

Important changes to your insurance policies

We regularly review our cover to meet our customers' needs in a changing environment. To protect our customers from new and emerging risks, we're updating our personal insurance policies. A summary of these changes is below.

For full details of the changes please talk to your broker or adviser, or refer to the policy documents at vero.co.nz/policywordings and your personalised schedule.

Updated standard excess

An excess is the amount you must pay when an insurance claim is made. We pay the amount of the claim that is over the excess. The amount of the standard excess has changed. This is due to increases in the number and cost of claims.

The new excess is shown on your policy schedule enclosed. There's nothing you need to do as these changes will take place when you renew your policy.

Simplified and enhanced landlord cover

Owning a rental property is usually the result of many years of saving and planning. We know how important it is for you to protect your property investments.

The regulatory environment we live in is changing, and we want to make sure you have certainty about the protection we offer, in case the worst should happen. We're simplifying our landlord cover, to make it easier for you to protect your property and your future.

Previously we've offered three levels of cover: our standard residential Home policy, an optional Landlord's Extension, and a separate LandlordPlan.

We've updated our Landlord's Extension, so that customers with a MaxiPlan Home policy can get all the benefits of the LandlordPlan without the need for a separate policy. This includes cover for malicious damage by tenants and their guests, and loss of rent due to non-payment of rent.

We've also created a useful guide to help our landlord customers better protect their property investments and meet their policy obligations,

so that things will run smoothly when they need to make a claim. You can get a copy of the guide at vero.co.nz/landlord-updates.

Enhancing your liability cover

When the legal environment we live in changes, your insurance needs can change too, which is why we have enhanced the liability cover in our policies to give you protection for bodily injury liability.

In December 2014 the Sentencing Amendment Act 2014 came into force. Under this Act, if you're convicted of a criminal offence the courts may order you to pay compensation if you've injured someone in an accident. New Zealanders now have a clear need for insurance protection for their liability to pay reparation that arises from accidents.

You can learn more about the Sentencing Amendment Act and the cover we offer at vero.co.nz/sentencing-act.

Affordable drug contamination cover

The recent increase in media coverage on methamphetamine (also known as P) contamination has contributed to an increased awareness of the impact it can have. In order to keep our premiums affordable for all our customers, we're limiting our cover for P damage to \$30,000 for landlords, and excluding it from BasicPlan Home policies.

We've also changed the way we handle claims for methamphetamine, and contamination now needs to meet specific levels. For more information, please see your policy wording and personalised schedule.

What do these changes mean for you?

Below is a summary of how these changes affect you, depending on your circumstances.

Home policies and landlords

If you own and occupy your home or have a holiday home and have a MaxiPlan or a BasicPlan Home policy

We have updated our MaxiPlan and BasicPlan Home policy wordings to now include cover for:

1. Civil claims for bodily injury

This covers your liability to pay compensation in a civil claim for accidental bodily injury including emotional harm. This policy has always provided cover for liability to pay compensation in a civil claim for accidental property damage but we have now introduced bodily injury cover as well. Because of the ACC regime in New Zealand, this means in practice that if there is a civil claim brought against you seeking compensation for accidentally causing someone bodily injury including emotional harm which is not covered by ACC, we will provide cover for your liability to pay any damages as compensation for financial losses. We will also cover your legal defence costs and the legal costs which the other parties have incurred if you are liable to pay these. Cover doesn't apply if the claim against you is for exemplary damages instead of compensation.

2. Reparation

This covers your liability to pay a reparation order to a victim who has suffered accidental property damage or accidental bodily injury. This cover applies only in criminal proceedings. If you're convicted of a criminal offence, the courts may order you to pay compensation to the victim by way of a reparation order. Our policy previously excluded cover for reparation but we will now cover claims for reparation for:

- accidental bodily injury up to \$1,000,000
- accidental property damage up to \$2,000,000.

Defence costs are not covered for criminal proceedings. For reparation cover to apply, you must tell us immediately if you are charged with an offence that could result in a reparation order covered by the policy. Also the liability must result from an accidental or careless act, as there is no cover for liability resulting from reckless or intentional acts. You should note that the cover for reparation does not apply to offences under health and safety legislation.

