

Ezicover® Income Protection

Product Disclosure Statement

Ezicover Income Protection is an insurance product that can provide a monthly benefit for up to 5 years if you are unable to work due to sickness or injury

About this PDS

This Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) is an important document and is designed to help you decide whether to buy Ezicover Income Protection insurance. This PDS will help you to:

- decide whether Ezicover Income Protection will meet your needs; and
- compare Ezicover Income Protection with similar products you may be considering.

Information contained in this PDS is general information only. It does not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or particular needs. You should consider the appropriateness of this insurance to your objectives, financial situation and needs. You may wish to consider seeking professional financial advice, or compare the product with products offered by other insurers.

If an organisation has referred this product to you (Referrer), it is acting only as a referrer for the issuer, Zurich Australia Limited, and as such does not provide advice or recommendations concerning the product or its suitability for you.

Definitions

Throughout this document, 'Zurich', 'us', 'our' and 'we' means Zurich Australia Limited. 'You', 'your' means the policy owner who is also the *life insured*. All terms appearing in *italics* are defined terms with special meanings. Defined terms are found on page 9.

Important notice

The primary purpose of the Ezicover Income Protection policy is to pay a *monthly benefit* should you meet the *disability* definition of the respective *cover type*. It is not a savings plan. If you terminate your policy at any time other than during the cooling off period you will not get any money back.

About us

Issuer information

This product is issued and administered by:

Zurich Australia Limited
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Zurich is the insurer of this product and is responsible for the issue of this PDS and the ongoing administration and operation of this product.

Up-to-date information

The information in this PDS is up to date at the date of issue. Certain information in this PDS may change from time to time – this includes but is not limited to possible changes which we have identified in this PDS. Where we indicate to you that we will give notice of such changes, then you will be advised of such changes in writing. Where other changes that are not materially adverse to you occur, we will update such information on our website, www.zurich.com.au. A paper copy of the updated information will be available free of charge upon request if you contact us.

If you take out an Ezicover Income Protection policy, we will issue you with a Policy schedule and Policy document.

Please keep these safely together with this PDS and any special conditions or endorsements we issue. Together these documents form your contract of insurance and will be relied upon at the time of claim.

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Why Zurich?

The Zurich insurance group is one of the world's largest insurance based financial services groups and operates on a truly global basis.

With local lineage protecting Australians for almost 55 years, Zurich is proud to provide customers peace of mind through its longevity and global security.



Currently operating in over 170 countries.



Top-rated Australian based customer service.



Commitment to fast and sensitive claims payments.



Real value for money, without compromising quality of our service.

Protecting your income...

For most of us the lifestyle we enjoy is thanks to our ability to work and earn an income, so what would happen if you got sick or injured and couldn't work? That's where Ezicover Income Protection can assist, by helping you maintain your lifestyle while you concentrate on your recovery.

Ezicover Income Protection can pay you a *monthly benefit* if due to *sickness or injury* you are *disabled and unable to work*. You can choose to use the monthly payments however you wish, it is there for you and your family to cover everyday expenses bills and commitments while you are recovering.

We all have different working and health circumstances, meaning not everyone is eligible for income protection. That's where Ezicover Income Protection is different. If you have a medical condition or history that prevents you getting cover for *sickness and injury*, Injury only cover may be available.

If you are a homemaker, casual employee, or self-employed and have been in business for less than 12 months, Essentials cover may be available to you.

If you have Sickness & Injury or Injury only cover the policy can pay you a *monthly benefit* while you are *disabled and unable to work*. If you have Essentials cover, it can pay you a *monthly benefit* while you are *disabled, unable to work* and unable to perform the specified *regular daily activities*.

Why choose Ezicover Income Protection?



Cover for more people

- Monthly payments of 75% of *pre-disability income*, up to \$12,000 per month
- Specific terms of cover available for homemakers or people with employment or health restrictions



Extra help when needed

- Lump sum payout for *Heart attack, Cancer or Stroke* with no *waiting period*
- A \$500 Return-to-work benefit to help with extra expenses when claim ends
- While we are paying you a *monthly benefit*, we will waive your *insurance premiums*



Affordable – cover to suit your budget

- *Premiums* are generally tax deductible, and *monthly benefits* are generally tax assessable
- Discount of 5.7% if you choose to pay your premium annually
- 5% discount if you also have an Ezicover Life insurance policy
- First month's cover FREE



Flexible – cover that meets your changing needs

- Inflation protection available if your income regularly increases
- If you ever need a little help, you can keep your cover going by reducing your sum insured with the Reducing income feature, or put your cover on hold with the Premium holiday feature
- Applying is quick and easy
- Online or phone application
- World-wide cover



