

INSURANCE EDUCATION FOR COLLEGE GRADS



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Congratulations on your graduation! It's an exciting time, filled with milestones and challenges. Among these new experiences can be the prospect of obtaining your own insurance for the first time – health insurance, your own auto policy, or renters insurance for your apartment or rental home – and it can be overwhelming!

To help, we've curated the best info for you in this eBook.

We'll start with the basics and then take a deeper dive.



GENERAL INSURANCE TERMS

Insurance can be very confusing. To make it even more challenging, insurance policy documents seem like they are written in a foreign language! It's good to have some basic knowledge about insurance, and learning these common terms can help you make decisions that are right for you.

Actual cash value

This type of coverage pays according to what an item was worth at the time it was damaged, taking depreciation and wear-and-tear into account.

For example, if you could have sold your couch for about \$200 just before it was damaged, that's the actual cash value, even if a similar new couch would cost \$1,000.

Actual replacement cost

This pays the amount it would cost to replace a damaged item with a new one (such as the \$1,000 couch above). It does not factor in depreciation or wear-and-tear.

GENERAL INSURANCE TERMS, CONTINUED

Adjuster

A person who works for an insurance company to evaluate losses and settle claims.

Additional insured

Someone who is not the policyholder, but is still covered by an insurance policy.

Declarations page

This is what creates a contract between you and the insurance company. It describes who owns the policy, what property is covered, for how much, and other details.

Deductible

The amount you agree to pay out-of-pocket before your insurance coverage kicks in. For example, if the cost to fix your car is \$2,000, but your selected deductible is \$1,000, you would pay \$1,000 of the total cost. Typically, a higher deductible means a lower premium.



Endorsement

A change to your insurance policy's coverage, usually made through a special form.

Exclusion

Something specifically listed in your policy that is not covered by the policy.

Liability

Your responsibility for injuries or damage to other people or property. You purchase insurance to protect against liability and other risks.

Loss of use

When damage from an accident or another cause prevents someone from being able to live in their home or drive their car.

Premium

The amount you pay for an insurance policy.

GENERAL INSURANCE TERMS, CONTINUED

Subrogation

When an insurance company pays a claim, and then seeks damages from a third party who was responsible for causing the damage or loss. For example, your insurance company might pay for your car to be fixed even though an accident wasn't your fault, and then pursue reimbursement from the person who was at fault.

Term

The period of time your insurance policy is in effect, usually six or 12 months.

Umbrella

A policy that provides additional liability coverage. This policy kicks in after your other insurance policies have reached their coverage limits.

Underwriting

The evaluation process insurance companies use to determine if they will provide coverage to a customer.



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Health Insurance

You're young and healthy. You may think you don't need health insurance (you can only stay on your parents' medical insurance until age 26). You might think it's too expensive, or not worth the trouble. No one plans to get sick or hurt, but bad things can happen, even to healthy people! Medical expenses can add up – fast.

Calling All Graduates: You Have Health Insurance Options

<https://www.healthcare.gov/blog/college-graduations-health-plan-options/>

One Last Test for College Graduates: Health Insurance 101

<https://www.humana.com/learning-center/health-and-wellbeing/healthy-living/health-insurance-basics-for-college-grads>



Understanding Health Insurance for College Students & New Grads

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/medical-and-health/insurance-for-students/>

Health Insurance for Recent Grads

<https://www.collegexpress.com/articles-and-advice/grad-school/articles/life-grad-student/health-insurance-recent-grads/>



I'm Young and Healthy, Can I Skip Health Insurance?

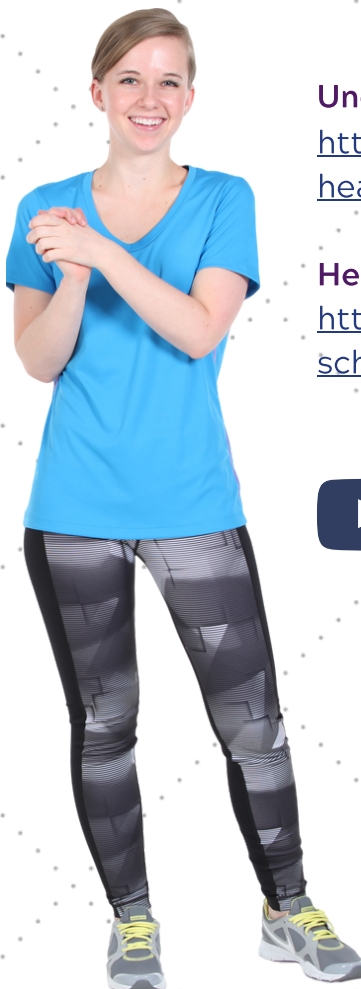
<https://youtu.be/WTtjmdyTCRM>

Can I Buy My Own Insurance if I Graduate from College or Can't Stay on my Parents' Plan?

<https://youtu.be/LvENXuUmdmY>

Understanding Your Health Insurance Costs

<https://youtu.be/DBTmNm8D-84>



Auto Insurance

Perhaps you're rewarding yourself for all your hard work in college – with the purchase of a new car! While you're figuring your monthly payment budget for your fresh wheels, don't forget to add the cost of auto insurance.



10 Car Buying Tips to Get You a Sweet Ride

<https://www.trustedchoice.com/insurance-articles/wheels-wings-motors/car-buying-tips/>

Tips for First-Time Car Insurance Buyers

<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/car-insurance/tips-first-time-car-insurance-buyers/>

The Number 1 Mistake First Time Car Buyers Make

<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/07/16/the-number-1-mistake-first-time-car-buyers-make-according-to-former-carsalesman.html>

What to Do When Buying a New or Used Car

<https://blog.cinfin.com/2019/05/14/personal-insurance-buying-new-or-used-car/>



Insurance 101 - Personal Auto Coverages

<https://youtu.be/CBmtFPMUcr0>

How Much Car Insurance Do I Actually Need?

<https://youtu.be/frSZGLaXTUM>

Save on Car Insurance with an Independent Agent

<https://youtu.be/DHTIx02nCIQ>



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Renters Insurance

So, you're getting your own place! Whether it's an apartment or rental home, renters insurance can be your saving grace.

This type of insurance is designed to cover your personal stuff as well as your potential liability. Plus, it's more affordable than you may think.

Learn Renters Insurance 101: Get Your Questions Answered by the Pros

<https://www.trustedchoice.com/renters-insurance/coverage-faq/>

Your Renters Insurance Guide: What to Look for When Shopping for Renters Insurance

<https://www.iii.org/article/your-renters-insurance-guide>



Renters: Don't learn about insurance the hard way

<https://blog.cinfin.com/2014/12/16/renters-insurance/>



Insurance 101 - Renters Insurance

<https://youtu.be/8y23U2VkYDA>

The #1 Mistake a Renter Can Make

<https://youtu.be/Xd64fi72J6o>



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Trustworthy Expertise

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MISSION

Mason-McBride is a premier provider of insurance, group benefits, and financial services. We continuously strive to set the standard for integrity, professionalism, and dedication.

VISION

We help our clients reduce their risk of living and operating in an increasingly complex world.

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