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Using this document

What is a technical guide?
The Financial Conduct Authority is a financial services regulator. It requires us, Legal & General, to give you important information to help you to decide whether our Group Income Protection is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

If there’s anything you need to ask about once you’ve read it, you can ask us or your financial adviser.

Before you start reading
We’ve used plain language to help make the technical guide easy to understand.

You’ll find explanations of any technical terms we use in the glossary on page 36 of this document. Where terms covered in the glossary appear in the main text, we’ve highlighted them in bold, like this.

We use words like ‘normally’ and ‘usually’ in this guide. This is because some of our terms will depend on the information you give us for the quote and the choices you make about the cover you want. We’ll give you the exact terms and chosen options in our quote and we’ll fix these at the start of the policy. You’ll only be able to change these if we agree.

You can ask us, or your financial adviser, if you need more details about how the policy works.

Other documents
This technical guide is not part of our contract but if we’ve given you or your financial adviser a quote, you should read this guide alongside that quote to help you understand the policy.

Our quote, which is a part of the contract, may refer to some of the explanations we give in this guide.

Our full terms and conditions will be in our policy. We’ll give this to you after we’ve agreed to provide cover. You can ask us, or your financial adviser, if you would like to see a copy of our standard policy terms and conditions.

See question 2.1 to find out what we need to set up your policy.

Target market
To help financial advisers get a better understanding of the intended target market for our Group Income Protection policy, please visit our financial adviser website. Here, we also explain how we regularly review our policies for appropriateness under our Product Lifecycle Management process. Details can be found at: legalandgeneral.com/adviser/workplace-benefits/group-protection/products/products-list/idd/

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Aims, commitments and risks

Its aims
Our Group Income Protection policy aims to:

• Provide insurance to pay income protection benefit to members who cannot work because of long-term illness or injury which meets the policy definition of incapacity.

Offer a choice of cover for these benefits.

• Let us work with you, when appropriate, to provide early intervention and rehabilitation for members who are absent from work because of long-term illness or injury.

Your commitment
You need to make some very specific commitments for the policy to work properly:

• Give us all the information we ask for when you apply for a policy and at annual renewal dates. We can change or cancel the policy if you don’t give us this information. Please see question 4.1 for more details.

• Tell us about any new entrants, discretionary entrants, early entrants, late entrants you would like us to cover and leavers. We will need more information about early, discretionary and late entrants before we consider cover for them. Please see question 2.6 for more details.

• Give us all the information we ask for to support any claims and tell us about a claim within the time limits set out in question 5.2. Without this we won’t be able to pay the claim or provide rehabilitation. Please see question 5.0 for more details.

• Pay the premiums on the dates we ask for them.

• Keep to all the conditions set out in the policy.

• Keep us informed of a member’s condition, so we can stop paying benefit if they no longer meet the policy definition of incapacity.
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Risks

There are some risks you need to understand about the policy.

- We’ll need members to be actively at work before we can start their cover. We’ll also need them to be actively at work before we start covering any increases to their cover. This means we won’t cover a member, or cover their increased benefit, if they aren’t actively at work. We’ll start or increase their cover when they are next able to meet our actively at work requirements. We define and give details of actively at work in question 2.5.

- The premiums may go up or down depending on changes in the number of members we cover. We’ll usually guarantee the unit rate until the second annual renewal date. We will then review it, following which we will usually guarantee the new unit rate for the next two years.

- The premiums and the unit rate may go up or down if, at an annual renewal date, there is a change of more than 25% in the membership or the total scheme earnings we’ve used to work out the unit rate. Please see question 3.1 for more details.

- We will stop cover if you stop paying premiums. We’ll tell you in writing 14 days before we do this. We’ll still pay valid claims if the member’s absence started before cover ended and all premiums have been paid.

- We will not pay benefit for a new claim, if you haven’t paid premiums due for the accounting period in which the deferred period starts.

- You may need to pay an additional premium depending on the type of accounting we use. Please see question 4.2 for more details.

- If you choose not to protect benefit payments against the effect of inflation, the value, but not the amount of benefit we pay, could reduce over time. Please see question 1.12 for more details.
How the policy works

- For an online quote and policy we need a minimum of ten members. We will need a minimum of 50 members to start other policies. We can cancel or change the terms of the policy if membership falls to less than five members. For example, if you have two policies linked together.
- You pay the cost of the cover.
- We’ll give you the specific terms and conditions in the quote. We’ll guarantee the quote for three months unless we tell you otherwise.
- There are policy options you can choose which affect how much you pay. We’ll fix your chosen options, including the eligibility, cover and terms at the start of the policy. You’ll need to tell us if you want to change these as we need to assess if we can agree the change. We may also need to set new terms and change the unit rate and the premium we charge you.
- We won’t pay a claim if the member doesn’t meet the policy definition of incapacity. Please see questions 1.8 and 5.1 for more details.
- You must include all eligible employees for cover under the policy as soon as they are eligible.
- We won’t pay a claim if the employee is not eligible for cover. Please see question 1.0 for more details about eligibility.
- You must give us all the information we need when you make a claim.
- If you make a valid claim, we’ll pay you the benefit for the member at the end of the month it’s due. You will be responsible for paying the benefit to the member after deducting any Income Tax and National Insurance contributions.
- We can reduce the benefit payments under the policy if the member is receiving any other regular income because of their illness or injury. Please see question 5.4 for more details.
- If we’re paying benefit to you for a member, we won’t charge you premiums for them.
- We’ll stop paying benefit for a member if they no longer meet the policy definition of incapacity. Please see question 5.5 for more details about when we’ll stop paying benefit.
- We’ll need up-to-date information from you at each annual renewal date so we can check the premium and give you accurate accounts. Please see question 4.1 for more details.
- We can change the policy terms at the end of any unit rate guarantee period. If we do this, we’ll write to you at least 30 days before we change the terms.
- The terms and conditions applying to an incapacitated member will be those in force at the date they first became incapacitated.
- The policy will continue indefinitely as long as you meet its conditions, including paying premiums when we ask for them.
- We can change or cancel the policy if there are changes to legislation or regulation or state benefits which affect group income protection policies. We’ll give you more details of these in the policy.
- We’ll give you full details of our cancellation rights in the policy.
Your questions answered

In this section we’ve answered some commonly asked questions to give you a bit more information about how our policy will work.
1.0 What should we consider when deciding what benefits to provide?

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<td>We suggest you keep the benefit as simple as possible, ideally having the same basis for all members.</td>
<td>You can choose to take out an insurance policy to insure all, or part, of the benefit you want to pay to the members.</td>
<td>Please check that our quote matches what you’d like us to insure.</td>
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<td>You can group the members into separate categories and can have different amounts of cover between categories. All members in the same category must have the same benefit basis. As this is a group policy, it must cover all your eligible employees.</td>
<td>If you only insure part of the benefit you may have to pay the difference yourself.</td>
<td>If you’d like us to change the options we’ve used, please tell us so we can change the quote. We’ll tell you how any changes will affect our terms, unit rate and premium.</td>
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<td>You should also consider any laws on discrimination or unfair treatment. For example, those about age, equal treatment of men and women, and the treatment of part-time, fixed-term and disabled employees.</td>
<td>For example, if your scheme promises to pay a benefit of 75% of earnings but you only insure 50% of earnings, you would have to pay the remaining 25% of earnings yourself.</td>
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<td>It’s important we know which members are in which category. We must therefore agree the eligibility conditions for each category at the start of the policy. Examples of a category eligibility could be ‘all directors’ or ‘all employees’.</td>
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1.1 Who can the policy cover?