More about Ezicover Income Protection

Cover Type	Sickness & Injury	Essentials	Injury only
			
What does it do?	Pays a <i>monthly benefit</i> while you are <i>disabled</i> and <i>unable to work</i> in any <i>occupation</i> solely due to <i>sickness</i> or <i>injury</i>	Pays a <i>monthly benefit</i> while you are <i>disabled</i> solely due to <i>sickness</i> or <i>injury</i> and you are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>unable to work</i> in any <i>occupation</i>; and • <i>unable to perform</i> at least three of the defined <i>regular daily activities</i> 	Pays a <i>monthly benefit</i> while you are <i>disabled</i> and <i>unable to work</i> in any <i>occupation</i> solely due to <i>injury</i>
Who is it for?	To apply for any of the Ezicover Income Protection <i>cover types</i> you must be aged between 19 and 60, be an Australian citizen or holding permanent resident status of Australia, and reside in Australia on a permanent basis.		
	You are eligible to apply for this <i>cover type</i> if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you are permanently employed and working more than 20 hours per week • you are a contractor or self-employed and have been in the same business or occupation for more than 12 months 	You are eligible to apply for this <i>cover type</i> if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you are a homemaker • you are not in a job with regular pay • you are casually employed • you work less than 20 hours per week • you are a contractor or self-employed and have been in the same business or occupation for less than 12 months • you have an income of less than \$16,000 per annum 	This cover may be offered to you if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you suffer from a medical condition that makes it difficult for you to qualify for the Sickness & Injury cover
How long is the waiting period?	Choice of: 30, 60 or 90 days	30 days	Choice of: 30, 60 or 90 days
What is the benefit period?	Choice of: 1, 2 or 5 years	Choice of: 1 or 2 years	Choice of: 1, 2 or 5 years
How frequently are benefits paid?	Benefit payments, for all valid claims, are made monthly, with the first payment commencing 15 days after the <i>waiting period</i> ends, helping you better manage your expenses. Benefits under this policy are payable to you, the policy owner.		
What is the minimum cover amount?	\$1,000 per month	\$1,000 per month	\$1,000 per month
What is the maximum cover amount?	Maximum 75% of your <i>pre-disability income</i> up to \$12,000 per month	\$3,000 per month	Maximum of 75% of your <i>pre-disability income</i> up to \$12,000 per month
Is proof of income required at application?	No, proof of income is required at claim time rather than application stage.	No, the benefit is equal to your selected cover amount noted on your <i>Policy schedule</i> . No proof of income is required.	No, proof of income is required at claim time rather than application stage.

Cover Type	Sickness & Injury	Essentials	Injury only
Will benefits be reduced at claim time for income received from other sources?	<p>Yes, your <i>monthly benefit</i> will be reduced by any <i>offsets</i>, being income or benefits received from other sources during the period of your <i>disability</i>.</p> <p>Any lump sum payment you receive will be divided by 60 to arrive at a monthly amount.</p> <p>Investment income is not offset. Refer to definition of <i>offsets</i> on page 10.</p>	No.	<p>Yes, your <i>monthly benefit</i> will be reduced by any <i>offsets</i>, being income or benefits received from other sources during the period of your <i>disability</i>.</p> <p>Any lump sum payment you receive will be divided by 60 to arrive at a monthly amount.</p> <p>Investment income is not offset. Refer to definition of <i>offsets</i> on page 10.</p>
When are you eligible for a benefit?	<p>If you are <i>disabled</i> solely due to <i>sickness or injury</i> and <i>unable to work</i> in any <i>occupation</i> for longer than the <i>waiting period</i>, we will pay the <i>monthly benefit</i> to you for the duration of your <i>disability</i> to the maximum of the <i>benefit period</i> shown on your <i>Policy schedule</i>.</p> <p>In addition, you must be under the regular care of and following the advice of a <i>medical practitioner</i> in relation to your <i>sickness or injury</i> and be <i>disabled</i> for the duration of the <i>waiting period</i>.</p>	<p>We will pay you a <i>monthly benefit</i> for the duration of your <i>disability</i> to the maximum of the <i>benefit period</i> shown on your <i>Policy schedule</i>, if you are <i>disabled</i> due to <i>sickness or injury, unable to work</i> in any <i>occupation</i> for longer than the <i>waiting period</i>, and you are unable to perform at least three or more of the following <i>regular daily activities</i> without the assistance of another person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooking meals – use kitchen and cooking utensils, appliances and equipment to prepare a meal • Cleaning the home – use of domestic appliances and equipment to clean and maintain a home • Shopping for household items – physical ability to purchase everyday household items, by using a shopping basket or trolley • Caring for dependents - providing care for children or dependent adults • Driving a car and using public transport – the physical ability to drive a car for any distance, and the ability to catch a bus, train or ferry without the assistance of another person. <p>In addition, you must be under the regular care of and following the advice of a <i>medical practitioner</i> in relation to your <i>sickness or injury</i> and be <i>disabled</i> for the duration of the <i>waiting period</i>.</p>	<p>If you are <i>disabled</i> solely due to <i>injury</i> and <i>unable to work</i> in any <i>occupation</i> for longer than the <i>waiting period</i>, we will pay the <i>monthly benefit</i> to you for the duration of your <i>disability</i> to the maximum of the <i>benefit period</i> shown on your <i>Policy schedule</i>.</p> <p>In addition, you must be under the regular care of and following the advice of a <i>medical practitioner</i> in relation to your <i>injury</i> and be <i>disabled</i> for the duration of the <i>waiting period</i>.</p>
How long will the benefit payments go for?	<p>If you are eligible for a benefit, we will pay you the <i>monthly benefit</i> until one of the following events occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we consider you are able to return to work • we consider you are able to perform the <i>regular daily activities</i> (Essentials cover) • we consider you are no longer under the regular care of or not following the advice of a <i>medical practitioner</i> for treatment of the <i>sickness or injury</i> • the <i>benefit period</i> has ended • the policy has ended • your death. 		

