Insurance changes SEN - Unitised with IP version





Hi

We know that insurance isn't something that you'd normally spend much time thinking about, but when you need it then it becomes really important.

We're making changes to our insurance offering from 14 October 2020, including changes to Death cover, Death and Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) cover and Income Protection. We've reviewed our offering to take into consideration the 'Putting Members' Interests First (PMIF)' legislation introduced by the Federal Government on 1 April 2020.

What's happening?

You have chosen tailored Death or Death & TPD insurance cover with a specific number of units. Unfortunately, unitised cover will no longer be available and the closest alternative is fixed insurance. From 14 October 2020, **your insurance will automatically become Fixed Cover**, without medical screening, and your premiums will change.

In addition to this, there will no longer be a distinction between Employer-Sponsored Members and Personal Members.

You may wish to compare this against the new Default Cover offering to see which is more appropriate for you. Our aim is to make our premiums fairer by changing our insurance offering to better reflect our members' stage of life and characteristics.

Australian Ethical doesn't take any commissions or have any profit-sharing arrangements with

the Insurer and any tax rebates received for premiums paid are put back into your super account.

What does this mean for you?

Your current cover on 28 August 2020

Type of cover	Total cover	Annual premium [*]	Occupation category [#]
Death	\$XXXX	\$XXXX	XXXX
Total and Permanent Disablement	\$XXXX	\$XXXX	
Income Protection	\$XXXX per month	\$XXXX	

Income Protection waiting period XX days and benefit period X years.

Your new Fixed Cover from 14 October 2020 - unless you make changes or it's cancelled before this date

Type of cover	Total cover	Annual premium [*]	Occupation category [#]
Death	\$XXXX	\$XXXX	XXXX
Total and Permanent Disablement	\$XXXX	\$XXXX	
Income Protection	\$XXXX per month	\$XXXX	

Income Protection waiting period XX days and benefit period X years.

Your smoking status: ^ XXXX

*Please note that insurance premiums based on the new Fixed Cover are determined by your age, sex at birth, occupation and smoking status - **find out more here**. Your premiums are deducted from your account at the end of each month and generally increase each year on your birthday.

[#]We've changed the names we use to describe the occupation categories, so they are easier to understand.

#^{*}If the above details don't reflect your situation, please let us know by completing the Insurance VariationForm on our website as this will affect the premiums you pay.

Important: If you've previously been accepted for cover with exclusions or loadings, these will still apply to your current and new insurance. Please refer to your original acceptance letter for those details.

What are your options?

- do nothing and your cover will automatically move to your new Fixed Cover¹ from 14 October 2020, as shown in the second table above (no medical screening is required); or
- if you don't want your insurance cover to become fixed, you'll need to complete this form by 13 October 2020 to replace your current insurance cover with our New Default Cover². Please review our website to understand the premiums, level of cover and the new terms and conditions that apply.

You always have the option to cancel, vary or apply for additional insurance. You can do this by logging onto your member portal.

You won't be able to see your updated insurance or make any insurance changes in the portal between 14 October and 21 October 2020 while we're finalising these changes.

More information

For more information about these changes, including the new premium rates, terms and definitions that apply from 14 October 2020, please **visit our website here**.

We understand that insurance (or a certain level of cover) might not be appropriate for all members. Please consider the impact insurance premiums have on your overall super account balance over time.

Find out more

We're here to help

If you have any questions, please call us on **1300 134 337** 8am and 8pm (AEST) Monday to Friday or **email us**.

Best regards The Australian Ethical team

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1. If you have Fixed Cover, the amount of cover will remain the same regardless of your age (subject to maximum insurable age restrictions). However, from age 61, your TPD cover will reduce each year until it reaches zero at the age of 70. This provision has not changed and is outlined in the Insurance Guide. If you have a birthday between 28 August 2020 and 13 October 2020, your current cover amount shown in the first table may change however this has been taken into account in the second table.

2. If your insurance cover is higher as a result of the New Default Cover and you are not in *active employment* on 14 October 2020, new events cover limitations will apply to the increased portion of insurance cover until you are in active employment for 30 consecutive days.

This email and the information here with the heading "Important changes to the terms and conditions of your insurance that apply from 14 October 2020" should be read together and form part of this Significant Event Notice. These changes are important, so we encourage you to take the time to consider how they might affect you and keep a copy of this email for your records. You may wish to consult a financial adviser if you're not sure what impact this has on your financial objectives, situation or needs.

This information is of a general nature and is not intended to provide you with financial advice or take into account your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. Before acting on the information, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances and read the product disclosure statement (PDS), available at australianethical.com.au/super/pds. You may wish to seek independent financial advice from a licensed or authorised financial adviser before making an investment decision.

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