Policy exclusions will apply to loss or liability if you had reason to suspect criminal activity involving insured property was taking place, or if loss or

liability results from the intentional act of a person covered by the policy.

There is now an exclusion for illegal drug contamination in your policy.

If you're a landlord and have a MaxiPlan policy and have not purchased Landlord's Extension

The policy now contains specific Landlord obligations you need to comply with concerning selection of tenants, regular inspections and monitoring of rent payments.

Methamphetamine contamination cover will be limited to \$30,000.

The liability section is enhanced to allow for cover for bodily injury liability. Policy exclusions apply to loss or liability arising from criminal activity involving insured property, or intentional acts by persons covered by the policy. (For more details see 'If you own and occupy your home...' section above).

If you're a landlord and have a MaxiPlan policy with Landlord's Extension

You will get additional cover in the Landlord's Extension for malicious damage by tenants and their guests, and loss due to non-payment of rent (because of prevention of access, vacating without notice, eviction of tenants and tenancy tribunal orders). This is on top of the already existing

landlord's furnishings cover and the cover for loss of rent due to loss or damage to the home that is covered by the policy. The policy now contains specific Landlord obligations you need to comply with concerning selection of tenants, regular inspections and monitoring of rent payments.

Methamphetamine contamination cover will be limited to \$30,000.

The liability section is enhanced to allow for cover for bodily injury liability. Policy exclusions apply to loss or liability arising from criminal activity involving insured property, or intentional acts by persons covered by the policy. (For more details, see 'If you own and occupy your home...' section above).

If you're a landlord and have a BasicPlan policy

There is now an exclusion for illegal drug contamination in your policy.

The liability section is enhanced to allow for cover for bodily injury liability. Policy exclusions apply to loss or liability arising from criminal activity involving insured property, or intentional acts by persons covered by the policy. (For more details, see 'If you own and occupy your home...' section above).

If you have LandlordPlan

If your rental property is insured with us under a **MaxiPlan Home** as well as a LandlordPlan policy,

your LandlordPlan cover will now be incorporated into the optional Landlord's Extension benefit on your Home policy and you will no longer need an additional LandlordPlan policy.

Where your rental property is insured with us under a **BasicPlan Home** as well as a LandlordPlan policy, no changes apply to your LandlordPlan policy.

Where your rental property is insured with us under a LandlordPlan policy only, no changes apply.

Contents policies

If you have MaxiPlan or BasicPlan Contents

The liability section is enhanced to allow for cover for bodily injury liability. Policy exclusions apply to loss or liability arising from criminal activity involving insured property, or intentional acts by persons covered by the policy. (For more details, see 'If you own and occupy your home...' section above).

Motor policies

If you have MotorPlan or Vintage Motor

The liability section is enhanced to allow for cover for bodily injury liability. Policy exclusions apply to loss or liability arising from criminal activity involving insured property, or

intentional acts by persons covered by the policy. Under MotorPlan or Vintage Motor you are covered for your liability for bodily injury up to \$1,000,000, and for your liability to pay civil compensation for property damage up to \$20,000,000. (For more details, see 'If you own and occupy your home...' section above).

There is now an exclusion for damage to your vehicle caused by the incorrect type of fuel being used.

Boat policies

If you have a BoatPlan

The liability section is enhanced to allow for cover for bodily injury liability. Policy exclusions apply to loss or liability arising from criminal activity involving insured property, or intentional acts by persons covered by the policy. Under BoatPlan you are covered for your liability for bodily injury up to \$1,000,000, and for your liability to pay civil compensation for property damage up to \$1,000,000. (For more details, see 'If you own and occupy your home...' section above).

Please note this is a summary of some of the changes we have made to our policy documents for general information purposes and does not form part of your insurance contract with Vero. For full details of the terms, conditions, limits and exclusions please refer to the policy documents at verocis.co.nz/policywordings.

If you need to make a claim, or have a claim enquiry, please call 0800 505 905 (select option 1).

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