

# Travel Insurance



Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording

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# Who are you dealing with?

## You can rely on us

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited is a member of the QBE Insurance Group (ASX QBE). QBE Insurance Group is Australia's largest international general insurer and reinsurance group, and one of the top 25 insurers and reinsurers worldwide. The company has been operating in Australia since 1886. QBE is a household name in Australian insurance, backed by sizeable assets and well known as a strong and financially secure organisation.

QBE is exempt from the requirement to hold Professional Indemnity Insurance as we are regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). These compensation arrangements comply with ASIC's requirements. If you require further information in relation to these arrangements, please contact QBE.

## About QBE travel insurance

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited ABN 78 003 191 035 A.F.S. Licence No. 239545 82 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000

Please do not send your application for travel insurance to this address.

# **Enquiries and assistance**

For any enquiries and assistance please refer to contact details on back page.

Please note that calls to QBE will be recorded for training and verification purposes.

## We offer you a choice

This travel insurance product offers you a choice of travel insurance options: It is up to you to choose the cover you need. The PDS is designed to assist you in your decision to purchase travel insurance. It contains information about key benefits and significant features. Any advice in this document is of a general nature only and has not considered your objectives, financial situation or needs. This booklet contains the following sections which provide:

- Part 1 information about this travel insurance product (Product disclosure statement - PDS); and
- Part 2 the detailed terms and conditions (Policy wording).

#### About our representative

Our representative's name and contact details can be found on the back of this PDS, on the web site from which you obtained this PDS or should be given to you with this document if it has been emailed to you. They can directly issue or vary QBE travel insurance under a binding authority in accordance with our underwriting guidelines. In some cases our representative may need to arrange for us to do this if they are not able to act under the underwriting guidelines. We, as the insurer of the product, and our representative, as our agent, do not act on your behalf. Our representative does not have any authority to give you any advice (i.e. recommendation or opinion about the financial product). They can provide you with factual information on the product to help you decide if it is right for you. The choice is yours.

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# Remuneration arrangements

Our representative receives commission from us which is a percentage of the total premium paid by you to us for the product. The commission is paid monthly by us based on policies issued. You can request full details of the remuneration payable to our representative for the issue of your policy by asking our representative at any time until the end of your cooling off period (refer Cooling off period on page 8).

# Part 1 - Product disclosure statement (PDS)

Throughout the PDS and Policy wording words highlighted in italic have specific meanings. These meanings are set out in the definitions section of the Policy wording. For example: *relative*.

The PDS also contains important information about *your* rights and obligations including:

The Duty of Disclosure on page 7
Privacy Policy on page 8
Cooling Off Period on page 6
Dispute Resolution Process on page 10

The full terms and conditions that apply to your policy are contained in the Policy wording commencing on page 17.

# Applying for travel insurance

To apply for insurance please complete the attached Application Form. If *your* application is approved *our* representative will issue *your* policy and provide *you* with a Certificate of Insurance. Your Certificate of Insurance confirms the cover that *you* have chosen, the total amount paid by *you* and information about the terms of *your* policy.

# Significant risks

# This policy may not match your expectations

This policy may not match *your* expectations (for example, because an exclusion applies). *You* should therefore read this PDS and Policy wording carefully. Please ask *our representative* or *us* if *you* are unsure about any aspect of the policy.

# Are you sure you have the right level of cover?

You need to make sure the limits of cover are appropriate for your needs. Otherwise you may be under insured and have to bear part of any loss that exceeds the limits yourself. Please refer to the applicable limits as set out in the Schedule of Benefits and the Policy wording.

# A claim may be refused

We may refuse to pay or reduce the amount We pay under a claim if you do not comply with the policy conditions, if you do not comply with your Duty of Disclosure or make a misrepresentation, or if you make a fraudulent claim. You must nominate on the Application Form the country or region you are spending the majority of your trip and whether you are spending more than 72 hours in the USA, Canada, South or Central America or Antarctica.

If you do not nominate the appropriate country or region for your trip any claim under the policy may be reduced to nil.

# Unattended luggage and personal effects

There is no cover under this policy for luggage and personal effects that are left *unattended*. Please refer to the definition of *unattended* in the Policy wording and "What is not covered?" under Section F1 "Luggage and personal effects".

## Medical and ancillary costs

There is no cover for any medical, dental or ancillary costs incurred within Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or *your* usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.

# Cruisina

This policy does not provide any cover if you are cruising for 4 or more consecutive days. If you require cover for a cruise you must apply for an International Travel Plan with additional Cruising cover.

# The cost of this insurance

# What you have to pay

When calculating the cost of *your* policy, we take a range of factors into account such as the length of *your trip and your* destination.

The *premium* paid by *you* for the travel plan selected will be shown on *your* Certificate of Insurance, including compulsory government charges (including Stamp Duty and GST where applicable).

This policy is only valid when *you* pay the *premium* and *our* representative issues a Certificate of Insurance to *you*.

#### Service fees

We or our representative may charge a fee for additional services provided to you after you have been issued with a Certificate of Insurance. This may include but is not limited to alterations and other changes you ask us to make to your policy. The amount of the service fee will be shown on the Certificate of Insurance and we or our representative will notify you of any fee at the time you make a request for additional services.

# Amendment of travel details

If you wish to change your personal details or travel dates after your Certificate of Insurance has been issued, please contact our representative. They will either amend the policy over the telephone or in certain circumstances they may ask you to complete and submit to us a Policy Amendment Form which needs to be assessed and approved prior to any amendment to your policy. Also refer to section headed "Making changes to the period of insurance" in the Policy wording.

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# **Updating this PDS**

We will update the information in this PDS when necessary. A paper copy of any updated information is available to *you* at no cost by calling *us*. We will issue *you* with a new PDS or a supplementary PDS, where the update is to correct a misleading or deceptive statement or an omission which is materially adverse from the point of view of a reasonable person deciding whether to obtain this insurance.

# Existing medical condition(s)

There is no cover under this policy for an existing medical condition other than those automatically covered.

An existing medical condition is:

- a. any chronic or ongoing (whether chronic or otherwise) medical or dental condition, illness or disease of which you were aware or should reasonably have been aware, or which is medically documented or under investigation in the 12 months prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance; or
- b. any physical, mental illness or medical condition (including pregnancy), defect, illness or disease of which you were aware or should reasonably have been aware, or for which treatment, medication, preventative medication, advice, preventative advice or investigation have been received or prescribed by a medical or dental adviser in the 60 days prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance.

#### Note:

- Where any condition, illness or disease is the subject of an investigation, that condition, illness or disease falls within this definition, regardless of whether or not a diagnosis of the condition, illness or disease has been made.
- This definition applies regardless of whether or not the condition, illness or disease displays symptoms.
- This definition applies to you, your travelling party, your relatives, your business colleague, or any other person you have a relationship with whose state of health could impact on your travel plans.

Provided the following existing medical conditions are stable and you or anyone else to be covered are not waiting for treatment, on a hospital waiting list or awaiting results of medical tests or investigations in relation to any of these conditions, cover is provided.

- Acne
- Allergies such as allergic rhinitis, chronic rhinitis, hayfever, sinusitis, anaphylaxis, dermatitis, eczema, psoriasis, urticaria, food intolerance, latex allergy
- Anaemia including iron deficiency anaemia, B12 deficiency, folate deficiency, pernicious anaemia

- Asthma provided you are under 60 years of age and you have not required cortisone medication, except taken by inhaler or puffer, or hospitalisation for the past 12 months including as an outpatient.
- Bell's palsy
- Benign breast cysts
- Bunions
- Carpal Tunnel syndrome
- Coeliac disease
- Congenital blindness/deafness
- Diabetes Mellitus Types 1 and 2 where you have no known cardiovascular, hypertensive, vascular disease, no related kidney, eye or neuropathy complications
- Epilepsy you have been seizure free for the past 12 months or do not require more than 1 anti-seizure medication
- Goitre, hypothyroidism, Hashimotos disease, Graves disease
- Hiatus hernia/Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, Peptic ulcer disease
- High Cholesterol (Hypercholesterolaemia)
- High Lipids (Hyperlipidaemia)
- Insulin resistance, impaired glucose tolerance
- Incontinence
- Menopause
- Migraines except where you have been hospitalised in the past 12 months
- Nocturnal cramps
- Osteoporosis where there have been no fractures and you do not require more than 1 medication or suffer any back pain condition
- Plantar fasciitis
- Raynaud's Disease
- Stable High Blood Pressure (Hypertension)
- Trigeminal neuralgia
- Trigger finger
- Routine screening tests where no underlying disease has been detected.