We will only start cover for each employee, when they meet:

- the eligibility conditions;

  We’ll tell you the agreed eligibility conditions in the quote.

- our actively at work requirements; Please see question 2.5 for more details of actively at work.

- our medical evidence requirements; and Please see question 2.2 for more details of medical evidence.

- our switch terms, if you’re switching the insurance from another provider. Please see question 2.4 for more details of switch terms.

An employee must be included for cover under the policy on the date they first meet the eligibility conditions. There’s an explanation of when we can cover employees before or after they are first eligible in question 2.6. If you wish to include an employee at any other time we must be told in advance and all cover will be subject to our prior agreement and any terms we may apply.

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- our medical evidence requirements; and Please see question 2.2 for more details of medical evidence.

- our switch terms, if you’re switching the insurance from another provider. Please see question 2.4 for more details of switch terms.

1.2 When can we include employees after the policy starts?

All employees must meet the policy’s eligibility conditions. Once they do, we’ll start covering them from the entry date. Our quote and policy will show the entry date.

The entry date can be:

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<td>We’ll only include employees once a year at the annual renewal date, provided they’ve met the policy eligibility conditions.</td>
<td>Cover for employees starts at a specified date each month, provided they’ve met the policy eligibility conditions. Unless we tell you otherwise, this will be the same day of the month the annual renewal date falls on.</td>
<td>We include employees on the first day they meet the policy eligibility conditions.</td>
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You will also need to fix the date on which cover and benefit payment stop. We call this the benefit termination date. This can be the greater of the member reaching age 65, or their state pension age. Alternatively you can choose an age up to 70. The benefit termination date must be the same for all members in the same category.

We may be able to cover employees before the first entry date as early entrants if they meet the eligibility conditions. If the eligibility is linked to membership of your pension scheme, we may also be able to cover employees who join the pension scheme after their first opportunity as late entrants. Please see question 2.6 for more details of our requirements for employees who want cover before or after they are eligible.

If a member becomes eligible to change to a different category, we’ll cover them in that category immediately as long as any other requirements we’ve set are met.
1.3 Can you cover members who are temporarily absent?

Unless we tell you otherwise, if a member is temporarily off work for any reason other than illness or injury, we’ll provide temporary absence cover as long as:

- the period of the absence is fixed before it starts, and is not longer than one year;
- the member has a right to return to the same job when their absence ends; and
- you tell us about the absence, in writing, within one month of it starting.

If the member becomes ill or is injured during their temporary absence, the deferred period will start from the day they become incapacitated. However, benefit payments will not become payable until the later of:
- the end of the deferred period; or
- the end of the agreed period of temporary absence. Please see question 1.9 for more details about deferred periods.

If a member is on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave we’ll continue to provide cover as long as they remain entitled to the benefit under the terms and conditions of their employment.

We’ll keep a member’s cover the same as it was on the day before their temporary absence starts.

1.4 When can cover for a member change?

Our quote and policy will show the benefit increase date. A ‘benefit increase’ is when we’ll start covering increases or decreases to a member’s cover, for example, after a pay review.

If we work out the benefit for a member using a multiple of scheme earnings, benefit increases can be:

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<td>We only change a member’s cover once a year at the annual renewal date. This means, if you make a claim, we’ll use the member’s earnings at the last annual renewal date to work out their benefit, even if their earnings have changed since.</td>
<td>We’ll start covering changes for members at a specified date each month. Unless we tell you otherwise, this will be the same day of the month the annual renewal date falls on.</td>
<td>We change the cover for members on the first day their scheme earnings change.</td>
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If the benefit is a fixed sum, for example £20,000, you’ll need to tell us when you’d like to increase the amount. Before we agree, we’ll check if our terms, unit rate and premium need to change.

Sometimes a member might become eligible to change to a different category with a different benefit level, for example because of a promotion. If this happens, we’ll cover them for the new benefit level immediately as long as any other requirements we’ve set are met. If the new category allows for daily increases, we’ll also consider any change in the member’s earnings at the same time. If it doesn’t allow for daily increases, we won’t cover the increase until the next date for benefit increases in that category.
1.5 When will cover end?

a) Under normal circumstances

We will stop covering a member:

- When they leave your employment or no longer meet the eligibility conditions.
- When they reach the benefit termination date set out in the policy. This can be the greater of the member reaching age 65, or their state pension age. Alternatively you can choose an age up to 70.
- If they retire early.
- When their period of temporary absence cover ends.
- If the member dies.

b) If you, or we, cancel the cover

All cover will end when you, or we, cancel the policy.

- We’ll continue your cover as long as you meet the conditions we show in the policy.
- You can cancel the policy by giving us notice in writing.
- We’ll give you 14 days’ notice in writing if we have to cancel the policy because you haven’t met its conditions.

We’ll give you full details of our cancellation terms in the policy.
1.6 What types of cover are available?
There are two types of benefit we can pay. They are called member’s benefit and additional benefit.

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<td>You can cover your continuing liability to pay pension contributions to an occupational or personal pension scheme for the member.</td>
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<td>This is the benefit we’ll pay you to pass to the member if they are long-term absent because of illness or injury.</td>
<td>You can cover some of the member’s own pension contribution.</td>
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<td>You also can cover your liability to pay National Insurance contributions on the member’s benefit.</td>
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<td>We can cover different types of member’s benefit:</td>
<td>We can’t cover different levels of additional benefit for each member. Therefore, you’ll need to set a percentage of scheme earnings for all members or for each category of members.</td>
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<td>• We can cover a percentage of the member’s scheme earnings.</td>
<td>The total cover for both yours and the member’s pension contributions must stay within the maximum benefit limits.</td>
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<td>• We can cover a percentage of the member’s scheme earnings less an amount equivalent to employment and support allowance. The components of the employment and support allowance we deduct will be agreed in the quote and will be deducted for the duration of the claim. We will deduct this amount even if the member doesn’t receive employment and support allowance. When calculating benefit we will use the rates of employment and support allowance applying at the start of the deferred period.</td>
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<td>• We can cover a percentage of the member’s scheme earnings less an amount equivalent to employment and support allowance for the first 52 weeks of claim payment. The value of the employment and support allowance we deduct will be shown in the quote. After benefit has been paid for 52 weeks this amount will no longer be deducted. We call this an integrated policy.</td>
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How it works

In practice this amount can either:

- be deducted if the member applies for and receives employment and support allowance,
- be deducted if the member does not apply for employment and support allowance, or
- not be deducted if the member applies for but does not qualify for employment and support allowance.

Initially we’ll calculate member’s benefit assuming the member will receive employment and support allowance. If the member applies for but does not qualify for employment and support allowance we’ll amend the benefit and backdate the adjustment from the first claim payment.

Under the integrated policy the maximum benefit termination date is limited to the higher of the member’s state pension age or age 65 and the only deferred periods available are 26 and 28 weeks. A minimum of 50 members is needed for an integrated policy.

The member’s benefit cannot be more than the maximum benefit.

We can cover different basis of benefit for different categories of members.

Please see question 1.7 for details of the maximum benefit limits.

Scheme earnings are often based on the member’s basic annual salary, but we can include other income, such as bonuses or commission. If we do this, we may average these amounts over the last three years. We’ll tell you in the quote if you need to average any part of the scheme earnings. We cannot include director’s fees and dividends as part of the scheme earnings.
1.7 What is the maximum benefit you will cover?