Applying for Ezicover Income Protection

This policy is only available to Australian citizens or those holding permanent resident status of Australia, who are residing in Australia on a permanent basis, aged from 19 to 60 and receiving this PDS (including electronically) within Australia. You can apply for cover online or by calling us on 1800 394 268.

Ezicover Income Protection has three cover types:

- Sickness & Injury
- Essentials
- Injury only

The type of cover you may be eligible for depends on your employment status, occupation, income, health and lifestyle circumstances at the time of application.

When applying for Ezicover Income Protection, if you are permanently employed and working more than 20 hours per week, or self-employed or a contractor for more than 12 months in the same business or occupation, the cover you are applying for will be Sickness & Injury.

If the above doesn't sound like you, you can apply for Essentials cover. This cover is available to homemakers, someone not in gainful employment, in casual employment, working less than 20 hours per week or if you are self-employed or a contractor for less than 12 months in the same business or occupation.

If you have a medical condition that makes it difficult for us to offer you Sickness & Injury, we may be able to offer you Injury only cover at a lower cost.

How does the waiting period work?

You must be *disabled* for the duration of the *waiting period* as shown on your *Policy schedule* before any benefit is payable. We will pay the benefit monthly, with the first payment due to you fifteen (15) days after the *waiting period* ends. Any part-payment will be calculated on the basis of one thirtieth (1/30) of the benefit amount for each day that you are entitled to a benefit.

We will only pay one benefit at any one time, regardless of the number of events (*sickness or injury*) leading to *disability*.

If you return to work for no more than 5 consecutive days during the *waiting period* but then become *unable to work* again, the *waiting period* will not start again. We will simply extend the *waiting period* by the number of days that you were able to work.

Important features of Ezicover Income Protection

Waiver of waiting period and lump sum payout for Cancer, Stroke or Heart attack

If you have Sickness & Injury cover and you are diagnosed with one of the three common critical illnesses, *Cancer, Stroke or Heart attack* as defined on pages 9 and 10, we will waive the *waiting period* and provide you with a lump sum in advance, equal to three times the *monthly benefit*. We will also waive the requirement of ongoing claim forms for the period of 3 months so you can focus on your recovery and have one less thing to worry about. After three months, if you are still eligible to claim, the standard claims process will be applicable and you will be paid a *monthly benefit* if you are eligible.

Return to work benefit

After a period of being on claim, when you are ready to return to work and stop receiving claim benefits, we will make a one-time payment to you of \$500. This payment is intended to help you meet the costs of returning to work such as improvements at work, physiotherapy, purchase of medical equipment, gym membership, etc. This payment will only apply on new claims and not recurring claims. Return to work benefit is not applicable to Essentials cover.

Premium holiday

During a period of financial hardship or a change in circumstance, for example if you take extended leave, a premium holiday allows you to put your cover on hold for 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. By putting your cover on hold, you can temporarily stop your cover and *premium* payment until you expect your situation to improve.

How Premium holiday works:

- You can request a Premium holiday after your policy has been in force for at least 12 months
- A Premium holiday can only be requested for a 3, 6, 9 or 12 month period, subject to a maximum of 12 months for the duration of the policy.
- The Premium holiday will start from the next unpaid premium due date
- During the Premium holiday (from the Premium holiday start date until the Premium holiday end date) the policy is not in force and no cover is provided
- When the Premium holiday period ends, your cover is reinstated if we receive the requested *premium* within 30 days of the next *premium* due date
- Reductions to the Premium holiday period can be made with our approval, subject to a minimum reduction of 4 months
- If you have reduced your Premium holiday period, then at the end of the changed Premium holiday period, no cover is provided for an event which occurs or is apparent (through diagnosis, circumstances or symptoms which could lead to a claim) during the first 90 days after the changed Premium holiday period.