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# Important matters

# Cooling off period

If, having purchased the policy, you want to return it, you can do so within 14 days of receiving the Certificate of Insurance and obtain a full refund, provided no right or power has been exercised under it by you (eg no claim has been made) and your trip has not commenced. Our representative will arrange for a refund of the premium within 15 business days of you cancelling your policy. The Cooling Off Period does not apply to policy or trip extensions.

# **Confirming transactions**

A Certificate of Insurance must be issued once *you* have completed *your* Application Form and *you* have paid the appropriate *premium*. If *you* want to confirm a transaction, for example whether the Certificate of Insurance has been issued, *you* may contact *us* in writing or by phone.

# Duty of disclosure - what you must tell us

You have a Duty of Disclosure under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) that requires you to tell us certain things. Before you enter into a policy with us, we will ask you a series of questions. You must tell us everything you know or which a reasonable person in the circumstances would be expected to know in answer to the questions in the Application Form. Before you extend or vary a policy, you must tell us everything you know or which a reasonable person in the circumstances would be expected to know, for us to decide:

- whether we will insure you;
- the premium we will charge you; and
- whether any special conditions will apply to *your* policy.

You do not have to tell us about any matter:

- that diminishes the risk:
- that is of common knowledge;
- that we know or should know in the ordinary course of our business as an insurer; or
- which we indicate we do not want to know.

Everyone who is insured under the policy must comply with the Duty of Disclosure. If you provide information about another insured, you do this on their behalf. If you (or they) don't comply with the Duty of Disclosure, we may reduce the amount of any claim and/or cancel your insurance. If fraud is involved, we may treat your insurance as void from the beginning.

# **Privacy policy**

The Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (the Act) regulates the way organisations such as QBE collect, use, protect and disclose personal information. We are committed to safeguarding your privacy and the confidentiality of your personal information. QBE collects only that personal information necessary for it to assess and manage your insurance application or policy, including any claim that may be made under the policy. We will only use and disclose your personal information for a purpose you would reasonably expect. We will request your consent for any other purpose. If you do not provide QBE with this personal information we may not be able to process your application for insurance cover or process your claim. We or our authorised agent may disclose your personal information to:

- any person authorised by you;
- a financial services provider or our agent who is arranging your insurance (for the purpose of confirming your personal and insurance details);
- another person named as a co-insured on your policy (for the purpose of confirming if full disclosure has been made to us);
- another insurer (for the purpose of seeking recovery from them or to assess insurance risks or to assist with an investigation);
- an organisation who provides you with banking facilities (for the purpose of confirming payments made by you to us);
- an airline, medical practitioner, treating doctor or emergency assistance provider (to establish your medical status and fitness to travel);
- a dispute resolution organisation, such as the Financial Ombudsman Service (for the purpose of resolving disputes between QBE and you or between QBE and a third party);
- a family member, in the case of a medical or other emergency;
- our reinsurers, who may be located overseas:
- a related company that may provide computer hosting and support that may be located overseas;
- a mailing house, records management company or technology service provider (for printing and/or delivery of mail, including secure storage and management of our records);
- our related entities, so that we may offer you other products and services;
- a company to conduct surveys on our behalf for the purpose of improved customer services; and
- an insurance reference bureau (to record any claims you make upon us).

In addition to the above, in the event of a claim, QBE or *our* authorised agent may disclose *your* personal information:

- to a repairer or supplier (for the purpose of repairing or replacing your insured items);
- to an investigator, assessor, state or federal authority, medical practitioners, hospitals or other professional advisers (for the purpose of investigating or assessing your claim);
- to a lawyer or recovery agent (for the purpose of defending an action by a third party against you or recovering our costs including your excess);
- to a witness to a claim (for the purpose of obtaining a witness statement):
- to another party in a claim (for the purpose of obtaining a statement from them or seeking recovery from them or to defend an action by a third party).

Personal information (about *you*) may also be obtained from the above people or organisations.

In addition we will:

- give you the opportunity to find out what personal information we hold about you and, when necessary, correct any errors in this information. Generally we will do this without restriction or charge; and
- provide our dispute resolution procedures to you, should you wish to complain about how we handle your personal information.

Our aim is to always have accurate and up-to-date information. When you receive a Certificate of Insurance or other documents from us, you should contact us if the information is not correct. Where reasonably possible we will correct the information on our systems or held on file. If you have a complaint or want more information about how QBE is managing your personal information, please contact the Compliance Manager using the contact details provided below. For security reasons, any request for details of personal information held by us should be made in writing.

The Compliance Manager QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited GPO Box 82, Sydney NSW 2001 Email: compliance.manager@gbe.com

## Our dispute resolution process

If a complaint arises during your dealings with us or our representatives, you should first discuss the matter with the person with whom you have been dealing. Where vour complaint is not resolved to vour satisfaction vou should request that the matter be dealt with by our Internal Complaints Handling Process. Our representative can assist you to lodge your complaint or our Customer Service Centre can take the details for you. You will be provided with a copy of our brochure detailing our complaints handling process. Your complaint will be handled by a person with authority to resolve the matter. Your complaint should be dealt with within 15 business days unless we notify you of the reasons why it cannot be dealt with within that time. If the complaint remains unresolved to your satisfaction, you can request that it be reviewed by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). FOS resolves certain insurance disputes between consumers and insurers and will provide an independent review at no cost to you. QBE Insurance is bound by the determination of FOS but the determination is not binding on you.

# The general insurance code of practice

QBE Insurance is a signatory to the General Insurance Code of Practice. The Code aims to:

- (a) promote better, more informed relations between insurers and their customers;
- (b) improve consumer confidence in the general insurance industry;
- (c) provide better mechanisms for the resolution of complaints and disputes between insurers and their customers; and
- (d) commit insurers and the professionals they rely upon to higher standards of customer service.

To obtain a copy of the General Insurance Code of Practice go to www.codeofpractice.com.au

# OMEGA 24/7 worldwide medical and emergency assistance

OMEGA has a team of highly trained medical and insurance specialists ready 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to help travellers in the event of accident, illness or mishap during their travel.

OMEGA's team is based in Melbourne and coordinates medical evacuation and repatriation to Australia for customers with a QBE travel insurance policy who become seriously injured or ill whilst travelling. The service is world wide, and works in conjunction with numerous hospitals, health care groups and other service providers internationally.

# Hurt, sick & away from home

Requiring medical attention is stressful at the best of times when you are at home let alone being overseas, potentially without the familiarity of the English speaking medical staff or the confidence of a fully equipped Australian hospital. OMEGA's team of medical experts, doctors and nurses, is on hand for:

- assessing and monitoring after an accident or illness;
- providing medical repatriation, if required;
- making payment of hospital and medical bills;

# Disrupted, damaged, desperate

Airport closures; lost or stolen documents; missing luggage all add up to frustration and anxiety when travelling. OMEGA is here to assist with:

- rescheduling disrupted travel plans;
- replacement of lost tickets, passports or travel documents;
- providing contact details for bank / credit card provider to assist with arrangements for emergency transfer of funds;
- urgent messages to family or travel agents.

Note: If you are in need of medical or dental treatment or need to cancel or rearrange your trip and you expect that the costs will be in excess of \$2,000 you must contact us.

Providing assistance is not in itself an admission of liability for a claim and where relevant, all services are subject to a claim being accepted under the policy.

## Before you travel

Subscribe to smartraveller.gov.au to receive up to date travel advice.





