

# Over 50s Life Insurance

# **Policy Terms and Conditions**

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# Alteration to your Policy Terms and Conditions

It is important to read through the alterations detailed below as these replace sections 4, 7.3 and 10 in your Policy Terms and Conditions.

#### 4. Premiums

#### 4.1 Paying your premiums

Premiums are due from the policy start date and at monthly intervals as shown in your Policy Schedule.

Premiums are due up to and including your 90th birthday. Once your 90th birthday has passed no further premiums will be collected by us, but the cover provided by this policy will continue until your death.

#### 4.2 Amount of your premiums?

The premium for this policy will not change.

#### 4.3 Can I reduce my premium?

You may be able to reduce your premium, as long as you have held your policy for at least one year.

If you choose to reduce your premium it cannot go below the minimum premium and your benefit will reduce.

This option can be used once per policy, as long as we still offer this option.

For further information please call us on 0370 010 4080. We will write to you to confirm if this change can be made.

We may record and monitor calls. Call charges will vary.

#### 4.4 What happens if the premiums are not paid?

We are entitled to cancel this policy if any premiums are not paid within 30 days of their due date.

If we cancel this policy, the policy will end and no further premiums will be payable. The benefit will no longer be payable.

We will not refund any premiums already paid.

This does not apply once you have passed your 90th birthday, when no further premiums will be collected by us but the cover provided by this policy will continue until your death.

#### 4.4.1 If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option

The Funeral Service Provider will be informed and the funeral will not be provided.

#### 4.5 How do you calculate the overall cost of the policy?

Your policy is designed to last for the rest of your life. Therefore it is difficult to say how much the overall cost of the policy will be.

Your 'Key Features' document will show you the total premium you pay to age 90.

For example if your current premium is £20 per month and your policy runs for 10 years, the total premiums you would expect to pay, if the details remain unaltered, would be;

£20 x 12 months x 10 years = £2,400.

It is important to be aware that this is only an example. Your benefit amount stays the same over the length of the policy.

#### 7. General Conditions

7.3 You can take out additional Over 50s Life Insurance policies as long as your total benefit for all Over 50s Life Insurance Plans with us is not more than £25.000.

# 10. The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

The FSCS is designed to pay compensation if a firm is unable to pay claims, because it has stopped trading or been declared in default.

So, if we run into financial difficulties, you may be able to claim via the FSCS for any money you have lost. However, before looking to pay compensation, the FSCS will first see if they can arrange for the continuity of your current policy. FSCS may arrange for your policy to be transferred to another insurer or arrange for a new policy to be provided.

Most of our customers, including most individuals and small businesses, are covered by the FSCS. Whether or not you can claim, and the amount you could claim, will depend on the specific circumstances of your claim. The FSCS will pay 100% of the value of the claim.

You can find out more about the FSCS, including eligibility to claim, by visiting its website **www.fscs.org.uk** or calling **0800 678 1100.** 

The rules of the FSCS might change in the future and the FSCS may take a different approach on their application of the above, depending on what led to the failure.

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## 1. Introduction

#### **Welcome to Churchill**

Thank you for choosing Churchill Over 50s Life Insurance, provided and administered by Legal & General. Churchill has chosen Legal & General as its provider as they've been helping people to protect their families financially since 1836.

This Over 50s Life Insurance is designed to pay the **benefit** when **you** die. When **you** take out this **policy you** must be aged 50 to 80, a UK resident and reside in the UK for at least 183 days a year.

Words that appear in blue bold are explained in section 2.

We suggest that you review your cover from time to time to make sure it's still right for you. You should also think about telling your intended beneficiaries about this policy, in case a claim needs to be made.

This **policy** sets out **your** contract with **us** and should be kept in a safe place. Please check **your Policy Schedule** carefully and if any details are incorrect, please contact **us** as shown in section 9.1.

This policy consists of:

- the Policy Schedule, and
- these policy terms and conditions.

Your Policy Schedule is personalised to show the cover and exclusions that apply to your policy.

## 2. Definitions explained

#### **Accident**

A sudden and unexpected event, which happens after the **policy start** date.

#### Benefit

The benefit is a cash sum as shown in your Policy Schedule.

#### **Bodily Injury**

Injury to your body, excluding sickness, disease or any degenerative process resulting from external, violent and visible means.

#### Charge or Charged

A legal term meaning that the **benefit** will be paid directly to the **Funeral Service Provider** for the funeral that has taken/will take place.

#### **Funeral Service Provider**

The funeral services are provided by Dignity Funerals Limited. They are responsible for providing and arranging the funeral and not us. Please contact Dignity as shown in section 9.

#### **Legal Successor**

The person(s) legally entitled to your estate upon your death.

#### Our, us or we

Legal & General Assurance Society Limited.

#### Policy

The policy issued by us, which consists of these policy terms and conditions and your Policy Schedule.

#### **Policy Schedule**

The schedule which shows the cover that you have under your policy and forms part of this policy.

#### **Policy start date**

The start date of this policy, as shown in your Policy Schedule.

#### Premium(s)

The amount you pay to us for this policy as shown in your Policy Schedule.

#### You or Your

The owner of this policy as shown as the 'grantee' in the Policy Schedule.

## 3. Cover provided

#### 3.1 Who is covered?

You are covered.

#### 3.2 Amount of cover

The amount of cover provided is the benefit as shown in your Policy Schedule.

#### 3.3 Period of cover

This cover starts on the policy start date and ends on your death.