Reducing income feature

If you experience monetary strain or feel your situation requires a reduction of the existing level of cover, for example while on maternity leave or leave without pay, or a temporary reduction in income, you can elect to reduce your cover level for a period of 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. With this feature, you can temporarily reduce your cover and *premium* payment but continue to remain protected, albeit with your selected lower cover level.

How Reducing income works:

- You can request a Reducing income period after your policy has been in force for at least 12 months
- Reducing income feature can only be requested for a 3, 6, 9 or 12 month period, subject to a maximum of 12 months for the duration of the policy
- The Reducing income period will start from the next unpaid *premium* due date
- During the Reducing income period your cover will be reduced to a level nominated by you, to a minimum of \$1000 *monthly sum insured*.
- When the Reducing income period ends, your previous level of cover is reinstated if we receive the requested *premium* within 30 days of the next *premium* due date
- We can only vary the *monthly sum insured*. *Benefit period* and *waiting period* will remain unchanged
- Changes to Reducing income period can be made with our approval, subject to a minimum period of 4 months
- If you have varied your Reducing income period, the reduced *monthly sum insured* level of cover will apply to any insured event which occurs or is apparent (through diagnosis, circumstances or symptoms which could lead to a claim) in the first 90 days after a changed Reducing income period end date
- The Reducing income feature is not available for Essentials cover.

Waiver of premium

While we are paying you a *monthly benefit*, we will waive your insurance *premiums*. This means during any period when the *monthly benefit* is payable, all *premiums* payable will be waived or refunded. Furthermore, if you are eligible for a claim payment, we will refund the *premiums* you have paid during for the *waiting period* if we receive your completed claim form within 30 days from the date of *disability*.

Inflation protection option

If you are concerned about increases in the cost of living, you can choose to have your benefit increased in line with the official *Consumer Price Index (CPI)* to a maximum of 3% per annum. Selecting this option means your cover is increased every year and your *premiums* will reflect this increase in cover. It's important to consider your *cover type* and whether your income also increases annually, as your income will be verified at claim time.

You can select whether you receive annual offers for increases in your cover amount at application stage.

If you have selected the Inflation protection option and the indexation increase would mean that your *monthly sum insured* exceeds 75% of your *annual income* you can opt out of Inflation protection at anytime to avoid being over-insured.

Guaranteed to continue

If you meet your obligations, including paying your *premium* when due, your policy cannot be cancelled by Zurich.

What is the cost of cover?

Premiums and charges

The *premium* or cost of your cover will depend upon -

- your amount of cover - (generally the higher the *monthly benefit*, the higher the *premium*)
- your age - (*premiums* generally increase each year in line with age)
- your gender
- your smoking status - (*premiums* are higher for smokers; non-smokers are those who have not smoked tobacco, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, nicotine replacement, or any other substance for the last 12 months)
- your occupation - (*premiums* are higher for occupations with greater manual duties or higher occupational risk)
- your health - (*premiums* may have an additional loading for individual health risk)
- your pastimes - (*premiums* are higher for hazardous pastimes)
- the *benefit period* - (the longer the *benefit period*, the higher the *premium*)
- the *waiting period* - (the shorter the *waiting period*, the higher the *premium*)
- any stamp duty charged by State governments or taxes levied by State or Federal governments.

Premium rates are not guaranteed

Premium rates are not guaranteed and can change from time to time. Any change, however, will affect all policies, not just an individual policy. We will notify you of any changes to *premium* rates at least 30 days prior to the change taking effect. The *premium* payable from the start of your policy is shown on your *Policy schedule*, and will not change before the first *policy anniversary*.

Should changes in the law result in changes to or additional taxes or imposts in relation to your policy, these amounts may be added to your policy.

Choice of payment options

Premiums must be paid by the due date to keep your cover inforce. *Premium* payment options are set out in the table below. Direct Debits from your financial institution may incur an additional fee. Any overpayment of *premium* will be retained by Zurich unless it exceeds \$5.

	first year	monthly	yearly
cheque	✘	✘	✓
direct debit (bank account/credit card)	✓	✓	✓
BPay	✘	✘	✓

Commission

If this product has been referred to you by a Referrer, they may receive a payment of 20% (plus GST) of each premium paid. We pay these amounts out of your premium payments – they are not additional amounts you have to pay.

Are there any discounts?

Multipolicy discount of 5%

We offer you a Multipolicy discount of 5% on your Ezicover Income Protection policy for an additional Ezicover policy you buy and/or continue to hold along with your Ezicover Income Protection. The other policy may be one of the following: Ezicover Life insurance, Ezicover MyLife, Ezicover Funeral Advantage or Ezicover Accidental Death.

First month's cover is free

With Ezicover Income Protection your first month's cover is free, meaning no *premiums* are payable for the period of one month from the start date of your policy.