#### Contact details

Ensure you have your Certificate of Insurance number and contact details with you.

If you are in any of the following countries please use the toll free numbers below:

## **Outside of Australia**

Phone: 61 + 3 + 8523 2800 Fax: 61 + 3 + 8523 2815 email: omega@qbe.com

If you can't use the toll free numbers above contact the international operator and ask for a "reverse charge" or "collect" call to 61 + 3 + 8523 2800. Calls from mobile telephones will be at your cost.

#### Within Australia

1300 555 019 - Emergency Assistance

1300 555 017 - Claims

1300 555 017 - Customer Service

1300 555 017 - Medical Services

## Lost credit cards/travellers' cheques?

Due to privacy requirements you need to contact your credit card/ travellers cheque company directly to cancel or replace credit cards and travellers' cheques.

Contact the international operator and ask to make a collect call to the appropriate phone number.

American Express 61 + 2 + 9271 8664
Diners Club 61 + 3 + 8643 2210
Visa 1 + 410 + 581 9994
Mastercard 1 + 636 + 722 7111

# **Elements Travel Plan**

If you have little more than a passport, a ticket to England and a few clothes you can choose our Elements Travel Plan just in case the unexpected happens.

Schedule of benefits			
This list is a summary of some of the benefits covered by this policy and the applicable limits. Please refer to the relevant section of the Policy wording for full details		Applicable limits	
of cover. Other applicable limits		Per person	
Cancellation or holiday deferment costs	Section A1	\$10,000	
Emergency travel arrangements and accommodation expenses	Section A2	\$10,000	
Agents cancellation fees	Section A3	\$1,500	
Medical expenses	Section B1	\$10,000,000	
Dental expenses	Section B2	\$10,000,000	
Dental expenses due to sudden and acute pain	Section B3	\$1,000	
Emergency accomodation expenses	Section B4	\$2,500	
Medical evacuation and repatriation	Section C1	\$10,000,000	
Non medical evacuation and repatriation	Section C2	\$10,000,000	
Travel delay	Section D1	\$1,000	
Luggage and personal effects maximum total limit	Section F1	\$3,000	
Dentures or dental prothesis individual item limit	}	\$800	
Individual item limit		\$300	
Emergency luggage	Section F2	\$300	
Replacement passports and travel documents	Section F3	\$1,000	
Personal liability	Section H	\$1,000,000	

#### Region selection

The *premium* payable depends on a range of factors including *your* destination and duration. *You* must nominate on the Application Form the country or region where *you* are spending the majority of *your trip*, and whether *you* are spending more than 72 hours in the USA, Canada, South or Central America or Antarctica.

- The terms and conditions of the policy are subject to the laws of the Australian state or territory where the Certificate of Insurance is issued. You agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that state or territory.
- Insurance is not available to travellers outside of Australia.
- This travel plan is only available to residents of Australia
  who are under 65 years of age at the time the original
  Certificate of Insurance is to be issued and it must be
  issued prior to the commencement of your trip.
- This policy is not suitable for anyone with an existing medical condition (EMC) unless it is one that is an exemption listed on pages 5 and 6. Other policies are available where you can apply for cover that includes an EMC. Ask our representative for more information about an alternative policy that may be available.
- The premium payable is per person. There is no cover for any accompanying child or children.
- There is no provision to suspend this policy during the period of insurance.
- Your policy can be extended as many times as you like up to a maximum duration of 12 months from departure date. This is only available before the current policy expires. When applying for an extension you must tell us if there is a claim made or pending, or you suffer from an existing medical condition, or you have seen a medical or dental practitioner, as an extension may not be available or special terms may be imposed. If you wish to extend your policy please contact our representative. The premium for an extension is calculated at the amount current at the time of the extension. Policy extensions post departure are subject to Service Fees.
- This travel plan can be purchased up to 6 months prior to the commencement of *your trip*.
- There is no cover under this policy for any snow sports.
- This policy does not provide any cover if you are cruising for 4 or more consecutive days. If you require cover for a cruise you must apply for an International Travel Plan with additional Cruising cover.

#### Excess

An excess will apply to each claim *you* make under this policy except on the applicable section of the policy wording listed as "No excess applies to claims under this benefit". The excess will be subtracted from the amount paid to *you* if *you* should make a claim under a section of the policy where the excess is applicable. If *you* make more than one claim under *your* policy the excess will apply to each claim which arises as a result of each separate set of circumstances. The amount of this excess will be shown on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

## Inbound Travel Plan

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Our Inbound Travel Plan is designed for non residents of Australia either coming into Australia to visit family, or wanting to see the sights. It provides cover for things like medical or cancellation expenses, loss or theft of luggage, even *your* rental vehicle insurance excess.

Schedule of benefits		
Per adult includes any accompanying <i>child</i> or <i>children</i> . This list is a summary of some of the benefits covered by this policy and the <i>applicable limits</i> . Please refer to the relevant section of the Policy wording for full details of		Applicable limits
cover. Other applicable limits ma	у арріу.	Per adult
Cancellation or holiday deferment costs	Section A1	\$20,000
Emergency travel arrangements and accommodation expenses	Section A2	\$20,000
Agents cancellation fees	Section A3	\$2,000
Medical expenses	Section B1	\$200,000
Medical evacuation and repatriation	Section C1	\$200,000
Non medical evacuation and repatriation	Section C2	\$200,000
Travel delay	Section D1	\$1,200
Rental vehicle insurance excess	Section E1	\$1,000
Luggage and personal effects	Section F1	\$4,000
Dentures or dental prothesis individual item limit		\$800
Personal computer, camera, video individual item limit		\$1,000
Other individual item limit		\$500
Emergency luggage	Section F2	\$300
Replacement passports and travel documents	Section F3	\$2,000
Death expenses	Section G1	\$15,000
Funeral expenses overseas or repatriation of remains	Section G2	\$6,000
Personal liability	Section H1	\$500,000

# Premium payable

Ask *our representative* about availability and *premiums*. The *premium* is determined by *your* duration.

#### Guidelines

- This travel plan is only available to non residents of Australia who are entering Australia on a temporary basis.
- This policy is only available if your trip includes travel within Australia and is not available to cover you only for your return to your normal country of residence.
- If the Certificate of Insurance is issued prior to your arrival into Australia it provides cover for your travel to and within Australia and your return to your normal country of residence.
- If the Certificate of Insurance is issued after your arrival into Australia it provides cover for your travel within Australia and your return to your normal country of residence.
- Policies issued more than 7 days after arrival into Australia have a 28 day waiting period from the date of issue of the Certificate of Insurance for medically related claims.
- This policy is not available for anyone with an existing medical condition (EMC) unless it is one that is an exemption listed on pages 5 and 6.
- Your policy can be extended as many times as you like up to a maximum duration of 12 months from departure date. This is only available before the current policy expires. When applying for an extension you must tell us if there is a claim made or pending, or you suffer from an existing medical condition, or you have seen a medical or dental practitioner, as an extension may not be available or special terms may be imposed. If you wish to extend your policy please contact our representative. The premium for an extension is calculated at the amount current at the time of the extension. Policy extensions post departure are subject to Service Fees.
- This policy is not available to travellers 70 years of age or over at the time the Certificate of Insurance is to be issued.
- There is no cover under this policy once *you* have returned to *your* normal country of residence.
- This policy does not provide any cover for any snow sports.
- The terms and conditions of the policy are subject to the laws of the Australian state or territory where the Certificate of Insurance is issued. You agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that state or territory.
- You cannot purchase insurance more than 12 months prior to travel.
- You cannot substitute the nominated insurer, whose name appears on the Certificate of Insurance.
- There is no provision to suspend this policy during the period of insurance.