We will restrict benefits to the following limits:

- The **member’s benefit** must not exceed £350,000 a year.
- The total of your pension contributions and the **member’s own pension contributions** must not exceed £75,000 a year.
- The total of **member’s benefit** and the **member’s own pension contributions** must not exceed 80% of their **scheme earnings**.

1.8 How do you define incapacity?

We assess a claim to see if the **member’s** illness or injury means they meet the incapacity definition set out in the **policy**.

We have four different incapacity definitions: **own occupation**, **suited occupation**, **activities of daily working** and **progressive**. We can also quote for an **own occupation** definition applying for a set number of months of benefit payment and a **suited occupation** definition applying after that. We can quote a different incapacity definition for different categories of **members**, or negotiate an alternative definition with you.

Our quote will tell you which incapacity definition we’ve used.

**Own occupation definition**

A **member** is incapacitated if:

- an illness or injury prevents them from performing the essential duties required of their occupation; and
- they are not conducting any other role, other than one which results in payment of a partial benefit. Please see question 5.6 for more details about partial benefit.

We’ll pay benefit if medical evidence supports that they can’t carry out the essential duties of their occupation because of illness or injury.

When we assess a claim under this definition, we’ll compare what a **member** can and can’t do (we call these their functional capabilities) against the essential duties of their occupation. In our assessment we’ll also consider if a **member** is able to carry out the essential duties of their occupation with a different organisation.

We won’t pay benefit if there are other non-medical reasons preventing the **member** returning to the essential duties of their occupation. For example a non-medical reason might be a lifestyle choice, or a breakdown in the relationship between the **member** and their employer.

Although our quotation may show **own occupation** for a category, we’ll use a different definition for **members** whose occupation needs a special licence, for example pilots or lorry drivers. We’ll cover these **members** using our **suited occupation** definition instead.

**Suited occupation definition**

A **member** is incapacitated if:

- an illness or injury prevents them from doing all jobs which are appropriate to their experience, training or education; and
- they are not conducting any other role, other than one which results in payment of a partial benefit. Please see question 5.6 for more details about partial benefit.

**Activities of daily working**

A **member** is incapacitated if an illness or injury means they meet (with or without aids or adaptations):

- at least three of the criteria in Section 1; or
- one of the criteria in Section 2 on page 15:

**Section 1**

a) **Walking**: they cannot walk more than 200 metres on a level surface without stopping due to breathlessness, angina or severe pain elsewhere in the body.

A claim under this section should be supported by evidence that they have been prescribed and are taking appropriate medication.

b) **Rising/Sitting**: they are unable to rise and sit using a raised chair with arms without the help of another person.
c) **Dexterity:** they are unable to write legibly with a pen or pencil or use a keyboard with either hand.

d) **Communication:** they cannot:

- clearly hear (with a hearing aid or other aid if normally used) conversational speech in a quiet room in their first language; or
- understand simple messages in their first language; or
- speak with sufficient clarity to be clearly understood in their first language.

e) **Eyesight:** their visual ability is reduced to the extent that functional abilities are affected and independent functioning without physical assistance from another person in a workplace is impossible, even with the use of assistive devices.

**Section 2**

a) **Severe mental illness** means the diagnosis by a Specialist Consultant Psychiatrist of one of the following:

- Schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, paranoid (delusional) psychosis, schizo-affective disorder or
- Severe depressive illness which:
  - has chronic unremitting symptoms; and
  - has not responded to comprehensive management and treatment which the individual has complied with for a period of greater than 12 months; and
  - has resulted in an inpatient admission to a psychiatric ward for more than seven consecutive nights.

The *member’s* ability to think, communicate and behave appropriately must be so impaired as to significantly interfere with their ability to deal with the ordinary demands of life.

b) **Organic brain disease or injury:** they suffer from chronic organic brain disease or brain injury (confirmed by neurological investigation or imaging techniques) affecting their ability to reason and understand. This is to the extent that they require continual supervision by another person 24 hours a day.

**Progressive**

A progressive definition combines all of the three definitions described previously. From the end of the deferred period:

- Year one and two are assessed on an *own occupation* definition.
- Year three and four are assessed on a *suited occupation* definition.
- Year five and beyond are assessed on an *activities of daily working* definition.

1.9 **When will you start benefit payments?**

We will start paying benefit from the end of the deferred period if, after assessing all the medical evidence, the *member* meets our policy definition of incapacity. As long as the *member* still meets our policy definition of incapacity, we’ll continue to pay the benefit at the end of each month it’s due.

The deferred period is normally 13, 26, 28, 39, 52 or 104 weeks, but may also be any other number of weeks in this range. We’ll tell you the agreed deferred period in the quote.

If a *member* goes back to work during the deferred period, but becomes unable to work again because of their injury or illness, we’ll link the separate periods of absence together as long as:

- each absence is for at least five consecutive working days;
- each absence is because of the same or a related injury or illness; and
- all the absences we link have been within the last 52 weeks.

We’ll stop linking absence for the deferred period if the policy ends.

The longer the deferred period, the lower the cost of the insurance. This is because there’s more time for *members* to be able to recover and be able to go back to work before the end of the deferred period, so we’re less likely to pay benefit.
1.10 How long can you pay benefit for?
We will stop paying benefit at the earliest of:

- The member stops meeting the policy definition of incapacity. We’ll regularly review the member’s illness or injury so we can assess this.
- The member reaches their benefit termination date. This cannot be later than their 70th birthday.
- The date the member dies.

We also have the right to stop payment of benefit if the member leaves your service. See question 5.5 for more details.

For some occupations, for example pilots or lorry drivers, we will use an earlier benefit termination date. We’ll tell you the agreed benefit termination date in the quote. There are more details of when we will stop paying benefit in question 5.5.

As a cost saving option, we can limit the benefit payment term to 24, 36 or 60 months. We call this a limited term. This option can be varied:

- We can continue to pay benefit for a member who is permanently disabled.
- We can pay a lump sum after the end of the limited term. See question 1.11 for more details.

1.11 Can you pay a lump sum?
We can pay a lump sum benefit for a member at the end of a limited term if they continue to meet the policy definition of incapacity. This can be an amount equal to the previous year’s benefit increased by the benefit increase rate if applicable. Alternatively, we can pay a larger lump sum which we’ll work out by multiplying this amount by between two and five times.

We can also pay a lump sum after four years of benefit payments under the progressive incapacity definition.

In both cases, we’ll usually reduce the lump sum proportionately if the period between:

- the date the lump sum payment is due; and
- the age shown in the benefit termination date for the member,

is less than the number of year’s benefit was payable, that make up the lump sum.

We’ll tell you in the quote if we’ve included a lump sum and any other related factors discussed in this question.

1.12 Can benefits being paid be protected from inflation?
Yes, you can choose to help protect against the value of the benefit payments reducing over time because of inflation. We have different options you can choose from. We call this the benefit increase rate.

We can increase the member’s benefit and additional benefit we pay by a fixed rate of your choice. The maximum is 5%.

Alternatively, we can increase the member’s benefit and additional benefit we pay by the rate of inflation, as measured by the Retail Prices Index (RPI), by up to 5%. If RPI is less than 0%, we won’t reduce the benefit we pay.

Unless we agree otherwise, we’ll increase the benefit on the anniversary of the date we made the first monthly payment. Other options we can consider are increasing the benefit on the anniversary of the member’s first absence and increasing the benefit at an agreed date each year.

We’ll tell you in our quote if we’ve allowed for benefit increases and if so, at what date and amount.
2.0 How do we set up a policy and when do we need to give you medical evidence?

2.1 What do you need to set up the policy?

For an online quote

If you accept the quote, you’ll need to set up your new policy online.

