

# Home Insurance

## Premium, Excess, Discounts & Benefits Guide

This RACV Home Insurance Premium, Excess, Discounts & Benefits Guide should be read with the RACV Home Insurance Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Booklet (PDS), prepared on 29 September 2017.

It applies to policies issued in Victoria with a commencement date on or after 24 August 2018 or with a renewal effective date on or after 1 October 2018.\*

This guide provides further information about the cost of your insurance and excess(es) you may need to pay if you make a claim.

\* Call 13 RACV (13 7228) for information about policies issued with a Home address outside Victoria.

### How we work out your premium

Your insurance premium is based on the likelihood of a claim being made on your policy in the future. There are a number of factors we take into account when determining your premium.

We calculate your premium by combining the:

- ▶ pricing factors
- ▶ discounts
- ▶ policy options
- ▶ cost of choosing to pay by the month, and
- ▶ government charges.

#### Pricing Factors

The premium you pay for your insurance reflects the likelihood of you making a claim together with the potential value of any claim. So, if you have a lower chance of making a claim then you will generally pay a lower premium compared to someone who has a higher chance of making a claim.

Our experience shows there are a number of factors that are a good indicator of the possibility of a claim being made. We call these pricing factors.

The following table describes the pricing factors we may take into account to determine your premium for Buildings Insurance or Contents Insurance.

Pricing Factors	Buildings	Contents
The location of your home	✓	✓
The amount your home or contents are insured for	✓	✓
The age of the oldest insured	✓	✓
Who occupies your home – for example, owner or renter	✓	✓
The way you use your home - for example, residential or business use	✓	✓
The construction material of your home and roof	✓	✗
The year your home was built (see step 3 of 'How we calculate your home premium')	✓	✗
The type of alarm fitted to your home	✗	✓
The basic excess amount you choose	✓	✓

## Discounts

The following discounts are available depending on the type of insurance you have chosen:

- ▶ Years of Membership Benefit
- ▶ No Claim Bonus
- ▶ Multi-Policy Discount.

## Policy options

If you have Buildings Insurance you may add the following options to your policy by paying any additional premium that applies:

- ▶ Accidental Damage
- ▶ Burn out of electric motors – fusion.

If you have Contents Insurance you may add the following options to your policy by paying any additional premium that applies:

- ▶ Accidental Damage
- ▶ Burn out of electric motors – fusion
- ▶ Valuable Items Cover
- ▶ Portable Items Cover.

## Cost of choosing to pay by the month

If you choose to pay your premium by monthly instalments you pay more than if you pay annually.

The extra premium you pay will be shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

## Government charges

Home Insurance policies are subject to stamp duty imposed by state governments in addition to GST.

Government Charges	Home Insurance
GST	10%
Stamp Duty	10%

## How we calculate your home premium

### Step 1

First, we will combine the pricing factors and the cost of any options you have chosen (except Burn out of electric motors – fusion).

### Step 2

Then we add the cost of choosing to pay by the month.

### Step 3

If your home is new, we work out any premium reduction that you may be eligible for and apply it to the buildings premium amount from Step 2.

### Step 4

Once this amount is calculated we work out any No Claim Bonus you may be eligible for and apply this to the amount from Step 3.

### Step 5

If you have both Buildings and Contents Insurance under the one policy, we add your buildings premium and contents premium together.

### Step 6

Then, we add the cost of Burn out of electric motors – fusion, if you have chosen this option.

### Step 7

We then work out any Multi-Policy Discount that you may be eligible for and apply this to the amount from Step 6.

### Step 8

We apply any Years of Membership Benefit you may be eligible for to the amount in Step 7.

### Step 9

We then add applicable government charges to work out the premium you need to pay.

## Excess

An excess is an amount you pay when you lodge a claim. You may have to pay more than one type of excess depending on your circumstances.

There are 3 types of excess(es):

- ▶ basic
- ▶ accidental damage, and
- ▶ special.

The amount and types of excess(es) payable are shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

You do not have to pay an excess if you make:

- ▶ a liability claim, or
- ▶ a claim for food spoilage (see Section 3 of your RACV Home Insurance PDS).

### Basic excess

If you make a claim for a listed event you must pay any basic excess that applies.

You can choose one of the following amounts as your basic excess: \$100, \$200, \$300, \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000, \$5,000.

Or if you're 50 years or older you can choose a nil excess in place of \$100 excess.

If you choose a higher basic excess on your policy, you can decrease your premium.

### Accidental Damage excess

If you have chosen the Accidental Damage option and make an accidental damage claim, you must pay the \$300 accidental damage excess instead of your basic excess.

