

# FLOOD INSURANCE: Flood Re

## How it works

Flood Re is a non profit scheme developed in 2016 by collaboration between insurance companies and the Government, allowing participating insurers to offer 'capped' flood risk insurance premiums to those in flood risk areas.

### The Flood Re scheme...

- Helps homeowners to find and access affordable home insurance cover.
- Helps tenants to obtain affordable contents insurance cover.
- Allows insurers to offer an affordable range of policies to homes at risk.

The decision of whether or not to insure a property or contents through the Flood Re scheme ultimately lies with the insurance provider.

The Flood Re scheme effectively acts as a central pot of money which is designed to fund the cost of flood related damages in the event of a claim.

### It is funded from two sources:

- An annual levy contribution paid by all participating insurance companies.
- The cost of the flood risk element of policies offered through the scheme.

## Eligibility

To be eligible your home must have been built before the 1st January 2009, be insured by the individual homeowner (not a company), have a domestic Council Tax band, and be used for private residential purposes. Full details on eligibility criteria can be found at:

[www.floodre.co.uk/industry/how-it-works/eligibility/](http://www.floodre.co.uk/industry/how-it-works/eligibility/)



## How are costs capped?

The cost of the excess paid in the event of a claim is capped at £250 across the board, regardless of Council Tax band.

The cost of the flood risk element of policies directly correlates to the Council Tax band of your home and should not increase the overall cost of your premium by more than the value stated in the table below.

| Council Tax band | A    | B    | C    | D    | E    | F    | G    | H      |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Buildings policy | £117 | £117 | £131 | £148 | £176 | £231 | £296 | £812   |
| Contents policy  | £52  | £52  | £66  | £73  | £89  | £100 | £140 | £406   |
| Combined policy  | £169 | £169 | £197 | £221 | £265 | £331 | £436 | £1,218 |

The Flood Re scheme will be in operation until 2039, giving time for the Government, Flood Re, insurers and homeowners to reduce the impact of flooding in order to make affordable flood insurance available in the future, after which time flood insurance will return to the free market.

During the transition period to Flood Re closing, there may be some financial incentives for improving your property's resilience and resistance to flooding.

### Participating insurance companies:

- Admiral
- Ageas
- AIG
- Allianz
- Avantia (HomeProtect)
- Aviva Home Insurance
- Axa
- Bank of Scotland
- Barclays
- British Gas
- Chelsea Building Society
- Cherish Insurance Brokers
- Churchill
- Clydesdale Bank
- Direct Line
- Esure
- First Direct Home Insurance
- Halifax
- Haven Insurance
- Hiscox Insurance
- HSBC Home Insurance
- Inet3
- Leek United Building Society
- Legal & General
- LV=
- Lloyd & Whyte
- Lloyds Bank
- Marks & Spencer Bank
- More Than
- Nationwide
- Natwest
- NFU Mutual
- Norwich & Peterborough Building Society
- Nottingham Building Society
- Oak Underwriting
- Ocaso
- Policy Expert
- Priviledge
- RBS
- Sainsbury's Bank
- Santander Home Insurance
- Sheilas' Wheels
- Swiftcover
- The West Brom
- Yorkshire Bank
- Yorkshire Building Society

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