We’ll ask you to:

• Confirm the employer or employers you want us to cover.
• Set up a direct debit if you’re paying monthly premiums.

We’ll give you the policy document and your first account when you confirm these details. The policy is the contractual document that tells you the terms and conditions and what we will and will not cover.

If you’re paying yearly premiums, we’ll ask you to pay the first premium by bankers automated clearing system (BACS). You’ll need to pay this within 14 days of the policy start date.

You’ll need to check if any members need to give us medical evidence, and send us any other information we ask for.

For all other quotes

If you accept the quote, we’ll let you know what information we’ll need. You’ll need to fill in a proposal form and pay the first premium within 14 days of the date we agree to provide cover.

You’ll also need to:

• Give us a membership list correct at the policy start date so we can give you an accurate account. Please see questions 4.0 and 4.1 for more details.
• Check if any members need to give us medical evidence. Please see question 2.2 for more details about medical evidence.
• Check if all the members are actively at work. We give more information about actively at work in question 2.5.

We’ll send you the policy when we have confirmed and finalised all the details. The policy is the contractual document that tells you the terms and conditions and what we will and will not cover.

For all quotes

To protect you and us from financial crime, we may need to confirm your identity. We may do this by using reference agencies to search sources of information about you (an identity search). This will not affect your credit rating. If this identity search fails, we may ask you for documents to confirm your identity.

2.2 What medical evidence will you need before you’ll cover the members?

a) Cover up to the free limit

We’ll usually set a free limit when we quote. The free limit is the maximum amount of cover we can give without the members needing to give us medical evidence. Medical evidence is information about their health and pastimes. Our free limit will depend on the number of members and the amount of cover.

It will also depend on whether the eligibility conditions you set, is based on employees joining your pension scheme, where membership is voluntary. If we don’t know this when we produce our quote, we’ll assume that at least 75% of eligible employees will have joined your pension scheme at the start date of the policy. We’ll reduce the free limit we quoted if this isn’t the case.

We’ll tell you the free limit in the quote.

b) Cover above the free limit

If a member wants cover above the free limit, they will need to fill in a member’s declaration form to give us medical evidence. We call our assessment of this evidence, medical underwriting.

To help members fill in the member’s declaration form, we offer a tele-interview service allowing them to fill in the form over the phone.
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2.3 If you have medically underwritten a member, when will they next need to give you medical evidence?

We have two types of medical underwriting, forward underwriting and ONEderwriting. The one we will use depends on the number of members we cover under the policy. We’ll give full details of our requirements for medical evidence in the policy. A summary of when we next need medical evidence follows:

Less than 50 members

Forward Underwriting

This means, once we medically underwrite a member they won’t normally need to give us more medical evidence for increases in benefit for another five years.

The medical evidence we need will depend on the amount of the increase and any existing special terms. However, unless we tell you otherwise, our standard approach will be:

If we medically underwrite a member, and agree cover on any of the following terms:

• ordinary rates;
• an additional extra premium loading of 150% or less that you are paying;
• an exclusion for hazardous pursuits;
• an exclusion for a medical condition;

they won’t normally need to give us more medical evidence for an increase until the earliest of:

• it’s been five years since we last medically underwrote them;
• the member’s benefit increases by more than 15% above their benefit within any 12 month period starting on or after the day we finished their medical underwriting, and
• if our terms for a change to the policy ask for medical evidence, the date you ask us to make the change from.

Where we allow for future increases after we’ve medically underwritten a member, we’ll apply the last medical underwriting terms to each increase. If you’re paying a extra premium loading, you must tell us before the date of the increase and the amount of all increases as we’ll need to add the extra premium loading to each increase. If you change your mind and you don’t want us to cover the increase, you can tell us within 30 days after the date of the increase that you no longer need it. If you do, we will stop using forward underwriting for that member.

If we medically underwrite a member and apply any other terms to the requested cover, we’ll need medical evidence before we’ll consider any further increase in their cover.

If they prefer to fill in the form themselves, you can find the member’s declaration form in the literature section on our website legalandgeneral.com/workplacebenefits. Alternatively, you can ask us for a copy.

Depending on the information a member gives us in the member’s declaration form, we sometimes need to ask for more evidence. This could include a medical examination and blood or other tests. The member will have the choice of carrying these out at home or at work by a nurse. We’ll pay for the cost of the medical examination and tests if we ask for more evidence.

We’ll assess all the medical evidence to decide if we can offer cover and if any special terms are appropriate. If we do apply special terms, these will apply straight away.

We’ll write to you to explain any special terms. If this includes an extra premium loading and you decide you don’t want to pay this, you can cancel the cover the extra premium loading is for by telling us in writing within 30 days.

Unless we tell you otherwise, the special terms will not affect the cover below the free limit or any cover we’ve previously accepted.
50 Members or more
ONEderwriting

ONEderwriting is our way of keeping our medical underwriting as simple as possible. It means we’ll medically underwrite a member once and usually, we won’t need any more medical evidence for increases in their benefit.

Unless we tell you otherwise, our standard approach for ONEderwriting will be:

If we medically underwrite a member, and agree cover on any of the following terms:

• at ordinary rates;
• an extra premium loading that you are paying;
• an exclusion for hazardous pursuits; or
• an exclusion for a medical condition;
as long as their benefit is below our maximum benefit (see question 1.7), they won’t normally need to give us more medical evidence for:
• normal increases in benefit resulting from scheme earnings increases; and
• an increase affecting all members, or all members in a category of more than five members, resulting from an agreed future change to the insured basis.

Where we allow for future increases after we’ve medically underwritten a member, we’ll apply the last medical underwriting terms to each increase. If you’re paying an extra premium loading, you must tell us before the date of the increase and the amount of all increases as we’ll need to add the extra premium loading to each increase. If you change your mind and you don’t want us to cover the increase, you can tell us within 30 days after the date of the increase that you no longer need it. If you do, we will stop using ONEderwriting for that member.

We will need medical evidence for the next increase in cover when previous medically underwritten cover applied for was subject to any of the following:

• restriction;
• declinature;
• postponement;
• not proceeded with;
• restriction or declinature because the member didn’t provide medical evidence; or
• you choosing not to pay an extra premium loading.

2.4 What are your terms if we’re switching the insurance to you from another insurer?

We’ll normally accept a high level of cover without needing medical evidence, as long as the employees meet our switch terms. This is even if the previous insurer charged a premium loading. We give more information about actively at work in question 2.5.

Terms for employees who are eligible for cover for the first time at the switch date

We’ll need medical evidence for any portion of their benefit that is above our free limit.

Switch terms for existing employees previously insured

For both (a) and (b) below we’ll usually provide cover for these employees at the same level and on the same terms (but not necessarily at the same cost) as the previous insurer.

a) We’ll normally accept existing cover for employees whose cover with the previous insurer was:

• for their full benefit entitlement;
• not subject to any special terms;
• never subject to medical evidence;
as long as they meet our actively at work requirements. We give more information about actively at work in question 2.5.
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We’ll need medical evidence when a member’s cover first exceeds our free limit.

b) For other employees we’ll normally accept their existing cover without medical evidence if:
   • their cover is not more than £200,000 a year and any additional premium loading is not more than 300%; or
   • their cover is above £200,000 a year (but not above our maximum benefit limit) and any additional premium loading is not more than 150%;
   • their cover with the previous insurer was for their full benefit entitlement; and
   • they meet our actively at work requirements.

We’ll need you to give us a copy of the previous insurer’s latest letter of acceptance or fill in a Declaration – switch terms form. You’ll need to give this to us when the policy starts or we won’t be able to pay a claim for these employees.