Premium frequency discount

If you pay the *premium* on your policy as an annual payment, it will reduce the administrative expenses for your policy. This reduction in administrative costs will be passed on to you as a 5.7% discount on your total yearly *premium*, thus making your cover more affordable.

Taxation

Generally, the *premiums* you pay for your policy can be claimed as a tax deduction by both employees and self-employed people. Every year Zurich will tell you the amount of *premium* you have paid during the previous financial year. Generally any income benefit you receive from your policy while on claim must be included in your tax return and may be taxed at your applicable marginal income tax rate. This information is a guide only and is based on current taxation laws, their continuation and their interpretation. For information about your individual circumstances, contact your tax professional.

When does cover begin and end?

When cover begins

Your cover begins when we accept your application and issue you a *Policy schedule* and *Policy* document. This sets out the terms and conditions of your cover. Your *Policy schedule* outlines the start date and the specific details of your particular cover. These are important documents and should be read carefully. Please keep them in a safe place because you will need them to make a claim.

Each year Zurich will send you an annual statement stating your new *premium* amount and, where applicable, an offer to increase your level of cover in line with the increase in the CPI.

When does your policy end?

Your policy ends on the first of any of the following events to occur:

- the *policy anniversary* following your 65th birthday
- the non-payment of any *premium* within 30 days of its due date
- on receipt of your written notification to terminate the policy
- your death.

Changes to the policy

You must submit a written request if you want to make a change to the policy. In order to consider your request, we may ask for further information. If we agree, we will confirm any changes in writing. Only an authorised member of our staff can agree to change or waive any condition of the policy.

Changing your cover

You can apply at any time to -

- increase or decrease cover
- change your smoking status from smoker to non-smoker
- change the *waiting period* (Sickness & Injury and Injury only *cover types* only)
- opt in or out of Inflation protection
- request a Premium holiday or Reducing income feature
- change a *benefit period*
- reinstate cover after cover has lapsed subject to approval.

Cooling off period

If after receiving your Policy document you wish to cancel for any reason, you have 30 days to do so. Any *premiums* or charges paid will be fully refunded. To cancel please advise Zurich in writing and return your Policy document and *Policy schedule*.

You cannot cancel the policy and receive a refund if you exercise any rights in relation to your policy (for example, you make a claim) before the 30 day period has elapsed. You also cannot make a claim after cancelling your cover.

Exclusions, what you are not covered for?

We will not pay a benefit or claim if your *disablement* occurs as a direct or indirect result of:

- a *mental health disorder*
- an intentional self-inflicted act or attempted suicide
- *uncomplicated pregnancy or childbirth*
- unemployment for reasons other than *sickness or injury*
- an act of war, whether declared or not
- your committing, being involved in or attempting to commit, a criminal offence or the use of illegal illicit substances
- you being incarcerated or lawfully detained
- elective surgery (including cosmetic surgery) unless you are *disabled* for more than 90 days
- *Cancer, Stroke or Heart attack* in the first 90 days of the start or reinstatement of the policy
- any *sickness or injury* which is the direct or indirect result of elective or donor transplant surgery within six months of the start or reinstatement of the policy
- events occurring during travel in countries outside Australia, if the Australian government has advised against travel to that country at the time of starting the trip
- any other condition/exclusion agreed with you at time of application, specifically noted on your *Policy schedule*.

Are there any significant risks?

There are certain risks associated with holding an Ezicover Income Protection policy:

- if *premiums* are not paid when due, the policy will lapse meaning your cover ends and you cannot make a claim
- if you do not comply with your duty of disclosure, we may not pay your claim, pay only a portion of your claim or cancel your cover. See the section 'Your duty of disclosure' on page 8.

- the level of cover you select is important as it may not be sufficient to provide adequate cover for your circumstances.

What if you don't pay your premium?

We can cancel your policy if a *premium* remains unpaid for 30 days after it was due. This means you will not be covered and you cannot make a claim.

How do you make a claim?

We understand that if you need to make a claim, you and your family may be going through a difficult time. Every claim is handled promptly and with sensitivity, ensuring all genuine claims are paid as quickly as possible. Our claims process is set out in the diagram below.

24 hour world wide cover

The policy provides you with cover 24 hours a day, seven days a week worldwide, with the exception of countries where the Australian government has advised against travel to that country. If you are claiming while overseas, we will require you to have a medical examination in Australia or in another country by a doctor nominated or approved by us. The maximum *benefit period* we will pay while you remain overseas is 3 months.

Recurrent disability period

If within twelve months of the end of a claim, you suffer from the same or related *sickness or injury* which caused your initial claim, the recurrence will be treated as a continuation of the original claim and we will waive the *waiting period*. Every recurrence for the same or related event (*sickness or injury*) will count toward your total *benefit period* entitlement. If already paid, the Waiver of waiting period or Return to work benefit will not be paid again. All benefits cease at the end of the *benefit period*.

