

Guildhouse Accredited Membership

Insurance Factsheet

Guildhouse offers an annual insurance Membership package to sole practitioners, including visual artists, crafts practitioners, designers, registrars, curators, conservators, installers and arts administrators working across Australia. The policies are organised by Cover for Creatives Pty Ltd, founded specifically to support Accredited Members in accessing affordable insurance coverage. Underwritten by Berkely Insurance Australia for combined Professional Indemnity and Public & Products Liability and Liberty Specialty Markets for Personal Accident.

The combined liability policy is designed to give you protection against allegations of common law legal liability. In other words, persons issuing legal proceedings against you in the event of your negligence. In addition to your insurance, it is important to have training and risk management plans to mitigate potential hazards. Guildhouse's Accredited Membership is available to individuals who do not have an ABN, or happen to have the following ABN entity types: Individual/Sole Trader, Partnerships, Trusts, Groups and Organisations/Companies.

What does the Accredited Membership policy cover?

Public and Product Liability \$20,000,000 any one Occurrence	Can protect you from the financial risks of claims made by other parties for compensation due to injury or property damage caused by your activities or products. It covers the costs of investigating, defending and/or settling these claims. For example, if someone is injured because of equipment you left lying on the floor, the policy may pay for both the damages awarded and the case costs if you are held liable.
Professional Indemnity \$5,000,000 any one Claim	Can protect you from the financial risks of claims made by other parties alleging they have suffered financial loss and that you have breached your professional duty as a result of a mistake, incorrect advice, or other acts, errors or omissions emanating from the services you provide.
Property in Your Physical or Legal Control \$250,000	Can protect you from claims made against you for any damage or loss that you negligently cause to other people's goods that are in your control. For example, if you are working on a collaborative project, any goods damaged/lost belonging to the other person/s because of your actions may be covered. Excludes formally hired goods.
Tenants Liability up to \$20,000,000 any one Occurrence	Can protect you from claims made against you for damage caused through negligence to a property that you are renting. For example, if you knock over a paint can, damaging the carpet and it needing to be replaced, the policy may pay for both the damages awarded and the case costs if you are held liable.
Personal Accident	Can provide you with a weekly income replacement if you are injured and cannot work in your practice due to that injury. The policy provides worldwide 24-hour, 365-day protection, excluding time on any other employment outside of the Member's creative practice and travel to and from such employment. Please contact Guildhouse if you need to upgrade your premium to cover travel to and from employment and also whilst at any other employment.

What are some of the activities covered by the Accredited Membership?

Art Writer	Writing, reviewing, publishing text about art, craft and design, including writing as a visual arts practice, self-published poetry, online and print. Commercial scale publishing not covered.
Arts Administrator	Assisting with Artist and/or Arts Organisation administration work and marketing.
Conservator	Conservation of artwork or crafted items that have been damaged or need to be cleaned.
Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Volunteers	Although cover is in place for Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Volunteers, it is recommended that they carry their own insurance cover, rather than relying on the cover provided by the Insured Member. If Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Volunteers do not take out their own Membership, they are covered under the Public Liability insurance of the Insured Member but will not have access to the Personal Accident arrangement. Contact Guildhouse if you require Personal Accident cover for Volunteers.
Curating	Developing exhibitions and programs, curating touring art exhibitions, developing public programs for a curated exhibition.
Installer	Installation of artwork in a gallery, private, public or exhibition space.
International cover	Cover is in place whilst temporarily working overseas for a period of 90 days or less. Members must notify the broker of any travel (e.g. residencies, study etc.) in North America (especially USA and Canada), as the insurer must approve these instances on a case-by-case basis.
Market stalls	Selling or displaying artworks, crafts or designs at markets and fairs.
Open studios	Having open studio days for people to visit an artist's studio. This also includes art buyers, other artists, volunteers visiting the studio space.
Registrar	Artwork inventories, handling policies (accepting and returning artworks). Provide basic valuations of artworks in a collection or managed register of work. Cataloguing and researching artwork housed in a gallery or collection.
Set designers	The policy provides cover for set designers. Set building/construction is not covered. Contact the broker to confirm if cover can be extended for your circumstances via enquiries@coverforcreatives.com
Teaching/Workshops	This policy provides cover for creative practitioners teaching or sharing their professional skills through classes/workshops. When the Member is teaching adults and/or children, there is no limit to the number of participants or classes the Member can teach.
Working at heights	There are no working at heights restrictions for Members covered by the policy.
Working in a studio	Rented studios often require artists to source their own Public and Product Liability and/or if people are entering studios (home/owned/rented).

