occurred

If a Claims Made policy is cancelled there won't be any cover for claims arising after that time for previous work, advice or services the Insured performed

Has the Insured signed any contracts which confirm they will hold a Policy for multiple years after the project has ended? If the Policy is cancelled they may be in breach of that contract.

For more information on claims made, please contact your local DUAL Underwriter



What is a Claims Made Policy?

Claims Made is a type of Insurance policy that's triggered when a claim is made against the Insured during the policy period, regardless of when the catalyst act, event or situation occurred.

What is Run-Off Cover?

Insureds may be able to purchase run-off cover which can be known as a 'Discovery Period' or 'Extended Reporting Period'. This would be relevant for clients who cease trading and wish to protect themselvesafter closing their doors.

Whether or not run-off cover is made available may be at the Insurer's discretion, so it is important to check the terms and conditions of any 'Discovery Period' type clause in the wording.



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