#### Excess

An excess will apply to each claim *you* make under this policy except on the applicable section of the policy wording listed as "No excess applies to claims under this benefit". The excess will be subtracted from the amount paid to *you* if *you* should make a claim under a section of the policy where the excess is applicable. If *you* make more than one claim under *your* policy the excess will apply to each claim which arises as a result of each separate set of circumstances. The amount of this excess will be shown on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

# Part 2 - Policy wording Terms and conditions

#### **Definitions**

Applicable limit(s) means the sum insured specified in the Schedule of Benefits or Policy wording for the travel plan selected as shown on the Certificate of Insurance.

Carrier(s) means the scheduled airline, vessel, train, or motor coach transport in which you are to travel to or from your intended destination

Child or children means your child or children, stepchild or stepchildren, grandchild or grandchildren, nieces and nephews who are under 25 years of age at the time the Certificate of Insurance is to be issued and who are financially dependant on you.

*Cruise(s), cruising* means travel on a vessel undertaking scheduled deep water *cruises* of 4 or more consecutive days. This does not apply to river cruises or house boats.

*Electronic equipment* means any equipment that operates using batteries or electricity including ipods, MP3 players, satellite navigation units and electronic games.

## Existing medical condition(s) means:

- a. any chronic or ongoing (whether chronic or otherwise) medical or dental condition, illness or disease of which you were aware or should reasonably have been aware, or which is medically documented or under investigation in the 12 months prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance; or
- b. any physical, mental illness or medical condition (including pregnancy), defect, illness or disease of which you were aware or should reasonably have been aware, or for which treatment, medication, preventative medication, advice, preventative advice or investigation have been received or prescribed by a medical or dental adviser in the 60 days prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance.

#### Note:

- Where any condition, illness or disease is the subject of an investigation, that condition, illness or disease falls within this definition, regardless of whether or not a diagnosis of the condition, illness or disease has been made.
- This definition applies regardless of whether or not the condition, illness or disease displays symptoms.
- This definition applies to you, your travelling party, your relatives, your business colleague, or any other person you have a relationship with whose state of health could impact on your travel plans.

Home in Australia means your usual residential address in Australia or an Australian hospital if we repatriate you.

*Injury* means a bodily *injury* that is caused solely and directly by external and visible means as a result of an accident and which does not result from an illness or disease.

Mental illness means a condition characterised by the presence of symptoms such as delusions, hallucinations, disorder of thought form, disturbance of mood, or sustained or

repeated irrational behaviour, which impairs, either temporarily or permanently, the mental functioning of a person.

Our representative means an intermediary and their employees appointed by us as our agent to issue or vary QBE travel insurance products on our behalf. Our representative may be our Authorised Representative or an Insurance Distributor, as detailed on the back panel of this PDS or in information given to you with this PDS.

Period of insurance means the period of cover specified in the Certificate of Insurance.

Personal computer means Laptops, personal digital assistants including a blackberry and other hand-held wireless devices and notebooks.

**Point of arrival** means an airport, port, station or bus terminal to which *your* pre-paid *scheduled public transport* arrives.

**Point of departure** means an airport, port, station or bus terminal from which *your* pre-paid scheduled public transport departs.

*Premium* means the total amount payable for the insurance. It includes commission, stamp duty and GST if applicable.

*Professional sporting activity* means an activity for which *you* receive financial reward, or benefits from participating in that sporting activity, regardless of whether or not *you* are a professional sportsperson.

Relative(s) is limited to a relative of yours, or of a member of the travelling party, who is resident in Australia or New Zealand. It means a spouse, defacto partner, parent, parent in-law, daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, grandparent, stepparent, stepchildren, fiance or fiancee, or quardian.

Rental vehicle means any car, campervan, motorcycle or boat you rent from a licenced rental vehicle company and have a signed contract with that company.

Repatriate(d) or repatriation means travel arrangements made by us for your return to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan or where we consider to be the nearest suitable alternative.

Resident of Australia means someone who currently resides in Australia and is eligible for an Australian Medicare Card.

Scheduled public transport means a public transport system that runs to a timetable.

 ${\it Snow~sports}$  means skiing, snow boarding and ski biking.

Terrorist act means An act or threat of force or violence by any person acting alone or in association with an organisation or foreign government, where the purpose, by its nature or context, is to put the public or a section of the public in fear, to resist or influence a government or, to further an ideological, religious, ethnic or similar act.

Travelling party means you and any travelling companion who has made arrangements to accompany you for at least 50% of the trip.

*Trip(s)* means the period of travel stated in the Certificate of Insurance. The period begins on the date of departure, as stated in the Certificate of Insurance, from *your home in Australia* 

and ends when *you* return to *your* home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan, or *your* normal country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan, or when the period of the *trip* set out in the Certificate of Insurance ends, whichever happens first. The period of travel cannot be altered without *our* consent.

*Unattended* means leaving *your* luggage either with a person *you* have not previously met, or, in a public place where it can be taken without *your* knowledge or at a distance from which *you* cannot prevent it from being taken.

We, our(s), us refers to QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited ABN 78 003 191 035.

You, your, yourself under the Elements Travel Plan means the person or persons listed as adults in the Certificate of Insurance provided they are under 65 years of age. There is no cover for any accompanying *child or children*. Under the Inbound Travel Plan means the person or persons listed as adults in the Certificate of Insurance provided they are under 70 years of age and their accompanying *child or children*.

# Your policy is a contract of insurance

Your policy is a contract of insurance between you and us. You pay us the premium, and in return we provide you with cover under the travel plan you have chosen.

Your contract consists of:

- these terms and conditions:
- the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen;
- your Certificate of Insurance, which will show the travel plan you have chosen; and
- any written endorsements we give you.

Together these documents make up your policy.

It is important that *you* read *your* policy carefully, and keep this booklet in a safe place for future reference.

If you have any questions regarding your policy, please contact us using the details on the back page of this brochure.

## You must co-operate with us

You must co-operate with us and give us all the information and assistance we need to deal with your claim. If you do not, we may not be able to settle your claim.

## When does the policy begin and end?

Your policy will be valid for the period of insurance when you have paid the premium and you have been provided with a Certificate of Insurance. The period of insurance will start and end on the dates shown in your Certificate of Insurance or when you return to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan and your normal country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan, whichever happens first.

## When does the cover under each benefit begin and end?

This policy contains a number of different benefits. Cover under those benefits may begin and end at different times. Each section of the policy sets out when the cover begins and ends.

## Making changes to the period of insurance

The period of insurance cannot be changed without our consent. If you wish to defer or alter the period of insurance, we may ask you to submit a Policy Amendment Form. We will decide whether or not to agree to alter the period of insurance based on the information you give us, together with any additional information we ask for. If we agree to defer or alter that period of insurance you will be issued with a new Certificate of Insurance which will show the change of the period of insurance and any premium adjustment. However, if the scheduled transport in which you are to travel is delayed, or your trip is delayed by an event that entitles you to make a claim under this policy, the period of insurance is automatically extended beyond the period of your original trip. This extension lasts until you are capable of travelling to your final destination, including the journey there, or for a period of 6 months beyond the period of insurance, whichever happens first.

#### Cancellation

# By you

Once the Certificate of Insurance has been issued *you* are not entitled to a refund of any part of the *premium* except as provided for in the section headed "Cooling Off Period". See the Cooling Off Period Section for further details on page 6.

#### By us

We can cancel *your* insurance in any way permitted by law, including if *you* have:

- failed to comply with your Duty of Disclosure; or
- made a misrepresentation to us before the policy was entered in to; or
- failed to comply with a provision of a policy, including failure to pay the *premium*; or
- made a fraudulent claim under this policy or any other current policy; or
- failed to notify us of a specific act or omission as required by the policy.

If we cancel your policy, we will do so by giving you written notice. We will deduct from the premium an amount to cover the shortened period for which you have been insured by us, and refund to you what is left.