Some areas not covered by the insurance include:

- Tattooing or Tattoo Parlours
- Event Management/Project Management focussed occupations
- Construction risks (e.g. building sets etc.)
- Pyrotechnics
- Museums or Art Galleries
- Graffiti
- Film & Television production
- Those who produce children's toys/products designed for ages 5 or below
- Retail risks (e.g. sale of art materials, those involved in selling others' artworks)
- Art Therapy or any therapeutic service
- Dancers, Yoga and Musicians, Acting, Directing
- Consultancy
- Theft, loss or damage of the Member's artwork, stock, goods, equipment or property, or the Member's work in transit or on exhibition

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enquiries@coverforcreatives.com

Applying for an Accredited Membership:

1. Applications are made online – visit [this page](#) and click 'apply'.
2. Complete the online form to setup your Membership Profile and proceed to checkout.
3. Once payment has cleared, upload the required details to your Membership Profile. The Membership Portal is an internal database for Guildhouse staff.
4. Applications must be completed with the following details before accredited by Guildhouse staff: date of birth, ABN (if applicable), artist statement, bio, CV and 8 images of your work.
5. Completed applications for new Members are accredited on a fortnightly basis. Need coverage sooner? Opt for fast-track (\$20 fee) and your application will be accredited within 2 Guildhouse business days (Monday-Thursday).
6. An automated email will be sent as confirmation once your Membership has been accredited.
7. All Guildhouse Memberships are annual and do not auto-renew. Reminder emails will be sent in the lead up to your expiry date.
8. By being a Guildhouse Member, you are agreeing to the following [Guildhouse Member Declaration: Terms and Conditions & Code of Conduct](#).

Renewing an Accredited Membership:

1. Renewals are made online – visit [this page](#) and click 'renew'.
2. Renew via the Membership Portal and proceed to checkout.
3. Once payment has cleared, Guildhouse staff will review your Membership Profile. Please ensure that the required details are supplied and current: date of birth, ABN (if applicable), artist statement, bio, CV and 8 images of your work. All details must be supplied before Guildhouse staff can process renewals. If details are missing, Guildhouse staff will make contact via email and/or phone.
4. If all details are supplied, renewals will be processed within 3 Guildhouse business days (Monday-Thursday).
5. If your Accredited Membership has lapsed, renewal payments made within 7 days of expiration will be backdated to the previous expiry date, provided all details are supplied in the Membership Portal.
6. All Guildhouse Memberships are annual and do not auto-renew. Reminder emails will be sent in the lead up to your expiry date.
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Making a claim:

Contact Cover for Creatives via enquiries@coverforcreatives.com, and provide your name and Accredited Membership expiry date. The broker will assist and lodge the claim on your behalf.

In some cases, it is important to take immediate steps as soon as an incident occurs, such as:

- Seek medical assistance if necessary.
- Retain any medical reports and collate evidence of costs incurred.
- If the incident involves third-party property damage, try to prevent any further damage as much as possible, if it is safe to do so.
- Prepare a detailed report of the incident including: description of what happened, who was involved, and to whom, what caused the incident, the time/date of the incident, and what occurred immediately afterward.
- If possible, take evidentiary photos of the incident.
- If possible, record the contact details of any witnesses.

Important notes:

- There is a standard excess of \$500 for every claim made.
- The Personal Accident policy provides cover 24/7 (except when the Member is earning income outside their practice). The Member is not required to be undertaking work in their practice when the injury occurs to be eligible for cover. However, Members are not covered when undertaking employment that falls outside their practice. The waiting period is 7 days. If, at the time of a loss, the Insured is aged seventy (70) years or over, Personal Accident coverage is reduced. The policy does not cover injury caused by deliberate self-harm, the use of lethal weapons, as a result of mental illness or when the Insured is under the influence of drugs and alcohol.
- This policy is not intended as business, property, home or contents insurance.
- This policy does not cover any commercial business activities, whether or not affiliated with the Member's practice.

Exclusions in this policy:

Policy exclusions can be found in the Policy Wording:

- [Berkley Insurance Australia Public and Product Liability and Professional Indemnity Policy Wording](#)
- [Liberty AU Group Personal Accident and Sickness PDS and Policy Wording](#)

Further documentation:

- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Financial Services Guide](#)

Accredited Membership Insurance Package: The Fine Print

The Public and Products Liability insurer is Berkley Insurance Australia. It is a Broadform Public and Products Liability Insurance Policy. The Personal Accident policy is underwritten by Liberty Specialty Markets. The scheme that Guildhouse has arranged is not intended to be “all embracing”. The policy will cover you against legal action taken against you, as described above, and against professional acts of negligence that result in bodily injury or property damage. The policy covers the costs of a claim made against you, provided that the claim falls within the terms and conditions of the policy, and that the insurance company agrees to those costs being incurred.

Disclaimer:

Information contained in this factsheet should not be relied upon in lieu of legal advice on any particular case, transaction or matter. Guildhouse is not the insurer or the insurance broker. Guildhouse does not accept any liability for loss or damages suffered as a result of a Member’s ineligible application. Whilst Guildhouse takes reasonable action to review the information provided by new and renewing Members and notify if the policy may not be suited, Members are ultimately responsible for ensuring their eligibility. Applications and renewals cannot be considered complete until payment has cleared, all required details are supplied in the Membership Portal and the application/renewal has been manually accredited/processed by Guildhouse staff. Members are not insured until Memberships are manually reviewed and processed/accredited. All Membership payments must be paid upfront.

Insurance Enquiries & Certificates of Currency:

For general information about your insurance cover, including the insurance wording and Summary of Terms, visit the Guildhouse [Membership page](#).

If you require a Certificate of Currency as proof of your insurance, please email guildhouse@guildhouse.org.au