For these employees who meet our switch terms without needing to send us medical evidence, we may need medical evidence for future increases in cover.

We’ve described when we need medical evidence for their increases below:

(i) If the previous insurer accepted cover under a ONEderwriting (see ONEderwriting in question 2.3) type approach, in most cases we’ll use our ONEderwriting terms for benefit increases.

Benefit cannot be increased during the deferred period and cannot be more than our maximum benefit. We give more information about deferred periods in question 1.9 and our maximum benefit in question 1.7.

(ii) If the previous insurer accepted cover on a forward underwriting basis with an additional premium loading of not more than 150%, we will next need medical evidence at the earliest of:
   • Five years from the date they were last underwritten by a previous insurer. This could be the switch date if cover is increased at that date and they were medically underwritten more than five years ago.
   • When the benefit entitlement of a member increases by more than 15% within any 12 month period starting on or after the policy’s start date.
   • If cover is below our free limit, the first time it goes over.

Benefit cannot be increased during the deferred period and cannot be more than our maximum benefit. We give more information about deferred periods in question 1.9 and our maximum benefit in question 1.7.

(iii) For all other members:
   • If their existing cover with the previous insurer is more than our free limit, we’ll need medical evidence on the next increase in cover. This could be at the switch date if cover is increased at that date.
   • If their existing cover with the previous insurer is less than our free limit, we’ll need medical evidence when their benefit first goes above our free limit.

Terms for any employees who do not meet our switch terms

We’re happy to consider and negotiate terms to insure any employees who don’t meet our switch terms, even if they had some benefit declined by the previous insurer. If you give us their full details, we’ll consider if we can cover them. We can then set terms that you’ll need to accept in writing before we will start their cover. To avoid a break in cover, you’ll need to give us these details before the switch date.
2.5 What are your actively at work requirements?

We’ll need employees to be **actively at work** before we can start their cover. We’ll also need them to be **actively at work** before we start covering any increases.

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2.6 What medical evidence do you need for employees who want cover before or after they are first eligible?

We can cover employees before or after they are first eligible. We’ve given more details in the table below:

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<td>Where all, or extra, benefit is limited to employees who join your pension scheme, a late entrant is an employee who joins your pension scheme after they are first eligible to join.</td>
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<td>An early entrant is an employee you want us to cover before they complete the qualifying service or reach the first entry date. See question 1.2 for more details about entry dates.</td>
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<td><strong>When can an employee’s cover start?</strong></td>
<td>Joining up to six months late</td>
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<td>If you want to include an employee as an early entrant within three months after their employment starting, we’ll agree cover for them up to the free limit as long as they are actively at work.</td>
<td>If you want to include an employee who joins your pension scheme within six months after the date they were first eligible to join, as long as they are actively at work we’ll cover them up to the free limit.</td>
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<td>An auto-enrolment event is the day you start pension scheme auto-enrolment. It’s also the day every three years when you automatically re-enrol the employees to the pension scheme who had previously decided to opt out.</td>
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<td>If you want to include an employee as a late entrant at an auto-enrolment event, as long as they are actively at work, we’ll cover them up to the free limit.</td>
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<td>Joining late at any other time</td>
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<td>For all other employees you want to include as a late entrant, as long as they are actively at work we’ll agree cover for them up to the lower of:</td>
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<td>• the free limit; and</td>
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<td>• £50,000 annual benefit.</td>
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What if an early or late entrant doesn’t meet the above requirements for cover?

We’ll need the employee to fill in and send us a ‘discretionary entrants’ application for cover form’. This will allow us to assess if we can provide cover, if we need medical evidence, and if we need to give them special terms or ask for extra premiums.

We’ll need medical evidence before we can consider cover over the free limit. See question 2.2 for more details.

We’ll give temporary or accident cover for up to 90 days while we assess medical evidence. See question 2.7 for more details.

We still can consider cover for an employee who:

• doesn’t meet all the eligibility conditions;
• isn’t an early entrant; and
• isn’t a late entrant.

You’ll need to tell us about that employee before we can consider our terms for cover.
2.7 What happens if we need to make a claim before you’ve finished your medical assessment?

We’ll give employees temporary cover, starting from the date we know they need to provide their medical evidence. However, there are some limits:

- We will not pay benefit for an employee whose injury or illness is caused by any medical condition that they were diagnosed with or displaying symptoms of within the five years before temporary cover starts.
- We won’t give temporary cover to any employee whose cover has been refused, restricted or already has special terms attached.
- We won’t give temporary cover to any employee who has refused to give medical evidence, either now or in the past.

When we can’t provide temporary cover, we’ll provide accident cover. This will end at the earliest of the date we finish our assessment or the end of 90 days. We won’t pay claims for accidental disability caused by:

- alcohol abuse;
- the influence of drugs;
- medical treatment or surgical treatment (except treatment that is needed because of the accident);
- criminal acts;
- attempted suicide; or
- intentional self-injury.

Our temporary cover or accident cover will end at the earliest of the date we finish our assessment or the end of 90 days.

We’ll restrict temporary cover or accident cover so that member’s benefit and additional benefit are not more than the maximum benefit in question 1.7.
3.0 What premiums will you charge for the cover?

The premiums we charge are dependent on many things, including the:

- amount of cover;
- age and gender of the members;
- type of work;
- work locations;
- rate benefit increases to help reduce the effect of inflation; and
- claims history, if the policy was previously insured or self-insured. Please see question 3.4 for more details about claims history.

We don’t charge a minimum premium.

3.1 How will you work out the premiums?

We’ll use either a unit rate or an exact cost basis to work out the premiums. We’ll tell you which one we’ll use in our quote.

Unit rate – For policies with 10 or more members

We’ll work out the cost for each £100 of the total scheme earnings or total benefit. We call this cost the unit rate. We’ll multiply the unit rate with the total scheme earnings or total benefit at the start of each policy year to work out that year’s premium.

If the membership falls below 10, we’ll change the way we work out premiums to exact cost. We’ll tell you before we do this. Please read question 4.2 for more details.

Exact cost – For policies with nine or less members

We’ll work out a premium for each member from age related premium rates. We’ll multiply the amount of cover to these rates at the beginning of each policy year.

If the membership increases to 10 or more, we’ll change the way we work out premiums to unit rate. We’ll tell you before we do this. Please read question 4.2 for more details.

3.2 Will there be any unexpected extra premiums?

We’ll usually fix the unit rate or the age related premium rates until the end of the second policy year. We will then review them, following which we will usually fix the unit rate or the age related premium rates for another two years.

However we can change the unit rate from any annual renewal date if the:

- membership;
- total benefit; or
- total scheme earnings

has changed by more than 25% from the total we used to work out the unit rate. This means the premiums and the unit rate may go up or down.

If a member has given us medical evidence, you may need to pay us an extra premium because of their health or dangerous pastimes. Although the extra premium applies immediately, we won’t ask you to pay it straight away. Instead we’ll wait and add it to your next account. If you tell us in writing within 30 days that you don’t want this cover we will not charge the extra premium.

The premiums may also change at the start of the policy when we work out accurate premiums. Please see question 4.0 for more details.

If eligibility for some, or all, cover is dependent on pension membership, we’ll adjust our account when you start auto-enrolment or re-enrolment if:

- the policy uses no change accounting (see question 4.2 for more details); and
- the number of members, the total scheme earnings, or total benefit increases by more than 25% because of auto-enrolment or re-enrolment.