Additional information about Ezicover

Residency and compliance with laws

This policy is designed for people who are resident in Australia. If you move to another country outside of Australia you may no longer be eligible to make payments into your policy. The local laws and regulations of the jurisdiction to which you move may affect our ability to continue to service your policy in accordance with its terms and conditions. You need to tell us of any planned change in residency before the change happens.

We and other companies within the worldwide Zurich group of companies have obligations under Australian and foreign laws. Regardless of any other policy terms and conditions, we reserve the right to take any action (or not take any action) which could place us or another company within the group at risk of breaching Australian laws or laws in any other country.

All financial transactions, including acceptance of *premium* payments, claim payments and other reimbursements, are subject to compliance with applicable trade or economic sanctions laws and regulations. We reserve the right not to provide any service or benefit under this policy to you or any other

Our claims process



*Supporting documentation includes:

- the *Policy schedule*;
- proof of claimable event or condition and when it occurred;
- evidence that any surgical procedure was medically necessary;
- proof of *pre-disability income*;
- supporting evidence from appropriate specialist *medical practitioners*;
- proof of your age.

Examples for calculating your benefit

Cover type	Monthly sum insured on Policy schedule	Pre-disability income	Offsets – Other income received?	Calculation	Payable monthly benefit
Sickness & Injury	\$5,625	\$7,500 per month	Income from other source of \$500 per month	75% of <i>pre-disability income</i> minus any <i>offsets</i>	75% x \$7,500 - \$500 = \$5,125
Essentials	\$2,000	n/a	n/a	Benefit equals <i>monthly sum insured</i>	\$2,000

party if we determine this places us at risk of violating applicable trade or economic sanctions laws or regulations. We may terminate the policy if we consider you or any person entitled to receive benefits under the policy as sanctioned persons, or you conduct an activity which is sanctioned, according to trade or economic sanctions laws and regulations.

If you have a complaint about your policy

Please contact us. We acknowledge all complaints within 5 days and we aim to resolve your complaint within 45 days (or up to 90 days if you agree). If you are not satisfied with our response or we haven't resolved the complaint within 45 days (or any extended period you approve) you can raise the matter with the Financial Ombudsman Service Limited, GPO Box 3, Melbourne, VIC 3001. The telephone number is 1300 780 808, or email info@fos.org.au.

Your duty of disclosure

Before you enter into a life insurance contract, you have a duty to tell us anything that you know, or could reasonably be expected to know, may affect our decision to insure you and on what terms.

You have this duty until we agree to insure you.

You have the same duty before you extend, vary or reinstate the contract.

You do not need to tell us anything that:

- reduces the risk we insure you for; or
- is common knowledge; or
- we know or should know as an insurer; or
- we waive your duty to tell us about.

If the insurance is for the life of another person and that person does not tell us everything he or she should have, this may be treated as a failure by you to tell us something that you must tell us.

If you do not tell us something

In exercising the following rights, we may consider whether different types of cover can constitute separate contracts of life insurance. If they do, we may apply the following rights separately to each type of cover.

If you do not tell us anything you are required to, and we would not have insured you if you had told us, we may avoid the contract within 3 years of entering into it.

If we choose not to avoid the contract, we may, at any time, reduce the amount you have been insured for. This would be worked out using a formula that takes into account the premium that would have been payable if you had told us everything you should have.

If we choose not to avoid the contract or reduce the amount you have been insured for, we may, at any time vary the contract in a way that places us in the same position we would have been in if you had told us everything you should have.

If your failure to tell us is fraudulent, we may refuse to pay a claim and treat the contract as if it never existed.

Your privacy

Zurich collects your personal information (including sensitive information) to assess your application, administer your policy and enhance customer service or products ('purposes'). If you do not provide all information requested, we may not be able to issue or administer your policy. We may disclose your information, where relevant for the purposes, to affiliates of the Zurich Insurance Group Ltd, other insurers and reinsurers, our service providers, our business alliance partners or as required by law within Australia or overseas. These laws include the Australian Securities and Investment Commissions Act 2001, Corporations Act 2001, Insurance Contracts Act 1984, Life Insurance Act 1995, Anti Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006 and Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as those acts are amended and any associated regulations. From time to time other acts may require, or authorise us to collect your personal information.

We may collect information about you from third parties to assess a claim. We may use personal information (but not sensitive information) collected about you to notify you of other products and services we offer. If you do not want your personal information to be used in this way, please contact us. For further information on the service providers and business partners that we may disclose your information to, a list of countries in which recipients of your information are likely to be located, details of how you can access or correct the information we hold about you or make a complaint, please refer to the Zurich Privacy Policy, available at www.zurich.com.au or contact us on 132 687.

