



Contractors Errors and Omissions coverage

HSB, a Munich Re company, is a technology-driven company built on a foundation of specialty insurance, engineering, and technology, all working together to drive innovation in a modern world.

Small contractors face claims from upset clients

In today's competitive and litigious environment, small contractors face many potential hazards. Customers expect more than ever before, and are quick to allege negligence in a contractor's work. Even simple complaints have the potential to escalate into legal disputes. The competitive market and difficult economy put further pressure on contractors to do more jobs within narrower margins, exposing them to costly errors in their work product.

Now, there's affordable coverage. In the past, Contractors Errors and Omission (E&O) coverage has not been widely and affordably available to small contractors. Now HSB makes quality protection available to small contractors such as plumbers, electricians, painters, finish carpenters, heating/ventilation/air-conditioning professionals, select specialty trade contractors, and others.

Highlights of coverage, terms, and conditions

Business

- Targeted at small "artisan-type" contractors, subject to annual sales eligibility
- Over 40 eligible classes such as appliance installers; carpet installers; electricians; heating/ventilation/air-conditioning professionals (including dealers, distributors, installation, service, or repair); fence erection contractors; finish carpentry contractors; painters; select specialty trade contractors; plumbers; and more

Coverage

- Responds to third-party customer demand resulting from “property damage” to “your work,” “your product,” and “impaired property” caused by a contractor’s “Wrongful Act” in rendering (or failing to render) “Contractor Services”
- HSB’s Contractors E&O responds directly to the existing coverage gap in most Commercial General Liability forms that excludes coverage for “your work,” “your product,” and “impaired property”
- Coverage is provided on a claims-made-and-reported, defense-within-the-limits, duty-to-defend basis

Claim service

- Claims fully managed by HSB’s experienced claims specialists
- Defense provided by panel counsel defense firms

Implementation services

- Complete implementation support
- Form development, filings support, ongoing product management, systems support, training, and marketing communications support

Limits of liability

- Range of limit options from \$2,500 per job/\$10,000 annual aggregate to \$100,000 per job/\$100,000 annual aggregate

Deductible

- Range of deductible options from \$500 per job to \$5,000 per job

Underwriting

- No separate application. Underwritten on a portfolio basis subject to eligibility questions with premiums customized to the profile of the book of business

Ineligible classes

- Any contracting class not listed in our eligible list of classes, including, but not limited to: framers, roofers, home builders, developers, exterior finish, carpenters, handymen

Availability

- Only available as an enhancement to the small business policy of an insurance company on an assumed basis