

Our terms and conditions

Everything you need to know about us and how we will manage your policy

About us...

RAC Van Insurance is a trading name of RAC Financial Services Limited which offers a range of personal insurance products from a panel of some of the leading insurers in the marketplace. The Insurer or Insurers for your policy will be defined on your policy schedule. Our Panel of Insurers are as follows: Ageas, Aviva, Axa, Covea, Highway Insurance, Sabre and Markerstudy Insurance Services Ltd.

RAC Van Insurance is arranged and administered by iGO4 Limited, which is an independent intermediary.

Our aim is to give you choice so we will not advise you or make recommendations; what we will do is provide you with our lowest premium and give you all the information you need to make an informed decision based on your needs. By arranging your insurance policy through RAC Van Insurance you are assumed to have agreed to be bound by these terms and conditions.

Because we don't give any advice, our policyholders are responsible for deciding whether our policy meets their demands and needs. This product will meet the demands and needs of someone wishing to insure their small commercial vehicle on the basis requested. Upon purchase and on renewal, your statement of facts will confirm your specific demands and needs.

As an environmentally friendly business we communicate with you electronically using the email address you provide. All of your documentation is available in digital and downloadable format within the secure "My Policy" section of our website at racvan-insurance.secureinsure.uk.com. This ensures your insurance documents are safe and accessible at all times.

As a broker iGO4 will act for you as your agent when searching the market for a suitable policy and arranging the cover to be put in place and when administering your policy once you have taken it out. However, this changes when receiving a claim notification where iGO4 will act on behalf of the insurer. We also act as an agent of insurers when collecting premiums from you.

iGO4 Limited (iGO4) is a credit broker dealing specifically by contract with only one credit provider. iGO4 receives commission as part of this arrangement.

RAC Van offers a range of optional extra insurance; we are contractually bound to use a single insurance provider for the following optional extras:

Motor Legal Protection – provided by RAC Insurance Ltd only

Replacement Van, Tools in Transit, Excess Protection – all provided by Coplus only

Breakdown cover – provided by RAC only

RAC only offer Commercial Vehicle Insurance with our policies - should you require any other commercial insurance, these will need to be found elsewhere.

Who regulates us?

RAC Van Insurance is a trading name of RAC Financial Services Limited. Registered in England No. 5171817. Registered Office: RAC House, Brockhurst Crescent, Walsall, WS5 4AW. RAC Van Insurance is arranged and administered by iGO4 Limited, which is an independent intermediary. Registered in England No. 5095154, registered office iGO4 House, Staniland Way, Peterborough, PE4 6JT. RAC Van insurance is underwritten by a panel of insurers. Both companies are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Both companies permitted business is assisting in the arrangement, administration and performance of a contract of insurance, and credit broking.

You can check each company's details on the FCA's register by visiting their website www.fca.org.uk. Our permitted business is arranging general insurance contracts.

Please note that the Financial Conduct Authority, the Financial Ombudsman Service and the Financial Services Compensation Scheme do not operate in respect of risks in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

Keep us informed and updated...

You have a legal obligation to be open, honest and provide accurate information in response to our questions and to take reasonable care not to portray an unclear description of your insurance needs. This will ensure that the insurer can understand the risk they are covering.

If you are not open and honest, in the event of a claim, the insurer may have some options including:

- To suggest that they would have charged more premium and reduce your claim proportionately;
- To suggest that they would have agreed to provide cover but on different terms, in which case they can start the policy again from inception and apply those terms;
- To suggest that they would not have insured you at all and cancel the policy back from the inception date and give you back your premiums.

You must also notify us immediately of any changes to the information you have provided, as failure to do so could mean that your policy may not protect you and may also influence the acceptance and assessment of the insurer's renewal terms.

You may find it difficult to re-arrange cover because you did not tell an insurer everything when asked, and you will have to disclose this fact when you reapply for insurance.

What you will have to pay for our services...

iGO4 and RAC share the payment that is received for arranging your insurance policy which is in the form of commission paid by the insurer that provides your cover, this is a percentage of your premium and is included in the premium you pay. In addition to your premium, the following charges may be applied by us during the life of your policy including certain fees which you pay directly to us:

New Business and Renewal Fee (Broker Fee)	<p>In addition to any premium charged by the insurer, iGO4 will charge a £25.00 fee on the completion of a new business or renewal policy.</p>
All changes to your policy	<p>In addition to any premium charged by the insurer, iGO4 will charge the following fees when changes are made to your policy:</p> <p>Completed online - £0.00 Completed offline by us or via our call centre - £35.00</p>
Cancellation of your policy	<p>Your policy is a contract for 12 months. If your insurance is cancelled for any reason you will be charged £75.00 in addition to the charge made by your insurer for the cover you have received.</p> <p>iGO4's commission is non-refundable in the event of the policy being cancelled after the first 14 days.</p> <p>Where alternative funding has been selected at inception or renewal through Aviva, the charge of £150.00 is non-refundable in the event of cancellation.</p>
Commission - applicable to commercial customers	<p>You are entitled to request, at any time, information about the commissions that we may have received in connection with your insurance, if you want this information please contact us.</p>
Other charges that may apply	<p>If you are paying your premium by monthly instalments you may be charged £30.00 for any failed monthly instalment collection by your finance provider.</p> <p>If you do not return any documentation that we request within the time allocated we may charge you a late document fee of £20.00.</p> <p>iGO4 will apply a £20.00 fee if debt is sent to the debt collection agency.</p> <p>If the insurer noted on your schedule is Aviva and you have selected Aviva's alternative funding option for payment of your policy, then a charge of £150.00 may apply.</p>

Payment options...