You’ll need to tell us if this happens. We’ll charge an extra premium based on the unit rate, the extra cover and the number of days to the next annual renewal date.

3.3 How much commission will you pay our adviser?

We’ll pay commission to your adviser as a percentage of each premium you pay. The standard rate is 12%. We can pay different levels of commission although this will affect the premium we charge. Our quote will show the rate we’ve allowed for.

3.4 Is there a discount for a good claims history?

Yes, we consider the past claims history of our policy, and any previous policies, when working out the unit rate. A good claims history is where there are fewer claims, this usually means the premiums will be lower than for a bad claims history.
4.0 How does the accounting work?

We’ll work out the accounts at the start of the policy and then every year at a date we call the annual renewal date.

You’ll need to pay us premiums in advance, either yearly or monthly. Yearly premiums are approximately 2% lower than the total of 12 monthly premiums.

You can pay yearly premiums by cheque or bankers automated clearing system (BACS). You can only pay monthly premiums by direct debit.

When you apply for a policy online we’ll work out your first year’s premium using the membership list you gave us for the quote. We won’t ask for a membership list at the policy start date, because the online quote is based on a recent membership list.

When other policies start we’ll work out and ask you to pay estimated premiums based on the membership list you gave us for the quote. This is because the membership list used for the quote may be up to one year old by the time the policy starts. If the membership list has changed, we’ll ask you for an updated list that’s accurate on the day the policy starts. We’ll use the new list to work out the accurate premium and identify who we’re covering. You will then have to pay, or we will refund, any difference between the estimated and accurate premiums.

For all policies, at each annual renewal date, we’ll ask you to pay estimated premiums based on the membership list you gave us for the quote. This is because the membership list used for the quote may be up to one year old by the time the policy starts. We’ll use the new list to work out the accurate premium and identify who we’re covering. You will then have to pay, or we will refund, any difference between the estimated and accurate premiums.

You’ll also need to send us an up-to-date membership list if the policy is cancelled so we can work out the final account. If you don’t give us this within 30 days of the policy cancelling we’ll work out the final account based on the latest membership list you gave us. We’ll not update the final account after it’s sent to you.

4.1 What information do you need for accounting?

For all policies you must tell us about anyone who needs to give us medical evidence before we can consider their full cover. This will include:

- When a member’s cover goes over the free limit for the first time.
- Anyone who needs cover before or after they are first eligible and our terms say medical evidence is needed.
- If our terms say we need medical evidence for cover.

We suggest you regularly check if medical evidence is needed and not leave it to the annual renewal date. Regular checks will help you make sure you have the cover you need.

Unit rated policies

At the start of the policy, and at each annual renewal date, you will need to give us a membership list showing each current member’s:

- name;
- gender;
- date of birth;
- scheme earnings;
- eligibility category (if there’s more than one).

At other annual renewal dates, as long as there isn’t a change of more than 25% in the membership totals since the last annual renewal date, you’ll only need to send us:

- the total number of members;
- the total scheme earnings.

If the policy is set up on sweep up accounting we’ll also need to know the total scheme earnings at the day before each annual renewal date. We use this to work out the end of year adjustment. Please read question 4.2 for more details about the sweep up accounting adjustment.

It’s important we get this renewal information quickly so we can work out the accurate premium and give you accurate accounts. If the information is not received within three months of an annual renewal date we can cancel the policy or change the terms and conditions of the policy.

It’s also important that we know exactly who’s covered under the policy. If you don’t include an employee who you should have included on the membership list at the start of the policy or the annual renewal date, we won’t pay a claim for them.
For exact cost policies
At the start of the policy and at each annual renewal date you will need to give us a membership list showing each current member’s:
- name;
- gender;
- date of birth;
- scheme earnings;
- eligibility category (if there’s more than one);
- date of joining for employees whose cover started between annual renewal dates;
- date of leaving for employees whose cover ended between annual renewal dates;
- if the policy allows, the amount and date of any changes to benefit since the last annual renewal date.

It’s important we get this renewal information quickly so we can work out the accurate premium and give you accurate accounts. If the information is not received within three months of an annual renewal date we can cancel the policy or change the terms and conditions of the policy.

It’s also important that we know exactly who’s covered under the policy. If you don’t include an employee who you should have included on the membership list at the start of the policy or the annual renewal date, we won’t pay a claim for them.

4.2 How do you adjust premiums for members who join, leave or have benefit increases during the policy year?
We’ll normally use exact cost accounting for policies with nine or less members, and for all others either sweep-up or no change accounting. We’ll tell you in our quote which accounting we’ll use.

Sweep-up accounting
We’ll adjust premiums at the end of each policy year for changes in line with the agreed eligibility conditions and benefit basis. Our adjustment assumes all changes in membership and cover took place midway through the year. We’ll charge an extra premium or pay you a refund at the beginning of the next policy year.

No change accounting
Our unit rate will allow for changes in membership and cover during the policy year. This means we don’t need to adjust the premiums at the end of the policy year for changes that are in line with the agreed eligibility conditions and benefit basis.

Exact cost accounting (also known as single premium or current cost basis)
Exact cost means we’ll adjust the premiums at the end of each policy year for the exact time and amount of cover we provide for each member. We’ll charge an extra premium or pay you a refund at the beginning of the next policy year.

4.3 If you or we cancel the policy mid year, will we lose any premiums we have paid in advance?
No. We’ll work out a final account for the cover we’ve provided up to the policy’s cancellation date. We will either send you a refund or you will immediately have to pay us any premiums you owe.
5.0 How do we make a claim?

5.1 When can we make a claim?

Under what circumstances?

We will pay a claim if, at the end of the deferred period, the member meets the incapacity definition in the policy.

How incapacitated must the member be?

The policy will tell you which incapacity definition we will use. We give more information about our definitions of incapacity in question 1.8.

How will you assess a claim?

We will need suitable evidence of the member’s incapacity to assess if they meet the incapacity definition in the policy. We do this in two main stages:

a. You’ll need to fill in and send us an Absence Notification Form within the following time limits:

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<td>All other absences</td>
<td>We need to be informed of all members, who are continuously absent for eight weeks or more, by the tenth week of absence.</td>
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The Absence Notification Form gives us information about the member. It includes details of their earnings, the job they were doing and whether they could continue to do any part of that job.

b. Medical assessment

The member will have to give us information about their incapacity, the doctors they are consulting and the treatment they are receiving. They will also need to give us permission to ask their doctors for more information if we need it.

We will try to ask for as little information as possible, but the member may need to have an independent medical examination or assessment.

We can also consider any medical reports or extra information that you or the member wants to show us.

It’s important we have all the medical details to allow us to assess the claim. If we’re not given all the relevant details we may not be able to pay the claim. For example if the member refuses to go for an assessment, or if we’re not given consent to access these details.

Can rehabilitation help?

From the early stages of their incapacity, where appropriate we’ll work with you to help the member cope with their changing lifestyle and encourage them to return to work as soon as possible. With our help, the member may be able to cope with, or overcome, their incapacity.

For example, we may be able to:

- contribute to the cost of adapting their workplace;
- give the member access to programmes aimed at getting them back to work; or
- use our network of independent professional advisers and consultants who may be able to offer assessments of their abilities, disability counselling and career counselling.

Under the Equalities Act you may have to adapt the workplace to meet the needs of a disabled person. Some of the services we provide may help you to do this.
5.2 When do you need to know about a member who we may make a claim for?

The earlier we start collecting information about a member’s incapacity the better. This allows us to give suitable support at the earliest opportunity, work with you to provide effective absence management and to pay benefit without delay.