Direct debit request service agreement

The Account Holder (ie. you or the person whose account is used to pay the premiums) needs to agree to the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions on which the Account Holder has authorised Zurich to debit money from their account, and the obligations of Zurich and the Account Holder under this Agreement. This information will be forwarded with your Policy document, and can also be found at www.zurich.com.au

Defined terms

annual income is different based on whether you are self employed or not. It consists of the income earned through personal exertion and:

- if you do not directly or indirectly own all or part of the business or professional practice from which you earn your regular income: "annual income" means the salary, wages, fees, regular commissions, regular bonuses and other income earned from personal exertion by you, plus the value of any company benefits received by you (for example superannuation contributions or a company car), less any deductions for expenses directly incurred in earning this income; or
- if you do directly or indirectly own all or part of the business or professional practice from which you earn your regular income: "annual income" means the revenue generated by your business as a result of your personal exertion, plus income earned by you from any other source as a result of personal exertion, less eligible business expenses.

any occupation means any occupation you are suited to by reason of your education, training or experience.

benefit period is the maximum total length of time that we will pay a *monthly benefit*, when you suffer from the same or related *sickness or injury* during the life of the policy (this includes all periods of *disability* for the same or related *sickness or injury*). The *benefit period* is shown on your *Policy schedule*.

cover type, cover types means either Sickness and Injury cover, Essentials cover or Injury only cover, as shown on the *Policy schedule*.

Cancer means the presence of a malignant tumour, including leukaemia, malignant lymphoma and other haemopoietic malignancies.

The tumour must be confirmed by histological examination and:

- you must require major interventionist therapy including surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, biological response modifiers or any other major treatment; or
- the tumour must be sufficiently advanced such that major interventionist therapy is no longer recommended.

The following cancers are specifically excluded from this definition:

- chronic lymphocytic leukaemia less than RAI Stage 1;
- all cancers described as carcinoma in situ. Carcinoma in situ of the breast is covered only if it requires:
 - the removal of the entire breast; or
 - breast conserving surgery and radiotherapy; or
 - breast conserving surgery and chemotherapy (chemotherapy means the use of drugs specifically designed to kill or destroy cancer cells).

Carcinoma in situ of the breast treated by breast conserving surgery and other forms of adjuvant systemic therapy, including endocrine manipulation therapy, hormonal manipulation therapy or non-endocrine adjuvant therapy, is not covered;

- skin cancers unless:
 - they have metastasised to other organs; or
 - the tumour is a malignant melanoma of Clark Level 3 and above; or
 - the tumour is a malignant melanoma with invasion greater than 1mm thickness; or
 - the tumour is a malignant melanoma where melanoma is showing signs of ulceration as determined by histological examination;
- prostate cancers diagnosed as T1 with a Gleason score of 5 or less, unless major interventionist therapy is performed.

Consumer Price Index or **CPI** means the Consumer Price Index for "Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities Index" as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (or, if that index ceases to be published or is substantially amended, such other appropriate index we will select), published for the quarter ending immediately prior to 3 months before the *policy anniversary*, over that published for the quarter ending immediately prior to 15 months before that *policy anniversary*.

disabled, disability or disablement means that:

- if you have Sickness and Injury cover, as shown on your *Policy schedule*, you are solely due to *sickness or injury* occurring after policy commencement, *unable to work*; or
- if you have Injury only cover, as shown on your *Policy schedule*, you are solely due to an *injury* occurring after policy commencement, *unable to work*; or
- if you have Essentials cover, as shown on your *Policy schedule*, you are solely due to *sickness or injury* occurring after policy commencement, *unable to work* and unable to perform at least three of the *regular daily activities*.

Heart attack means the death of a portion of the heart muscle as a result of inadequate blood supply to the relevant area. The diagnosis must be supported by diagnostic rise and/or fall of cardiac biomarkers with at least one value above the 99th percentile of the upper reference limit and at least one of the following:

- signs and symptoms of ischaemia consistent with myocardial infarction; or
- ECG changes indicative of new ischaemia (new ST-T changes or new left bundle branch block [LBBB]); or
- development of pathological Q waves in the ECG; or
- imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.

If the above tests are inconclusive or our noted diagnostic techniques are impractical to apply or have been superseded, we will consider other appropriate and medically recognised tests. A rise in biological markers as a result of an elective percutaneous procedure for coronary artery disease is excluded. Also excluded are other acute coronary syndromes including but not limited to angina pectoris.

injury means bodily injury caused by accidental, violent, external and visible means, inflicted after the policy begins and while the policy is in force.

life insured means the person named as the life insured on your *Policy schedule*.

medical practitioner means a medical practitioner legally qualified and registered to practise in Australia or New Zealand or a medical practitioner legally qualified and registered to practise in another country approved by us, but does not include the policy owner, the *life insured* or a relative, business partner or employee of the policy owner or *life insured*. Medical practitioners do not include other paramedical professionals such as chiropractors, physiotherapists or naturopaths.

mental health disorder is any disorder classified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association which is current at the start of the period of *disability* (or such replacement or successor publication or if none then such comparable publication as selected by us).

