

Travel insurance information on the Thailand and Malaysia floods

The following information concerns the recent flooding in Thailand and Malaysia and applies to travel insurance policies issued prior to 4 November 2010.

What do you need to know about your policy?

If you are currently travelling:

- » Your policy includes cover for overseas emergency medical expenses. If you need emergency medical assistance, please contact our 24-hour Emergency Assistance team on +61 7 3305 7499 reverse charge or 0800 574 904 within New Zealand.
- » Your policy also includes cover for reasonable additional accommodation and travel expenses if transport services have been cancelled, delayed or rescheduled as a result of the flooding, or if your accommodation has been declared uninhabitable by the flooding.
- » Limits apply under your policy, and for full details you should refer to the Policy Wording you received when you purchased your travel insurance.
- » There is no provision to claim under your policy for cancellation or rearrangement expenses for the utilised portions of your travel arrangements or if your travel arrangements are operating as scheduled.

If you have not yet departed:

- » Your policy includes cover for cancellation or rearrangement of your journey (whichever is the lesser), or its unused portions, as a result of the flooding.
- » Your policy only includes cover when scheduled transport services have been cancelled, your accommodation has been declared uninhabitable by the flooding, or you are unable to reach your accommodation or destination.
- » All travel insurance policies provide cover for unforeseen and unexpected circumstances only. Due to the extensive media coverage of the flooding, there is no provision to claim for any expenses relating to the flooding for policies issued **on or after 4 November 2010**.
- » We recommend you contact your travel agent or travel provider regarding the best option in altering your trip. Some airlines may provide penalty-free options to amend travel arrangements, so we also recommend you contact your airline for further details.

What next steps should you take?

- » You should take all reasonable steps to minimise your expenses and this includes rearranging your journey where possible.
- » Please submit your travel insurance claim to us for consideration.
- » We will assess your claim under the terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy. **If you have a Cancellation Only policy, your policy does not include cover for additional expenses or overseas medical expenses. If you have a Budget policy, please refer to your Policy Wording for the benefits covered.**
- » You will need to submit all receipts for any additional expenses. If you are claiming cancellation or additional expenses, you will need to submit all documents showing your original planned pre-paid arrangements, as well as receipts and documents showing your new arrangements.

- » Finally, to help New Zealanders avoid difficulties overseas, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) maintains travel advisories for more than 160 destinations overseas on its website www.safetravel.govt.nz. MFAT's travel advice provides accurate, up-to-date information about the risks New Zealanders might face overseas, assisting you to make well-informed decisions about whether, when and where to travel. We recommend that you stay up-to-date with its destination-specific travel advisories for the country of your destination as your travel insurance cover may be affected if you travel to high risk areas or situations.

Contact us

- » If you have any questions or queries, please contact our Information Hotline on 0800 574 904.
- » We will publish this and any updated travel insurance advisories on our website:

www.mondial-assistance.com.au