#### General exclusions

These are the general exclusions which apply to all sections of this policy. *You* should read them, together with the cover and the specific exclusions referred to under each section of cover. There is no cover under any section of this policy for any claim arising directly or indirectly because of any of the following:

- 1. you travel:
  - (a) even though you know you are unfit to travel; or
  - (b) against medical advice; or
  - (c) when *you* know *you* will have to consult a medical practitioner; or
  - for the purpose of obtaining medical advice or treatment.
- you maintain a course of treatment you were on at the time your trip commenced, except where this is covered under Section F1 "Luggage and personal effects".
- the illness, injury or death, is caused or exacerbated by, or consequential upon, an existing medical condition of you, a member of the travelling party or a non-travelling relative or business partner other than those medical conditions automatically covered.
- 4. the illness, injury or death of you, a member of the travelling party or a non-travelling relative or business partner is caused or exacerbated by or consequential upon, any condition which has been the subject of a medical investigation within the period of 12 months prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance, in respect of which no diagnosis has been made other than those medical conditions automatically covered.
- illness, injury or death where a metastatic condition and/or terminal prognosis was made, in relation to any medical condition, prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance.
- 6. the birth of a child, whatever the proximate cause is.
- the illness, injury or death of a person who is not a member of your travelling party and is 80 years of age or over at the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued.
- 8. any cover under the Elements Travel Plan where *you* are 65 years of age or over, or any cover under the Inbound Travel Plan where *you* are 70 years of age or over, at the time the Certificate of Insurance is to be issued.
- 9. a member of the *travelling party* decides to alter their plans or not to continue with the *trip*.
- 10. a member of the travelling party:
  - (a) deliberately injures themself; or
  - (b) being under the influence of, or is addicted to, intoxicating liquor or a drug, except a drug taken in accordance with the advice of a registered medical practitioner; or
  - suffers any mental illness including dementia, depression, anxiety, panic attack, stress, bipolar, mania, schizophrenia or other nervous disorder; or
  - (d) suffers HIV with AIDS related infection or illness: or
  - (e) takes part in a riot or civil commotion; or
  - (f) acts maliciously; or
  - (g) hunts, plays polo, races (except on foot), mountaineers or rock climbs using support ropes, participates in base jumping, running with the bulls, or pot holing; or

- travels in international waters in a private sail vessel or privately registered sail vessel; or
- (i) participates in, or trains for, a *professional sporting activity*; or
- scuba dives unless you hold an open water diving licence or you were diving under licensed instruction; or
- rides a motor cycle in excess of 100 cc (except as a pillion passenger) without a licence that is valid in your country of residence; or
- rides a 4 wheel motor cycle even as a pillion passenger; or
- (m) participates in a snow sports activity.
- 11. a loss which is recoverable under some other scheme. For example, Medicare, a private health fund, national reciprocal health fund or scheme, workers' compensation scheme, travel compensation fund or accident compensation scheme.
- 12. any consequential loss or loss of enjoyment.
- 13. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with a criminal or dishonest act by *you* or by a person with whom *you* are in collusion.
- 14. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with war, invasion, act of a foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military or usurped power or civil insurrection, except as provided for in event 2 under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?"
- 15. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with the use, existence or escape of nuclear weapons material, or ionising radiation from, or contamination by, radioactivity from any nuclear fuel, or nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
- 16. a loss caused by, or in any way connected with any government intervention, prohibition, or regulation except as provided for in event 5 under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?".
- 17. a government authority seizing, withholding or destroying anything of *yours* or any prohibition by or regulation or intervention of any government or any government not allowing *you* to enter or to stay in that country.
- 18. an act or threat of terrorism. This exclusion does not apply to Section B1 "Medical expenses", Section B2 "Dental expenses", Section F1 "Luggage and personal effects" or under Section C1 "Medical Evacuation and repatriation" for the cost of repatriation to or within Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan, if the carrier requires you to be brought back with a medical escort.
- the cancellation or delay of travel arrangements due to mechanical breakdown of transportation or failure of the carrier to operate the service. This exclusion does not apply to Section D1 "Travel delay".

- you fail to take reasonable precautions to avoid a financial loss after a public warning of a strike, riot, civil commotion, or natural disaster.
- 21. you operate a rental vehicle in violation of the rental agreement.
- 22. the financial default of a travel agent, scheduled serviced airlines, hotel and resort operators, car and campervan hire companies, cruise lines, railway operators and theme park operators to the extent that your loss is covered by a scheme or fund (not a contract of insurance), or would be covered but for this insurance.
- 23. the *financial default* of any person, company or organisation involved in *your* travel arrangements and that *financial default* occurred prior to the issue of the Certificate of Insurance.
- 24. credit card conversion fees or any other bank charges.
- 25. any cover where *you* were *cruising* for 4 or more consecutive days.

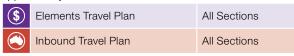
In the case of the Inbound Travel Plan the following General exclusions also apply:

- 26. any medical related claims for 28 days from the date the Certificate of Insurance was issued if *you* purchase *your* policy more than 7 days after arrival into Australia.
- 27. any claim under Section B1 "Medical expenses" and Section B2 "Dental expenses" to the extent that you are an eligible person within the meaning of Section 3 of the Australian Health Insurance Act 1978.

# Section A - Cancellation and additional expenses

#### Am I covered under Section A?

Section A is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.



You must read Section A together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

#### What are the events that will be covered under Section A?

We will cover you under Section A in respect of your planned trip if one of the following events occurs after the issue of the Certificate of Insurance:

- you are unable to start or finish the trip because of the death, sudden serious illness or serious injury arising before or during the trip of:
  - a member of your travelling party; or
  - a relative or business partner or person in the same employ as you, who is a resident in Australia or New Zealand under the Elements Travel Plan and your normal country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.

But before we will cover you, you must provide us with proof that:

- the death has occurred or the illness or injury requires hospitalisation or confinement; or
- in the case of a business partner or person in the same employ as you, the person's absence made the cancellation or ending of the trip necessary, and you have written confirmation of that fact from a senior representative or director of the business.
- your pre-paid scheduled public transport services or pre-paid tour have been cancelled or restricted because of severe weather, natural disaster, riot, strike or civil insurrection.
- your pre-paid accommodation has been destroyed or is uninhabitable due to severe weather or natural disaster and no alternative equivalent accommodation is available in the vicinity. You must have done everything reasonable to obtain alternative accommodation.
- a member of the travelling party is required to do jury service or has received a summons to give evidence in a criminal court of law.
- 5. a member of the *travelling party* is confined in compulsory quarantine.
- 6. you have been involved in, or your travel arrangements have been cancelled or delayed by, a motor vehicle, railway, air or marine accident or incident. You must have written confirmation of the accident or incident from an official body in the country where the accident or incident happened.
- your passport, travel documents or credit cards are lost or damaged.
- 8. a member of *your travelling party*, who is a full time student, is required to sit supplementary examinations conducted by their educational institution.
- a member of your travelling party has been made redundant from full-time permanent employment in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan.
- the cancellation of pre-arranged leave by an employer for a member of your travelling party who is a full-time permanent employee of the police, fire, ambulance or emergency services.
- 11. your normal place of residence or business premises in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or an usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan has been destroyed or rendered insecure due to a natural disaster, fire or malicious damage.
- 12. a wedding, conference, pre-paid concert, course, tuition or ticketed sporting event has been cancelled, and the sole purpose of the *trip* is to attend that wedding, conference, concert, course, tuition or ticketed sporting event.

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- a member of your travelling party has been affected by any form of insolvency, administration or bankruptcy of their employer.
- 14. a tour operator or wholesaler has cancelled a tour because there are not enough people to begin or complete the tour. Cover is limited to the pre-paid cost of the transport arrangements purchased solely to get to the departure point and returning from the finishing point of that tour, or rearrangement costs, whichever is the lesser.

# Section A1 Cancellation or holiday deferment costs

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins from the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued to *you* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins from the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued to *you* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay the value of unused pre-paid travel arrangements, less any refunds you are entitled to, if you have to cancel these arrangements because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?", or the reasonable cost of rearranging your trip, provided that this cost is not greater than the cancellation fees or lost deposits which would have been incurred had the trip been cancelled. If cancellation is due to an illness or injury you must provide us with documentation from your treating doctor to confirm you are medically unfit to commence or continue with your trip. We will not pay for cancellation or holiday deferment costs unless these costs are medically justified and if you have already commenced your trip you must have our consent.

