

List of Qualifying Insurers

Client Protection

The Solicitors Regulation Authority does not regulate, vet or approve insurers. In order to be eligible to be a Qualifying Insurer an insurer must be an "authorised insurer" as defined by section 87(1A) of the Solicitors Act 1974. "Authorised insurers" are regulated by the Financial Services Authority. (For more information, see appendix "[What does it mean to be a Qualifying Insurer](#)")

As at 30 September 2010, the following insurers are Qualifying Insurers for the purposes of the **Solicitors' Indemnity Insurance Rules 2010**. If you have any queries please telephone 01527 504487.

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Appendix:

What does it mean to be a Qualifying Insurer?

All insurers who are an "authorised insurer" to conduct business in the UK can become a qualifying insurer provided they sign a [Qualifying Insurer's Agreement](#) under which they agree to offer policies which meet set Minimum Terms and Conditions and agree to participate in an assigned risks pool. The Financial Services Authority regulates authorised insurers.

Section 37 of the Solicitors Act 1974 allows the SRA to make indemnity rules which require solicitors or any specified class of solicitors to take out and maintain insurance with "authorised insurers".

In the Solicitors Act, "authorised insurer" means—	
(a) a person who has permission under Part IV of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to effect or carry out contracts of insurance of a relevant class;	An FSA-authorized insurance company
(b) a person who carries on an insurance market activity, within the meaning of section 316(3) of that Act ;	A Lloyd's syndicate
(c) an EEA Firm of the kind mentioned in paragraph 5(d) of Schedule 3 to that Act , which has permission under paragraph 15 of that Schedule (as a result of qualifying for authorisation under paragraph 12 of that Schedule) to effect or carry out contracts of insurance of a relevant class; or	An insurance company authorised by the relevant regulator in another member state of the European Economic Area (ie, the European Union plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), which is exercising its passporting rights under EU insurance directives to carry on insurance business in the UK
(d) a person who does not fall within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) and who may lawfully effect or carry out contracts of insurance of a relevant class in a member state other than the United Kingdom.	An insurance company exercising passporting rights under the Treaty of Rome to carry on business in the UK (unusual).

The term "relevant class" has the meaning set out in [section 87\(1B\) of the Solicitors Act](#). This definition must be read with [section 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000](#) and any relevant order under that section and [Schedule 2](#) to that Act.