

New Government-backed professional indemnity insurance scheme for EWS1 assessors to be delivered by MGAM and SCOR. Caytons to provide a helpline, claims handling and legal services for the scheme.

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The Government has recently announced that **MGAM, an Acrisure Partner, and SCOR in partnership with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will provide a desperately needed** professional indemnity insurance scheme for EWS1 assessors.

We are extremely pleased to announce that **Caytons** will provide the claims handling and legal services for the scheme. **Caytons** will also provide a helpline for surveyors who have any queries about the insurance facility. Details for the helpline will be provided shortly.

On 10 February 2021, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced a government-backed professional indemnity insurance (PII) scheme for competent fire safety professionals undertaking building external wall system (EWS1) assessments to help resolve these issues.

The scheme has now received parliamentary approval and is due to be officially launched in September. When announcing the scheme,

Lord Greenhalgh said: "Our new indemnity scheme will give EWS1 assessors the confidence they need to exercise their professional judgement and take a more proportionate approach to their assessments."

Jason Anthony, CEO of MGAM Limited, said: "I am delighted that we are partnering with Caytons to provide helpline, claims handling and legal services for the Scheme. The Caytons Claims IT solution will be a huge benefit to insureds, MGAM, SCOR and DLUHC in the provision and management of information and data."

John Cayton, Senior Partner of Caytons, said: "Caytons are excited to be able to apply our expertise to assist EWS1 assessors in relation to this facility. The scheme will be of great benefit to EWS1 assessors and the industry generally, and the appointment to provide the TPA, legal services and helpline is an honour and Caytons are thrilled to be part of it."

An EWS1 form is not a government or regulatory requirement, nor is it a building or life safety assessment. [RICS published guidance](#) on the criteria that should be used to determine whether a building needs an EWS1 form, which was last updated 28 January 2022 (RICS, 2022).