## What is not covered?

 We will not pay for the value of unused pre-paid transport costs where we have repatriated you a distance equivalent to, or greater than, the total distance remaining on your itinerary at the point of repatriation. Where the total distance of the repatriation is less than the unused travel arrangements we will calculate your entitlement on a pro-rata basis, taking into account the cost of your original ticket.

## What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan and per adult, including accompanying child or children under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit is the amount set out in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan you have chosen unless you are claiming for pre-paid theme park and event tickets, golf green fees or tuition fees that cannot be used because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?" which are limited to \$500 per

person under the Elements Travel Plan and per adult, including accompanying child or children under the Inbound Travel Plan.

# Section A2 Emergency travel arrangements and accommodation expenses

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your home in Australia or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for expenses you incur for reasonable additional travel, accommodation, meals and internet use and emergency telephone calls if you have to interrupt your trip after it has begun, because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?". We will pay the higher of the non-refundable cancellation fees (Under Section A1) or the additional rearrangement costs that have been incurred as a result of the same event.

If the interruption to *your trip* requires *repatriation* refer to Section C "Evacuation and repatriation" for details of cover. *You* must not organise any additional travel or accommodation in excess of \$2,000 without *our* prior consent.

#### What is not covered?

- Any additional travel you undertake must be at the fare class that you originally chose, except where we agree differently on the basis of a written recommendation from your treating doctor.
- 2. If you return to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan because of the interruption and you do not have a return ticket at the time of the event that causes a claim under this section, we will deduct from the amount we pay you the cost of an economy class airfare at the carrier's regular published rates for the return journey.
- 3. We will not pay for any expenses you incur to resume your trip after you have returned to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.
- We will not pay for additional accommodation where you have claimed for cancelled accommodation expenses covering the same period of time or for additional transport costs in excess of the distance of the cancelled travel arrangements.
- We will not pay for accommodation expenses for periods where you have not forfeited pre-paid accommodation arrangements.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay under this benefit for the reasonable cost of additional meals is \$50 per person under the Elements Travel Plan and per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan for each 24 hour period up to a maximum of \$500 per person under the Elements Travel Plan and per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan.

For additional travel and accommodation the most we will pay you under this benefit is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan you have chosen. We will also pay you for necessary emergency internet use and telephone calls up to a maximum of \$250.

# Section A3 Agents cancellation fees

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins from the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued to you and ends when you return to your home in Australia or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins from the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued to *you* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for agent's cancellation fees when you have paid the agent the full amount for your trip and you have cancelled because of an event set out under "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?". If only a deposit has been paid at the time of cancellation, we will pay the agent's cancellation fees up to the maximum amount of the deposit.

#### What is not covered?

 We will not pay more than the level of commission and/or service fees normally earned by the agent, had the *trip* not been cancelled

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan and per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit is the amount set out in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen.

# Section B - Medical and dental expenses

#### Am I covered under Section B?

Section B is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.



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Section B1

You must read Section B together with the General exclusions, as these may affect *your* cover.

# Section B1 - Medical expenses

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your home in Australia or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for medical, hospital and ambulance expenses you incur as a result of an illness, injury or death that you suffer while you are overseas under the Elements Travel Plan or while you are overseas or within Australia under the Inbound Travel Plan.

We will pay medical expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to treat the illness or *injury*. Any treatment *you* receive must be given by a medical practitioner, physiotherapist or chiropractor who is registered to practice in the country or jurisdiction where *you* receive treatment. Where *you* need treatment for an *injury* by a physiotherapist or a chiropractor *you* may have the first 6 treatments without asking *us*. Any treatments after that must be with *our* consent.

All expenses under this section must be incurred within 12 months of the date of the illness or *injury*.

#### What is not covered?

- There is no cover for any medical, hospital or ambulance expenses you incur in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan. We cannot cover these because we are not allowed to do so by law. There is no cover for any medical, hospital or ambulance expenses you incur in your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.
- 2. There is no cover under this benefit because of an illness or *injury*, the signs and symptoms of which *you* first became aware of before *you* went on *your* trip.
- 3. There is no cover for any person whose date of birth is after the date that the Certificate of Insurance was issued unless *you* advised *us* and *we* agreed to provide cover.
- 4. There is no cover for any existing medical condition for any member of the travelling party.
- 5. There is no cover for ongoing payments under this benefit if we decide on the advice of a doctor appointed by us that you are capable of being repatriated to or within Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan. If you do not agree to return to your home in Australia or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan we may choose not to make any further payment for medical expenses and associated costs as determined by us.

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#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen.

# Section B2 - Dental expenses

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your home in Australia or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for dental treatment expenses you incur as a result of an *injury* to healthy natural teeth that you suffer while you are overseas under the Elements Travel Plan.

We will pay dental expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to treat the illness or *injury*. Any treatment *you* receive must be given by a dentist or oral surgeon who is registered to practice in the country or jurisdiction where *you* receive treatment. Where *you* need emergency dental treatment, *you* may have the first 6 treatments without asking *us*. Any treatments after that must be with *our* consent.

All expenses under this section must be incurred within 12 months of the date of the illness or *injury*.

## What is not covered?

- 1. There is no cover for any dental expenses *you* incur in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan.
- 2. There is no cover under this benefit because of an illness or *injury*, the signs and symptoms of which *you* first became aware of before *you* went on *your* trip.
- There is no cover for any person whose date of birth is after the date that the Certificate of Insurance was issued unless you advised us and we agreed to provide cover.
- There is no cover for damage to dentures or dental prostheses under this section. Refer to Section F1 "Luggage and personal effects" for cover that may be available.
- There is no cover for expenses incurred for dental treatment due to normal wear and tear or the normal maintenance of dental health.

## What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits under the Elements Travel Plan.

# Section B3 - Dental expenses due to sudden and acute pain

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for dental treatment expenses you incur overseas to relieve sudden and acute pain which occurs while you are outside Australia. We will pay expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to treat the pain. Before we will pay this you must give us written certification from your treating dentist that treatment is necessary to alleviate your pain. Any treatment you receive must be given by a dentist or oral surgeon who is registered to practice in the country where you receive treatment.

## What is not covered?

- There is no cover for expenses incurred for dental treatment due to normal wear and tear or the normal maintenance of dental health.
- 2. There is also no cover for any dental expenses *you* incur in Australia.

## What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under this benefit is the amount set out in this section of the Schedule of Benefits under the Elements Travel Plan.

Section B4 - Emergency accommodation expenses
No excess applies to claims under this benefit.

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins from the time the Certificate of Insurance is issued to *you* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of Insurance* ends, which ever happens first.

#### What is not covered?

We will cover you for the costs of reasonable emergency accomodation expenses you incur as a result of a friend or relative you are staying with overseas is hospitalised or confined to bed for a minimum of 12 hours due to a sudden injury or serious illness provided that:

- That person resides at the address where you are staying; and
- That person is under 65 years of age.

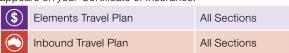
#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per adult, including accompanying *child* or *children*, under this benefit is \$250 for each 24 hour period up to the *applicable limit* set out in the Schedule of Benefits.

# Section C - Evacuation and repatriation

#### Am I covered under Section C?

Section C is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.



You must read Section C together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# Section C1 - Medical evacuation and repatriation

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if you have to interrupt your trip after it has begun because you have suffered an illness or injury while you are on your trip, and in our opinion you need to be evacuated or repatriated. We will pay expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to bring you back to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan or to another destination of our choice. Before we will pay this you must give us written certification from your treating doctor that your evacuation or repatriation is necessary and that you cannot continue your trip. The decision to evacuate or repatriate you is ours, and we will not pay for any evacuation or repatriation expenses unless it is medically justified and you have received our consent. Based on the advice of your treating doctor we will either;

- return you to your home in Australia under the Elements
  Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the
  Inbound Travel Plan with a medical attendant; or
- pay for a return economy class airfare, reasonable accommodation and additional expenses for a friend or relative to fly to, remain with and escort you in place of a medical attendant; or
- return you to your home in Australia under the Elements
  Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the
  Inbound Travel Plan without an attendant.