If you think the member may be off work for longer than the deferred period, we would like to know within the time limits shown in the table in question 5.1 under How will you assess a claim?

If you tell us of their absence after the end of the deferred period, we will not backdate benefit payments to the end of the deferred period. If you don’t tell us within 90 days after the end of the deferred period, we have the right not to pay the claim.

Early notification bonus

For policies with over 250 members who tell us of at least 80% of all absences within the time limits shown in the table in question 5.1 we can pay a bonus of 5% of the policy premium. Please ask us for more details of the terms and conditions and how to apply.

5.3 Who pays for medical evidence?

We pay the cost of all reports, tests and examinations that we ask for.

5.4 Does other income the member receives affect the amount you pay out under this policy?

The policy aims to give the member a lower income than they received whilst working. This aims to give an incentive for them to return to work. We’ll therefore reduce the benefit we pay so, when it’s added to the basic allowance and any other regular income, the total is not more than 90% of the member’s total earnings just before the start of the deferred period.

Other regular income includes payments from any other insurance policies, for example, loan protection policies. It doesn’t include income from a pension or income the member was already receiving before the start of the deferred period, for example dividends from shares.

5.5 How long will you pay benefit for?

We will pay benefit until the earliest of:
- the benefit termination date set out in the policy;
- the date the member no longer meets the policy definition of incapacity, even if they don’t have a job to go back to;
- the date the member dies; or
- the end of a limited term.

What happens if the member’s employment is terminated?

We have the right to stop payment of benefit if the member leaves your service. However, if we are asked in advance of the member leaving service we may, at our discretion, agree to pay member’s benefit directly to the incapacitated member subject to:
- the member having remained in employment for the whole of the deferred period; and
- benefit payments in respect of the incapacitated member having been made to you after the end of the deferred period.

Payment of additional benefit will stop when we begin to pay member’s benefit to the former employee.

The agreement to continue payments to a member after their service has ended will be between you (the policyholder) and us.

Benefit payments will stop at the same time and in the same circumstances that would have applied if the member had remained in employment.
Cover for the former employee will stop when their entitlement to member’s benefit ends and no new claims will be considered for them. However, the linked claim provisions shown in question 5.7 will continue to apply. This means that if the former employee suffers a relapse from the same or a related condition within 52 weeks of the claim ending then benefit payments will recommence immediately, subject to meeting the policy definition of incapacity.

What happens if our business goes into liquidation?

If we’re paying a claim for the member and your business goes into liquidation, we’ll pay the member’s benefit direct to the member. Any additional benefit will stop.

What happens if an incapacitated member’s contract of employment is transferred to another employer under a TUPE arrangement?

If an incapacitated member (including a member within the deferred period) is transferred to another employer under a TUPE arrangement, we will pay member’s benefit and additional benefit to the new employer subject to:

- you requesting us to continue paying benefit; and
- the new employer taking over the responsibilities in relation to the claim, that would normally apply to the policyholder. Examples include but are not limited to meeting obligations under the Equalities Act 2010, providing requested information and supporting a return to work plan; and
- a written agreement being completed by you, the new employer and us.

5.6 What happens if a member’s illness or injury means that they can work part-time or in a reduced capacity?

We will pay a partial benefit. This will allow for the reduction in the number of hours the member works and their reduction in earnings. We don’t need to pay a full claim before we’ll consider a claim for partial benefit.

We’ll adjust the partial benefit if the member’s earnings change. For example, if the number of hours they work increases. If the change results in no benefit being paid, the claim will end. However, we will consider reinstating the claim without the member having to complete a new deferred period if, within the next 52 weeks of the date they returned to work, they suffer a relapse (see question 5.7). If a relapse occurs after 52 weeks we’ll treat it as a new claim.

5.7 After a member returns to work, can we make another claim for that member?

Yes. If their incapacity is from a different cause we’ll treat them as a new claim. This means they’ll have to meet the policy definition of incapacity and complete a new deferred period before we can pay benefit.

If their incapacity is from the same or a related cause and the member is off work again within 52 weeks of the date they returned to work, we will treat them as a linked claim. This means we’ll start paying benefit again as soon as we receive suitable confirmation that the absence is through the same or a related cause and they meet the policy definition of incapacity.

The amount we pay will be at the level we would have paid if the member had not returned to work. We’ll stop paying benefit at the normal end dates shown in question 5.5.

Where we limit payment to a certain number of months (a limited term), we’ll start paying benefit again, as above. We’ll extend the limited term to allow for the time the employee was back at work.

For linked claims under an integrated policy we’ll continue to deduct the amount equivalent to employment and support allowance until the claim has been paid for a total of 52 weeks. The amount equivalent to employment and support allowance will not be deducted if the member applies for but does not qualify for employment and support allowance.
5.8 What happens to claims if you or we cancel the policy?

As long as premium payments are up-to-date when the **policy** is cancelled, we’ll continue to pay benefit for any valid claims we were paying at the cancellation date. We’ll stop paying benefit at the normal end dates shown in question 5.5.

We’ll also pay any valid claims for **members** whose absence started before cover ended and who are still in the **deferred period**. We will stop paying benefit at the normal end dates shown in question 5.5.

If you cancel the **policy** because you’re switching the insurance to another insurer, we will treat **linked claims** as follows:

- If, on returning to work, the **member** meets the new insurer’s **actively at work** requirement, then the new **policy** will cover them. However, we will pay benefit for a **linked claim**, but only until the end of the **deferred period** under the new insurer’s **policy**. From then on, the new insurer will be responsible for the claim under the terms of its own **policy**.

- If, on returning to work, the **member** doesn’t meet the new insurer’s **actively at work** requirement, and so doesn’t get cover under the new **policy**, we will continue to assess and pay the claim. We’ll stop paying benefit at the normal end dates shown in question 5.5. This means the **member** will not lose the benefit of a **linked claim** because you’re switching the insurance to another insurer.
6.0 What don’t you cover?

We won’t pay a claim if the member doesn’t meet the policy definition of incapacity or if an employee is not eligible for cover.

For members who give us medical evidence, we may set terms to exclude specific medical conditions. We’ll tell you if we restrict cover in this way.

We may also restrict cover if we’ve agreed to cover members based in certain overseas locations. We’ll tell you if we’ve done this.

7.0 Can you cover an employee who is not based in the UK?

We will need full details of any overseas employees at the start of cover and at each annual renewal date as we need to assess if we can cover them and if we need to change our standard terms. We will not provide any cover for overseas employees until we’ve assessed their details and told you of any terms.

We’ll usually cover employees who work abroad as long as:

• they meet the eligibility conditions; and
• they have a contract of employment with a UK company covered under the policy; and
• most of the employees work in the UK.

All premiums must be paid in sterling by the UK employer.

We’ll need satisfactory medical evidence in English to allow us to assess a claim. We will try to ask for as little information as possible, but the member may need to have an independent medical examination or assessment. If this happens we will pay an amount towards the cost of the examination or assessment that is equivalent to the cost of a similar examination in the UK.

Benefits will be paid in sterling to a UK bank account of the UK employer.
8.0 What tax rules apply?

Our understanding of the current tax rules for group income protection schemes, which could change in the future, is as follows:

- The premiums you pay for employees who are not major shareholders in your company are tax-deductible and can be offset against your profits for tax purposes.
- Your premiums are not treated as a ‘benefit in kind’ for employees.
- The benefit we pay to you will be taxable as a trading receipt. However, when you pay the benefit to the member it will be deductible as a business expense for tax purposes.
- The amount you pay to the member under the rules of the scheme will be treated as earned income, on which Income Tax and National Insurance contributions are due in the same way as on the member’s salary.
- If a lump sum option is selected, the tax treatment will depend on how you as the policyholder use it. We suggest you get legal advice before choosing a lump sum.