### Special excess

We may apply a special excess for one of the listed events. A special excess is payable in addition to your basic excess. Any special excess applicable to your policy will be shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

## Discounts

We offer the following discounts that you may be entitled to:

- ▶ Years of Membership Benefit
- ▶ No Claim Bonus
- ▶ Multi-Policy Discount.

The discounts you have will be shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

The way in which the discounts are applied to your premium is set out under the heading 'How we calculate your home premium' on page 2 of this guide.

### Years of Membership Benefit

This discount applies to Home Insurance<sup>#</sup>.

We reward you with a Years of Membership discount which is linked to the colour of your RACV membership card. RACV Years of Membership Benefit increases the longer you are with us.

Membership Card Colour	Years of Membership	Annual Discount
Blue	0-4 years	0%
Bronze	5-9 years	5%
Silver	10-24 years	10%
Gold	25-50 years	15%
Gold 50	51 years or more	20%

<sup>#</sup> Excludes Travel, Business, Farm, Single Item and Pet Insurance products.

### No Claim Bonus

We give you a No Claim Bonus to reward you for having a good claims record. We calculate your No Claim Bonus based on your insurance and claims history.

The No Claim Bonus levels are:
25%
20%
15%
10%
5%
0%

### How does No Claim Bonus work?

Each year at renewal, your policy automatically moves up to the next level of No Claim Bonus if you do not make a claim in that period of insurance.

If you do make a claim, your policy will move down two levels of No Claim Bonus.

Liability claims do not affect your No Claim Bonus.

### Multi-Policy Discount

A Multi-Policy Discount rewards you for holding multiple RACV Insurance policies.

See if you qualify for a Multi-Policy Discount<sup>#</sup>:

How to qualify	Multi-Policy Discount
Hold two or more of the following: Home, Landlord, Motor, Caravan & Trailer, Boat or Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Insurance.	<b>Save 10%</b> On your Home, Landlord, Motor, Caravan & Trailer, Boat or Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Insurance.

To receive the Multi-Policy Discount, the qualifying products must:

- ▶ be current; and
- ▶ have at least one common insured named on each policy.

On existing policies the discount applies from the date of the next renewal after you qualify.

The way in which your Multi-Policy Discount is applied to your premium is set out in the 'How we calculate your home premium' section of this guide on page 2.

<sup>#</sup> Excludes Travel, Business, Farm, Single Item and Pet Insurance products.

## **Aussie Assist 13 19 03 – help with emergencies**

### **Helping you anytime, any day**

Our Aussie Assist telephone service provides you with help and advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You need to contact us BEFORE using any of the services or benefits that Aussie Assist offers.

### **Help at your home**

Aussie Assist is an emergency resource and information service that offers immediate assistance and help on all sorts of home emergencies. When you call our qualified staff can help refer you to tradespeople, arrange repair estimates and follow up to ensure that your problem has been resolved.

## **Prime Cover Home Insurance**

If you're 50 years or older we offer benefits in addition to other features of your Home Insurance policy.

### **Benefits**

- ▶ Reduced premiums at 50 – even if you're working full time
- ▶ A nil basic excess option, so if you make a claim you won't have to pay a basic excess  
(you can still choose a higher excess to lower your premium)
- ▶ Access to confidential legal advice through Aussie Assist on 13 19 03, for one hour per period of insurance. Subjects covered include:
  - Tenancy/landlord
  - Buying and selling a property
  - Aged care
  - Neighbours and noise
  - Wills, Estates and Probate
  - Contracts advice
  - Powers of Attorney
  - Medical complaints
  - Credit and finance

We will pay the law firm for one matter up to one hour per period of insurance. Any charge for additional work is by agreement between you and the law firm. This service is unable to provide advice on any insurance related matter that may involve us or one of our related companies.

### **24 Hour Medical Assistance Service**

RACV Prime Cover Home Insurance also provides members with access to our 24 hour medical assistance service where one quick call to Aussie Assist can help you obtain medical assistance. Aussie Assist can arrange for you to talk to a trained nurse or doctor who may refer you to a local doctor or medical facility, monitor medical treatment and notify relatives or friends.

### **Home Maintenance**

Another benefit of RACV Prime Cover Home Insurance is our 24 Hour Home Maintenance Assistance Service. When you call Aussie Assist, we can refer you to qualified tradespeople such as painters, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, tilers or even gardeners to take on those routine maintenance and repair jobs around your home.

We may change the benefits or introduce more benefits from time to time.

If you qualify for Prime Cover home insurance it will be shown on your current Certificate of Insurance.

**If there is anything you don't understand about this RACV Home Insurance Premium, Excess, Discounts & Benefits Guide, please call us on 13 RACV (13 7228) or visit your nearest RACV Shop.**