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#### What is not covered?

- 1. We will not cover you if you evacuate or repatriate when it is not medically necessary or without our consent.
- 2. We will not pay for any expenses you incur to resume your trip after you have returned to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.
- 3. For *repatriation*, we will not pay more than the cost of *repatriation* to *your home in Australia* under the Elements Travel Plan or *your* usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.
- 4. There is no cover under this benefit because of an illness or *injury*, the signs and symptoms of which *you* first became aware of before *you* went on *your trip*.
- 5. Any additional costs for travel *you* undertake that is not at the fare class that *you* originally chose, unless it is medically justified, based on the written recommendation from *your* treating doctor and *you* have *our* consent.
- If you do not have a return ticket at the time of the event that
  causes a claim under this section, we will deduct from the
  amount we pay you the cost of an economy class airfare at
  the carrier's regular published rates for the return journey.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen.

## Section C2 - Non-medical evacuation and repatriation

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if you have to interrupt your trip after it has begun because of one of the events listed in "What are the events that will be covered under Section A?", while you are on your trip, and in our opinion you need to be evacuated or repatriated.

We will pay expenses which we believe are reasonable and necessary to bring you back to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan or to another destination of our choice.

The decision to evacuate or *repatriate you* is *ours*, and *we* will not pay for any evacuation or *repatriation* expenses unless *you* have received *our* prior consent.

#### What is not covered?

- We will not cover you if you evacuate or repatriate without our consent.
- We will not pay for any expenses you incur to resume your trip after you have returned to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the inbound Travel Plan
- For repatriation, we will not pay more than the cost of repatriation to your home in Australia under the Elements Travel Plan or your usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan.
- 4. Any additional travel *you* undertake must be at the fare class that *you* originally chose unless *you* have *our* consent.
- If you do not have a return ticket at the time of the event that
  causes a claim under this section, we will deduct from the
  amount we pay you the cost of an economy class airfare at
  the carrier's regular published rates for the return journey.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen.

# Section D - Travel delay

# Am I covered under Section D?

Section D is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

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\$ Elements Travel Plan	All Sections
Inbound Travel Plan	All Sections

You must read Section D together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

## Section D1 - Travel delay

No excess applies to claims under this benefit.

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plans begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you if your scheduled public transport from or within Australia or overseas in respect of any individual leg of your trip is delayed for at least 6 hours for a reason outside your control, and for each subsequent 24 hours (or part of that time) from the original departure time.

#### What is not covered?

 If you are entitled to a claim under Section A2 "Emergency travel arrangements and accommodation expenses" there is no cover under this benefit.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay under this benefit, is the applicable limit which is the total of:

- (a) the reasonable cost of rearranging your travel arrangements, including additional accommodation and travel arrangements to resume your pre-paid arrangements; and
- (b) up to a maximum per day of \$200 for the cost of reasonable additional accommodation and \$50 for meals.

# **Section E - Rental vehicle expenses**

#### Am I covered under Section E?

Section E is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

\$ Elements Travel Plan	No Cover
Inbound Travel Plan	All Sections

You must read Section E together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

## Section E1 - Rental vehicle insurance excess

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you for the rental vehicle insurance excess, or the cost of repairing the vehicle, whichever is lower, if

- you rent a vehicle from a rental company;
- it is damaged by accident, storm, fire or theft; and
- you are a nominated driver on the Rental Vehicle Agreement.

For this benefit to apply, the *rental vehicle* must have comprehensive motor vehicle insurance for the period of hire.

#### What is not covered?

 This cover is not in place of rental vehicle insurance and only provides cover for the excess component up to the applicable limit.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under this benefit, is the amount set out in that section of the Schedule of Benefits under the Inbound Travel Plan.

# Section F - Luggage and personal effects

#### Am I covered under Section F?

Section F is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

\$ Elements Travel Plan	All Sections
Inbound Travel Plan	All Sections

You must read Section F together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# Section F1 - Luggage and personal effects

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

# What is covered?

We will cover *you* for each of the following:

- accidental loss, theft of, or damage to, your luggage or personal effects including things you buy during the trip, while they are accompanying you during your trip.
- 2. loss of, or damage to, dentures or dental prostheses during *your trip*.
- the cost of medical consultation fees you incur to replace prescription medication which is accidentally lost, stolen or damaged, together with the cost of the medication itself.
- theft of, or damage to, your luggage or personal effects while they are left in a locked motor vehicle or a motor home during daylight hours and there is forced entry into the vehicle.

We will allow *you* one automatic reinstatement of the sum insured in the event of a claim.

#### What is not covered?

There is no cover under Section F1 for any of the following:

- 1. accidental loss or damage to or theft of:
  - cash, bank or currency notes, cheques or negotiable instruments;

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- (b) fragile or brittle items (eg. glass or china), except loss or damage caused by fire, or by accident to the transport carrying them;
- damage to computer screens at any time, computer software or applications;
- (d) luggage or personal effects that are being transported independently of *you*;
- (e) property that you leave unattended or that occurs because you do not take reasonable care to protect it;
- (f) luggage or personal effects for which *you* are entitled to compensation from the *carrier*;
- (g) personal computer, communication or photographic equipment, electronic equipment, jewellery or watches left unattended by you in a motor vehicle or a motor home for any length of time, even if they are locked in the motor vehicle or motor home;
- (h) luggage or personal effects left unattended by you during non daylight hours in a motor vehicle or a motor home for any length of time;
- (i) luggage or personal effects left *unattended* by *you* in a tent or caravan for any length of time;
- (j) personal computer, communication or photographic equipment, electronic equipment, jewellery or watches checked in as luggage;
- (k) trade items, trade samples or your tools of trade or profession;
- gold or precious metals, precious unset or uncut gemstones;
- (m) watercraft of any type (excluding theft of surfboards or damage to surfboards whilst in the custody of the carrier);
- (n) sporting equipment (excluding surfboards) whilst in use; or
- (o) snow sports equipment.
- 2. wear and tear or depreciation of property or damage by the action of insects or vermin, mildew, rust or corrosion.
- mechanical or electrical breakdown, or malfunction repair costs.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen. We will not pay more than the original price *you* paid for an item, even if the *applicable limit* set out in the Schedule of Benefits is higher.

We will choose between:

 repairing or replacing your items to a condition no better than their condition at the time of loss, damage or theft; or  paying you their value in cash, taking into account an allowance for age, wear and tear. The way in which we depreciate is set out in the Depreciation Schedule under Section I "Claims" on page 40.

The limits in total, for a camera, video camera or *personal computer*, set of golf clubs, watches, jewellery and for any other item are set out in the Schedule of Benefits and depends on the travel plan *you* have chosen.

A pair or related set of items - for example, a camera, lenses (attached or not), tripod and accessories or a chain and pendant - are only one item for this purpose.

# Section F2 - Emergency luggage

No excess applies to claims under this benefit.

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will cover you towards the cost of purchasing essential articles such as clothing, toiletries and personal requisites if your accompanied luggage is delayed, misdirected or temporarily misplaced by the carrier for a period in excess of 10 hours during your trip. If your luggage is not recovered, the amount paid by us for the loss will be reduced by the total of any amounts paid for under this section.

#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen.

If after 72 hours *your* delayed luggage is still missing, the *applicable limit* for this benefit is doubled.

# Section F3 - Replacement passports and travel documents

# When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your* usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay for the cost of reissuing or replacing *your* travel or personal documents, travellers' cheques, passport, or debit or credit cards, after they have been stolen, accidentally lost or damaged during *your trip*.

We will also cover the reasonable cost of *you* travelling to the nearest location where the documents can be replaced. *You* must comply with any conditions of the issuing body of the travel documents, travellers' cheques, passport, or debit or credit cards.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult, including accompanying *child or children* under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan *you* have chosen.

