

Production Insurance

Since 1 August 2004 there has been a change to the way in which insurance is treated for all productions which have Channel 4 financing.

Channel 4 requires all of its productions to have a range of insurances in place to cover for losses, which may arise during the course of production. The cost of those insurances, subject to the exclusions set out below, is to be met by the production company from the production budget.

The table below sets out the minimum requirements.

Cover Requirement Summary

Coverage	Limits of Liability	Deductible Each Claim
1. Cast Insurance	up to £10,000,000	10% of loss min £ 500, max £3,000
2. Videotape/Negative & Archive	up to £10,000,000	Nil
3. Faulty Stock Camera And Processing	up to £10,000,000	10% of loss min £ 500, max £ 2,000
4. Extra Expense	up to £ 2,000,000	£ 750
5. Props, Sets Wardrobe	up to £ 1,000,000	£ 350
6. Technical Equipment	up to £ 2,000,000	£ 500
7. Third Party Property Damage	up to £ 1,000,000	£ 500
8. Money	up to £ 50,000	£ 75
9. Office Contents On Location	up to £150,000	£ 250
10. Public Liability	£ 10,000,000	£ 250
11. Employer's Liability	£10,000,000	Nil
12. Film Union Travel	£ 300,000	Per Policy
13. Contingent PA	£ 300,000	Nil

The limits of liability are dependent on the production budget and requirements but the limits for items 1, 2, and 3 above should not be less than the total budgeted direct costs of the production.

The cover should include bereavement, Objet D'Art and Civil Authority.

A production may use a recognised production insurance broker of its choice. The Channel has arranged a scheme through Media Insurance Brokers, which provides this level of cover. From 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2009 the cost is calculated at a rate of 0.585% of your total production direct costs plus 5% insurance tax.

In the event that additional cover is required for Personal Accident this should be agreed with Channel 4 and Channel 4 will meet the cost. It is essential that all exposures are insured wherever possible and it is economically prudent to do so. The production company should ensure that any other additional cover which may be required, e.g. motor, additional public liability, aviation, is included within the budget.

The Channel will not advance the first tranche of production funds until it has received evidence that satisfactory insurance cover is in place and has approved the same.

Developments

Any developments fully funded by Channel 4 with a total cost of less than £20,000 which require insurance cover will be notified to MIB directly by Channel 4, unless the Producer specifically requests otherwise. The Channel will meet the cost of that insurance cover.

Companies must ensure that their budget includes the cost of insurance for developments with a total cost in excess of £20k where insurance is required.

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