You may want to get your own tax advice about the policy.

9.0 Can members continue their cover if they leave my employment?

No, a member cannot continue cover at their own expense if they stop working for you.
Further information

Providing insurance
This Group Income Protection policy is provided by Legal & General Assurance Society Limited. Our principal office for the purpose of the policy is at:

Knox Court
10 Fitzalan Place
Cardiff
CF24 0TL
0345 072 0751
We may record and monitor calls. Call charges will vary.

Privacy policy
We're the sole data controller for the information we hold with respect to the policy, and solely responsible for its security.

To arrange and manage the policy, you'll need to send us personal information about your employees who are, or become, eligible for cover. This may include medical and health information. You need to satisfy yourself of a legal basis that allows you to send us these details, or consider seeking appropriate consent (explicit consent in the case of medical or health information).

Please share our full Privacy Policy with your employees so they understand what we do with the information we collect. Our full Privacy Policy is available at: legalandgeneral.com/privacy-policy/

Questions and complaints
If you have any questions or complaints, please speak to your adviser who arranged this policy for you.

If you then need to speak to us, you should call us or send the details of your question or complaint to our Managing Director, Group Protection. You can find our contact details at the back of this technical guide.

If we can’t settle the complaint you may be able to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service. You can find their contact details at the back of this technical guide.

Making a complaint won’t affect your right to take legal action.

Compensation
You may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) if we cannot meet our liabilities. You can find out more about the amounts and eligibility from the FSCS. You can find their contact details at the back of this technical guide.

Law
The policy is governed by English law.

Under our policy, members do not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties Act) 1999. This means they do not have to be involved in decisions about the insurance provided by the policy.

However, if we’ve paid a benefit direct to a member because you stop trading or are wound up, the member will have rights under the Act as far as the claim is concerned.

References in this guide to the tax treatment of premiums and benefits are based on our understanding of law and HMRC practice, which may change.
Language
All communications from us, including our terms and conditions, will only be available in English.

Insurance Act 2015
In the event that you breach your "duty of fair presentation", we may at our discretion, agree to pay a claim in full if you agree to pay an additional premium.
This is conditional on the breach not being “deliberate” or “reckless”, and occurring in a situation where we can show that we would have charged a higher or additional premium had full disclosure occurred.

Industry regulation
We’re authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Our Financial Services Register number is 117659. You can check this on the Financial Services Register by visiting the FCA’s website:

fca.org.uk/register
or by contacting the FCA on:
0800 111 6768

This technical guide is for commercial customers as defined in the Financial Conduct Authority's Insurance: Conduct of Business sourcebook (ICOBS).
Glossary

Our terms explained

Actively at work  This means the employee must be in full active employment, physically and mentally able to perform all the duties associated with their normal job as an employee on the day the cover is due to start. We’ll also need them to be actively at work before we start covering any increases to their cover.

Additional benefit  Cover for contributions to a pension you’ve set up for your employees. It can also cover your liability to pay National Insurance contributions.

Annual renewal date  The anniversary date of when your policy starts or another yearly date that we’ve agreed with you.

Basic allowance  The annual basic rate of benefit payable by the Department for Work and Pensions after the assessment phase of the Employment and Support Allowance.

Benefit entitlement  This is the amount of benefit a member is covered for under the policy. Sometimes this can be restricted. For example, if a portion of benefit is declined after medical underwriting. Their full benefit entitlement would therefore be the amount of benefit before any portions are restricted or declined.

Benefit increase rate  The yearly increase in member’s benefit and/or additional benefit.

Benefit termination date  The last date to which we’ll pay benefit, or provide cover, for a member.

Deferred period  The period of time before we start paying benefit. It starts on the date the member is:
- unable to work;
- only able to work reduced hours; or
- only able to work in reduced capacity; because of their injury or illness.

Employment and support allowance  One or more of the parts of the Employment and Support Allowance payable by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Exact cost  This is how we work out the cost of a policy with nine or less members. We’ll work out the cost for each member using their age, gender and amount of cover. This is also known as single premium or current cost.

Extra premium loading  If medical underwriting shows an employee doesn’t meet our standard criteria we may increase the premium for them. We call this increase an extra premium loading.

Free limit  The maximum amount of cover we will provide to a member without the need for medical evidence or details of their hobbies. We’ll tell you the free limit in our quote as a level of benefit or scheme earnings.

Limited term  An option you can ask for under our policy that provides a maximum limit on the length of time we’ll pay benefit for. We’ll start the limited term on the day after the end of the deferred period.
**Linked claim**

A second, or subsequent, claim for the same member within 52 weeks after the first claim for them ended, where the absence is caused by the same or a related incapacity. For linked claims we’ll waive the deferred period for the second or subsequent claim.

**Medical underwriting**

The process we use to assess the health and pastimes of an employee. At the end of the process we may apply special terms.

**Member**

An employee included for benefits within the scheme and insured under the policy.

**Member’s benefit**

The basic benefit we pay to you to pass on to the member. This is usually calculated as a percentage of scheme earnings.

**Own occupation**

A member is incapacitated if an illness or injury prevents them from performing the essential duties required of their occupation.

**Policy**

The legal contract between you and us. You choose how much of the benefits you’ve promised to the members that you want to insure under the policy.

**Policy year**

The 12-month period starting from the annual renewal date and ending the day before the next annual renewal date.

**Scheme**

The scheme you have set up to pay the benefits promised under the scheme to your employees.

**Scheme earnings**

The earnings we use to work out a member’s benefit.

**Special terms**

Terms for cover that we cannot accept at ordinary rates. This will include extra premium loadings, exclusions, restrictions, postponements or where cover has been declined.

**State benefits**

These are benefits that are part of the Employment and Support Allowance payable by the Department for Work and Pensions.

**State pension age**

The age at which an eligible employee could begin to receive their state pension from the Government, or would otherwise receive it if they were entitled.

**Suited occupation**

A member is incapacitated if an illness or injury prevents them from doing all jobs which are considered to be appropriate to their experience, training or education.

**Total benefit**

The total benefit for all members.

**Total scheme earnings**

The total scheme earnings for all members.

**TUPE**

This means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations.

**Unit rate**

This is how we work out the cost of a policy. We’ll work out the cost for each £100 of cover and multiply this with the total scheme earnings or total benefit for the policy. We’ll tell you the unit rate in our quote.
# Contact details

## Group protection principal office

**Questions and complaints**

- Managing Director, Group Protection
  - Legal & General Assurance Society Limited
  - Knox Court
  - 10 Fitzalan Place
  - Cardiff
  - CF24 0TL

## Financial Ombudsman service

- If we can’t resolve a complaint you may be able to refer it to:
  - Financial Ombudsman Service
  - Exchange Tower
  - London
  - E14 9SR

## Financial Services Compensation Scheme

- PO Box 300,
  - Mitcheldean,
  - GL17 1DY

### Contact Information

- **0345 072 0751**
  - We may record and monitor calls.
  - Call charges will vary. Lines are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

- **0800 023 4567**
  - or
  - **0300 1239 123**
    - (free for mobile phone user paying a monthly charge for calling phone numbers beginning with 01 or 02).

- **group.protection@landg.com**
- **legalandgeneral.com/workplacebenefits**
- **complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk**
- **financial-ombudsman.org.uk**
- **enquiries@fscs.org.uk**
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