# **Section G - Death expenses**

No excess applies to claims under this section.

#### Am I covered under Section G?

Section G is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

\$ Elements Travel Plan	No Cover
Inbound Travel Plan	All Sections

You must read Section G together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

#### Section G1 - Accidental death

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay your Estate, if you are 18 years of age or over and during your trip:

- you suffer an injury which results in your death within 12 months of the injury being sustained; or
- you disappear because your means of transport disappeared, sank or was wrecked, and your body has still not been found 12 months after your disappearance.

#### What is not covered?

 There is no cover if your death is due to an illness or your suicide.

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#### What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per adult under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits. Cover for each accompanying *child or children* is limited to a total amount of \$1,000.

# Section G2 - Funeral expenses overseas or repatriation of remains

## When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

# What is covered?

We will pay for expenses for *your* burial or cremation overseas or *your* usual country of residence under the Inbound Travel Plan, or the transporting of *your* remains to a funeral *home in Australia* if *you* die during the *trip*.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per adult, including accompanying child or children under this benefit is \$6,000

# Section H - Personal liability

#### Am I covered under Section H?

Section H is divided into different benefits which apply depending on the travel plan *you* have chosen. This plan appears on *your* Certificate of Insurance.

\$ Elements Travel Plan	All Sections
Inbound Travel Plan	All Sections

You must read Section H together with the General exclusions, as these may affect your cover.

# Section H1 - Personal liability

#### When does the cover begin and end?

The cover under this benefit for the Elements Travel Plan begins when *you* leave on *your trip* and ends when *you* return to *your home in Australia* or when the *period of insurance* ends, whichever happens first.

The cover under this benefit for the Inbound Travel Plan begins when you leave on your trip and ends when you return to your usual country of residence or when the period of insurance ends, whichever happens first.

#### What is covered?

We will pay you for your legal liability to pay damages or compensation because your negligence during the trip causes:

 injury to a person who is not a member of your family or travelling party; or (b) loss or damage to property that is not owned by you or a member of your family or travelling party, or which is not in your or their custody or control.

We will also pay *your* legal costs in relation to that liability, but only if *you* get *our* consent before *you* take or are involved in any legal action.

#### What is not covered?

- 1. There is no cover for any liability:
  - a) arising out of *your* trade, business or profession; or
  - (b) for *injury* to an employee arising out of, or in the course of, their employment by *you*; or
  - (c) arising out of your unlawful, wilful or malicious act; or
  - (d) arising out of your ownership, possession or use (including as a passenger) of a mechanically propelled vehicle, or any aircraft or watercraft, or firearm; or
  - (e) arising out of you passing on an illness or disease to another person.

# What is the most we will pay?

The most we will pay per person under the Elements Travel Plan or per adult under the Inbound Travel Plan under this benefit, is the amount set out in the section in the Schedule of Benefits which relates to the travel plan you have chosen. The applicable limit is a combined total for your liability and your costs.

# Section I - Making a claim

You must do everything reasonable to prevent a loss from occurring or, when a loss has occurred, from making the loss worse. In the event of a claim you must:

- (a) notify us promptly of a claim and complete a Claim Form;
- (b) give us any documents, letters or notices relating to a claim or possible claim, medical certificates, itemised medical accounts, original receipts, rental agreements, repair quotes, ticket and luggage checks or information that we reasonably ask for. This will be at your expense;
- (c) forward immediately any letters or documents you receive from anyone else relating to a potential claim;
- (d) not make any promise or offer of payment, or admit fault to anyone, or become involved in any litigation in respect of an event that may result in a claim under this policy, without our consent:
- (e) in the event of a claim caused by any medical condition, obtain evidence from the treating doctor as soon as you are aware of signs or symptoms of the condition;
- (f) in cases of theft, damage or loss, report the matter to the police, transport provider, hotel or other authority within 24 hours and obtain a copy of that report; and

- (g) report any loss or damage to your accompanying luggage in writing to the carrier within 3 days and send to us a property irregularity report, along with details of any settlement that they make in relation to the loss or damage.
  - We may, at our expense, take proceedings in your name to recover compensation or enforce an indemnity against someone else in respect of a loss covered by this insurance in accordance with the law.
  - We may refuse to pay a claim under this policy if you do not comply with any condition of this policy.
  - We will not pay a claim if your claim is fraudulent.
  - If anyone else is legally responsible for your illness, injury or death we may seek compensation from them to recover any costs we have paid or seek reimbursement from you if you receive any payment from any other source for these expenses.

#### **Proof of loss**

If you make a claim under your policy we will ask you for evidence of the circumstances which gave rise to the claim and proof that you have suffered a loss. If you are claiming for loss of, or damage to any item we will ask you to provide:

- proof that vou owned the item: and
- proof of its value and age.

Therefore *you* should keep all relevant receipts, accounts, valuations and police or medical reports. *We* will not pay any claim when the only proof of ownership is:

- a photograph; or
- a photocopy of any documentation; or
- a statutory declaration; or
- a copy of the user's manual downloaded from the internet.

If you cannot provide the evidence or proof that we ask for we may not pay you.

#### Paying the claim

- An excess may apply to a claim you make under this
  policy. The amount of the excess is shown on your
  Certificate of Insurance. Where applicable we will deduct
  the excess from any payment we make to you. This
  excess will be reimbursed to you if we successfully
  recover an amount exceeding the amount of the excess.
- Claims will be paid to you or your personal representative in Australian dollars on the basis of the exchange rate that applied at the time of the event that gave rise to the claim. We will not pay more than your actual loss.
- 3. You must tell us if you are entitled to claim an input tax credit at the time of making the claim. If you do not provide us with this information we may deduct up to 1/11th of the amount otherwise payable in settlement of your claim.

- 4. If we agree to pay a claim under your policy, this policy covers GST inclusive costs (up to the relevant travel plan limit). However, we will reduce any claim payment by any input tax credit you are or would be entitled to for the repair or replacement of insured property or for other things covered by the policy.
- 5. At the time *you* make a claim *you* must tell *us* if *your* entitlement to an input tax credit which *you* have told *us*:
  - (a) is incorrect; or
  - (b) changes from what you have told us, when you extend or vary your policy.

## Depreciation

The nominated depreciation rate will apply to each year of age up to a maximum of 80% of the original purchase price of that item.

- 10% Camping, sporting and leisure equipment (not leisure clothing), and musical instruments.
- 15% Clothing, footwear, personal effects, luggage, prescription glasses, sunglasses, costume jewellery and books.
- 20% Personal and or laptop computers, communication or photographic equipment, *electronic equipment*, ipods, mobile phones, CDs and DVDs.
- 50% Toiletries including skin care, makeup, perfume, medication.

Items not listed above will also be subject to depreciation at *our* discretion.

## Obtaining a claim form

To obtain a claim form go to https://travel.qbe.com/qbe/claims or contact our representative or us. You can help us to speed up the processing of your claim by following the instructions on the Claim Form which will advise you of what documentation you need to provide to support your claim. The completed claim form should be sent to:

QBE Travel Insurance

PO Box 12090, Melbourne VIC 8006

Claims Enquiries: 1300 555 017 or (03) 8523 2777

Email: travel.claims@gbe.com

#### Claims service standard

Our claims service standard is to settle your claims within 10 working days upon the receipt of a completed Claim Form and all necessary supporting information. If more information is required we will contact you within 10 working days.

## Contact details within Australia

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited

ABN 78 003 191 035, AFS Licence No 239545 is the insurer of this product.

Customer service Phone: 1300 555 017

Fax (03) 8523 2977

Email travel.service@qbe.com

**Claims** Phone: 1300 555 017

Fax (03) 8523 2723

Email travel.claims@qbe.com

Medical services Phone: 1300 555 017 (Pre Sales)

(03) 8523 2743

(Medical Appraisal Enquiries)

Fax (03) 8523 2961

**OMEGA** Phone: (03) 8523 2800

(within Australia) 1300 555 019

Fax (03) 8523 2815

If overseas please refer to page 11.
Email omega@qbe.com

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