

## Information about Hurricane Lane in Hawaii

23 August 2018

A category 4 Hurricane is heading towards Hawaii. The island is bracing for damaging winds, heavy rainfall and life-threatening flash-flooding. Airlines are currently monitoring the hurricane's path, however for the moment airports continue to operate as normal.

### If you are currently travelling:

As a provider of assistance services, it is always AGA's priority to assist our customers where possible and within our ability to do so.

- Please consider your safety first and follow advice from local authorities.
- If you have been affected as a result of events in Hawaii and require medical assistance, please contact the AGA **Emergency Assistance team on 1866 844 4085** or speak to your local operator and ask to be put through reverse charge to +61 7 3305 7499.
- If your travel arrangements have been affected by this event, we firstly recommend contacting your travel agent or travel provider regarding the best option in altering your trip. Some travel providers may provide penalty-free options to amend travel arrangements.
- If your pre-booked travel arrangements have been affected and you have a travel insurance policy that provides coverage for delays or cancellation of travel arrangements, you may be able to claim for additional travel, accommodation and meal expenses. Please ensure you keep all receipts and proof of purchases to submit with your claim.
- Please refer to your Policy Disclosure Statement and/or Credit Card complementary insurance booklet for the terms, conditions, limits and exclusions that apply.
- If you have any queries about your policy benefits please contact the Allianz Global Assistance Information Hotline on 1300 725 154.
- Keep up to date on advice from travel providers by visiting their websites directly.
- Please make yourself aware of the advice issued by DFAT via its website [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au). Always monitor the media and other sources about possible new security risks.

### If you have not yet departed:

- If your pre-booked travel arrangements are cancelled, delayed or rescheduled as a result of the Hurricane in Hawaii and you have a travel insurance policy that provides coverage for delays or cancellation of travel arrangements you may be able to make a claim for cancellation or rearrangement of your journey (whichever is the lesser). Please refer to your Policy Disclosure Statement and/or Credit Card complementary insurance booklet for the terms, conditions, limits and exclusions that apply.
- We recommend you contact your travel agent or travel provider regarding the best option in altering your trip. Some travel providers may provide penalty free options to amend travel arrangements and we recommend you contact them for further details. Contact our Allianz Global Assistance Information Hotline on 1300 725 154 if you would like to clarify your policy entitlements.

**Policy coverage:****If you entered into a policy after 8am (AEST) 23 August 2018:**

If you entered into a policy after **8am (AEST) 23 August 2018** we would expect that this was done with an awareness of Hurricane Lane in Hawaii and that it could affect travel. For these policies, where that is so, claims that arise due to the Hurricane in Hawaii (for example, flight delays or cancellations) may not be covered or have reduced cover.

Policy coverage and benefits vary based on individual circumstances. We encourage travellers to read their travel insurance Product Disclosure Statement and/or Credit Card complementary insurance booklet to understand what they are covered for and any limits and exclusions that apply.

AGA will assess all claims in accordance with your Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and Certificate of Insurance. For complementary travel insurance, we will assess all claims in accordance with the information booklet associated with your credit card.

**Making a Claim**

Keep all receipts for any additional transport, food or accommodation expenses you incur. If you are claiming cancellation or additional expenses you will need to submit documents showing what your original planned pre-paid arrangements were, along with any receipts and documents showing your new arrangements, and advice from the travel provider indicating the non-refundable portion of the journey.

Where possible, ensure any replacement accommodation and additional expenses are of a similar standard to that which you had planned and pre-paid.

Please note that any compensation and/or refunds you receive from a third party (e.g. airline) for transport, food or accommodation will be deducted if your claim is accepted.

**Make your claim online at [www.travelclaims.com.au](http://www.travelclaims.com.au)****Contact us**

- If you have any general queries, please contact the Allianz Global Assistance Information Hotline on 1300 725 154.
- We will publish this and any updated travel insurance advisories on our website: [www.allianzworldwidepartners.com.au](http://www.allianzworldwidepartners.com.au)