We accept payment by most major credit and debit cards.

If you choose to pay your premium by instalments this will be via a finance arrangement, which will be in your name and subject to interest charges that we will confirm to you when providing the full details. Importantly, the instalment arrangement (credit agreement) you will enter into will be with the finance company not iGO4. It is an entirely separate contract irrespective of the insurance contract.

So that they have the necessary information to assess your application, prevent fraud and ensure that you are offered the best payment option for your needs, our funding agency Close Brothers Limited trading as Close Brothers Premium Finance will use credit referencing agencies for a hard credit check for new policies, renewals and in certain circumstances where policy amendments are requested, to check you can afford to pay. As this is a hard credit check, your entire credit history will be searched and a mark will be left on your credit report, so whenever prospective lenders look at your credit report they can see you applied for credit and whether you were accepted. This affordability assessment will take place after you have applied for a credit agreement.

If your application is unsuccessful, Close Brothers will contact you to inform you. This will not invalidate your insurance - however, you will be required to pay for your policy in one full payment.

In the event of your failure to meet the contractual obligations regarding payment, the finance provider could approach us to seek cancellation of the insurance contract to recoup their outstanding finance arrears. You will be liable to pay their costs and charges if you do not keep up your repayments and cover is cancelled under your policy, in addition to any charges payable to iGO4. This is because the agreement is between you as the policyholder and the finance company directly, not iGO4 or the insurer.

Before your premium is paid to the relevant insurer, and for your protection, we hold your money as an agent of the insurer. This means the premium is treated as having been received by the insurer as soon as it is received by us. Any refund due to you from the insurer may also be held by us as the agent prior to it being paid to you.

Your right to cancel...

Please contact us if you wish to cancel your policy. You have a legal right to cancel for any reason within 14 days of receiving the full policy terms. A charge will apply for the period of cover provided and in addition an administration charge will apply as shown under **“What you will have to pay for our services...”**

After 14 days you may cancel this agreement with us at any time subject to the charges detailed under **“What you will have to pay for our services...”** There will be no refund for any additional product that you choose alongside your policy after 14 days from the start date of your policy.

We also reserve the right to cancel this agreement at any time if there are valid grounds for doing so. We will provide you with sufficient time to re-arrange your insurance and we will notify you of termination in writing via e-mail or letter, together with an explanation if appropriate. Valid reasons may include but are not limited to:

- where we, or your premium finance provider have been unable to collect a premium payment;
- where you are required to send us information in accordance with the terms of your quotation and you fail to do so;
- where we reasonably suspect fraud; or
- use of threatening or abusive behaviour or language, or intimidation or bullying of our staff or underwriters.

Should your policy be cancelled for any reason there will be no return of premium if a claim has been made during the current period of insurance. If you pay by instalments, please also refer to your credit agreement.

If you need to complain...

We want your experience with us to be second to none but if this is not the case, we want to know about it. If you have a complaint you can let us know by calling our Customer Service team on **0330 332 8311**, emailing us at complaints-racvan@secureinsure.uk.com or writing to us at **Complaints, RAC Van Insurance, iGO4 House, Staniland Way, Peterborough, PE4 6JT**. Please note that calls may be recorded.

When your policy is due to renew...

In good time before your renewal date we will provide you with an invitation which details the premium and the terms and conditions for renewal of your policy. We will review the premium with your current insurer and we will also work with our panel of insurers to see if we are able to find a cheaper alternative to your current renewal quote.

If you are paying by monthly instalments in most cases you won't need to do anything, we will renew your insurance policy as per our invitation and continue to collect the monthly instalments from your bank as usual.

If you pay for your insurance in full by credit or debit card, in most cases we will attempt to take payment using the securely held card details we have on file.

You will need to contact us before your cover runs out if you wish to use an alternative payment method or you do not want to renew your policy with us.

If for some reason we are unable to automatically renew your policy, we will contact you by e-mail in good time before your renewal date to let you know what needs to be done in order to continue your cover with iGO4.

The legal bit...

iGO4 and you, the policyholder, are free to choose the law applicable to this contract but in the absence of agreement to the contrary, the law of the country in which you are resident at the time of contract conclusion will apply. If you are not resident in the United Kingdom, the law which will apply will be the law of England and Wales.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)...

iGO4 and the insurer are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we are unable to meet our obligations. This depends on the type of insurance and the circumstances of a claim. Insurance arranging is covered for 90% of the claim without any upper limit and compulsory classes of insurance such as third party motor insurance are covered for 100% without any upper limit. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements are available from the FSCS on www.FSCS.org.uk or by telephoning **0800 678 1100**.

WARNING

When applying for or amending your insurance policy, we will ask a number of questions to assess the risk prior to agreeing cover. It is your duty to ensure that you answer all questions honestly and reasonably. These questions are designed to enable us to understand your insurance needs, and only by asking such questions and receiving answers which are given honestly and with reasonable care can we or the insurer be in a position to offer terms which are designed to meet your demands and needs.

If you are buying this policy for your trade, business or profession then it is vital that you understand your duty to provide all materially relevant information to us throughout the life of the policy. Materially important information is any information that could influence an insurer's decision to accept your risk, including the cost of your insurance. For example, details of previous insurance claims that you made or reported, personal information about you, such as criminal convictions and general information about the risk. If you are not sure how much information to provide or do not understand the questions, please ask.

FAILURE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS HONESTLY AND REASONABLY, WHEN ASKED, MAY LEAVE YOU WITH NO COVER AND A CLAIM NOT PAID.

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<https://rac-van.secureinsure.uk.com/important-documents>

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