Such mental health disorders include, but are not limited to, stress (including post traumatic stress disorder), physical symptoms of a psychiatric illness, anxiety, depression, psychoneurotic, psychotic, personality, emotional or behavioral disorders or disorders related to substance abuse and dependency which includes alcohol, drug and chemical abuse dependency. A mental health disorder does not include dementia (except where the dementia is related to any substance abuse or dependency) and Alzheimer's Disease.

monthly benefit is the maximum monthly amount you are eligible to receive under this policy and is based on your *cover type*. The monthly benefit is equal to:

- if you have either Sickness and Injury Cover or Injury only cover, as shown on your *Policy schedule*, the lesser of:
 - the *monthly sum insured* and
 - 75% of your *pre-disability income*,
 - reduced by any amount of *offsets* applicable; or
- if you have Essentials cover, as shown on your *Policy schedule*, the *monthly sum insured*,

monthly sum insured means the amount shown as the monthly sum insured on your *Policy schedule*, and if applicable, increased by the Inflation protection option or reduced by any Reducing income feature selected.

offsets are payments received by you from other sources by which we are entitled to reduce your eligible benefit in order to calculate the *monthly benefit* payable. "Offsets" are entitlements received from any of the following sources:

- an employer as sick leave or other paid leave;
- workers' compensation;
- social security where the payment relates to inability to work;
- any other legislation that provides income type payments;
- other insurance policies providing income benefits; or
- superannuation benefits relating to inability to work;
- any other payments related to employment or business controlled by you or an immediate family member, for the same period, in relation to the *disability*.

If any of these payments are made in a lump sum, we will divide the amount by 60 to convert the value to a monthly amount. Offsets do not include investment income and policy payments for business expenses or compensation for pain and suffering.

Policy schedule means the document which will be provided to you by us, containing details of the *life insured* under this policy, the *monthly sum insured*, the *waiting period*, the *benefit period* and other important details about your policy. Your *Policy schedule* will be updated by us as a result of:

- any changes you make to your policy and agreed to by us; and
- any changes made by us in accordance with these policy terms.

policy anniversary means the anniversary of the commencement date of your policy as shown in your *Policy schedule*.

pre-disability income means your average monthly income calculated from your *annual income* in the financial year in which you reported the highest earning from the last two complete financial years immediately prior to the onset of your *disability*.

premium or premiums means the amount payable for the benefits applicable under this policy, including any increase in benefit, stamp duty and any other government charges, duties or taxes that may be levied from time to time.

regular daily activities means:

- Cooking meals – using kitchen and cooking utensils, appliances and equipment to prepare a meal;
- Cleaning the home – using domestic appliances and equipment to clean and maintain a home;
- Shopping for household items – physical ability to purchase everyday household items, by using a shopping basket or trolley;
- Caring for dependents - providing care for children or dependent adults; and
- Driving a car and using public transport – the physical ability to drive a car for any distance, and the ability to catch a bus, train or ferry without the assistance of another person.

sickness is an illness or disease that first manifests itself after the policy begins and while the policy is in force.

Stroke is a cerebrovascular event producing a neurological sequela lasting at least 24 hours. This requires clear evidence on a Computerised Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) or similar scan that a stroke has occurred and of:

- infarction of brain tissue, or
- intracranial or subarachnoid haemorrhage.

Cerebral symptoms due to transient ischaemic attacks, reversible neurological deficit, migraine, cerebral injury resulting from trauma or hypoxia, disturbances of vision or balance due to disease of the eye, optic nerve or the vestibular apparatus of the ear are excluded.

unable to work means in our opinion, and confirmed by a *medical practitioner* acceptable to us, you:

- have stopped working in your *usual occupation* solely as a result of a *sickness* or *injury*; and
- are unable to work in *any occupation* (whether paid or unpaid); and
- are not earning any income from personal exertion; and
- are under the regular care of, and following the advice of, a *medical practitioner*.

uncomplicated pregnancy or childbirth is a pregnancy, childbirth or termination which does not result in any serious medical complication. It includes participation in an IVF or similar program, normal discomforts such as morning sickness, backache, varicose veins, ankle swelling or bladder problems, giving birth, miscarriage or having an abortion.

usual occupation means the paid occupation you predominantly performed in the 12 months prior to the *sickness* or *injury*. If you have been on long service, maternity or paternity leave for more than 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the *sickness* or *injury* then your *usual occupation* is *any occupation*.

waiting period is the number of days you must be *disabled* before being eligible for a benefit. The *waiting period* is shown on your *Policy schedule*.

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