#### 4. Premiums

#### 4.1 Paying your premiums

Premiums are due from the policy start date and at monthly intervals as shown in your Policy Schedule.

Premiums are due up to and including your 90th birthday. Once your 90th birthday has passed no further premiums will be collected by us, but the cover provided by this policy will continue until your death.

#### 4.2 Amount of your premiums

The premium for this policy will not change.

#### 4.3 What happens if the premiums are not paid?

We are entitled to cancel this **policy** if any **premiums** are not paid within 30 days of their due date.

If we cancel this policy, the cover will end and no further premiums will be payable. The benefit will no longer be payable.

We will not refund any premiums already paid.

This does not apply once you have passed your 90th birthday, when no further premiums will be collected by us but the cover provided by this policy will continue until your death.

#### 4.3.1 If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option

The Funeral Service Provider will be informed and the funeral will not be provided.

#### 4.4 How do you calculate the overall cost of the policy?

Your policy is designed to last for the rest of your life. Therefore it is difficult to say how much the overall cost of the policy will be.

Your 'Key Features' document will show you the total premium you pay to age 90.

For example, if your current premium is £20 per month and your policy runs for 10 years, the total premiums you would expect to pay, if the details remain unaltered, would be:

£20 x 12 months x 10 years = £2,400

It is important to be aware that this is only an example. Your benefit amount stays the same over the length of the policy.

# 5. About the Funeral Benefit Option

#### 5.1 What is the Funeral Benefit Option?

The Funeral Service Provider will pay an additional amount towards your funeral. This amount will not be shown in your Policy Schedule. A Welcome Pack will be sent by the Funeral Service Provider to you within 28 days of you taking out the Funeral Benefit Option.

The Over 50s Life Insurance can be charged to the Funeral Service Provider. This means that in the event of your death the Funeral Service Provider is paid the benefit from your policy which will be used towards your funeral costs.

You can choose to charge the policy to the Funeral Service Provider on the policy start date, or at any point before your death. You can choose this option by contacting us.

# 5.2 What happens if the benefit amount chosen is different to the cost of the funeral?

If the benefit is more than the amount required to provide the funeral service, the remainder will be paid by us to your legal successor. If the benefit is less, the difference would need to be paid to the Funeral Service Provider by your legal successor.

# 5.3 What if the Funeral Service Provider is unable to provide the funeral?

If the Funeral Service Provider is unable to provide a funeral service we will search for an alternative provider. If we are unable to find a suitable alternative, the benefit will be paid to your legal successor.

# 5.4 What if you or your family do not want the Funeral Service Provider to provide the funeral?

- a) If you decide you do not want the funeral or you want to remove the charge please contact us. We will tell the Funeral Service Provider that the charge has been removed and the liability for the Funeral Service Provider to provide the funeral will stop. On your death the benefit will be paid to your legal successor.
- b) If your legal successor decides after your death that they do not want the funeral service with the Funeral Service Provider the charge can be removed at this stage. The benefit will then be paid to your legal successor provided the benefit has not already been paid to the Funeral Service Provider.

## 6. Death in the first year

#### 6.1 Accidental death

If within one year of the policy start date, you sustain bodily injury caused by an accident which solely and independently of any other cause results in death and death occurs within 90 days of the accident then the benefit will be paid to your legal successor, instead of a refund of premiums.

If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option, the charge will be released and the benefit will be paid to your legal successor and not to the Funeral Service Provider.

However, we will pay a refund of premiums if the bodily injury resulting in death occurs either directly or indirectly from:

- (a) self-inflicted injury, including intentionally taking your own life;
- (b) taking part or attempting to take part in a hazardous sport or pastime;
- (c) taking part or attempting to take part in any aerial flight other than as a fare paying passenger on a licensed airline;
- (d) committing, attempting or provoking an assault or any criminal offence;
- (e) war (whether declared or not), riot or civil commotion; or
- (f) taking alcohol or drugs (unless these drugs were prescribed by a registered doctor in the United Kingdom).

#### 6.2 Non accidental death

In the event of a non accidental death, we will pay a refund of premiums rather than the benefit amount. The refund of premium will be paid to your legal successor.

## 7. General conditions

- 7.1 During the application process we will ask you for your date of birth to make an assessment and offer you a policy. You are required to answer this question honestly and accurately.
  - (a) If you (or an agent acting on your behalf) deliberately or recklessly provide an inaccurate answer we are entitled to cancel this policy and refuse to pay the benefit. In these circumstances we may not refund any premiums you have already paid.
  - (b) If you (or an agent acting on your behalf) provide an inaccurate answer through carelessness, we are entitled to amend the policy to reflect the terms that would have been offered had the accurate information been known. In these circumstances:
    - if we would not have issued your policy had an accurate answer been provided, we are entitled to cancel your policy, however we will refund any premiums you have already paid;
    - if we would have issued your policy on different terms and conditions (other than those relating to premiums) had an accurate answer been provided, we may make changes to your policy terms and conditions and treat your policy as if it had been issued on the different terms and conditions;
    - in addition, if we would have issued your policy with higher premiums had an accurate answer been provided, we may reduce the benefit to reflect the higher premiums that would have applied had an accurate answer been provided. The following formula will be used in these circumstances:

New amount of cover =

<u>Premium actually charged</u> x original benefit Higher premium

- **7.2** We may make fair and reasonable changes to these policy terms and conditions. We will only do so:
  - a) to make our terms clearer or more favourable to you;
  - b) if there are any relevant changes in legislation, regulation or taxation; or
  - c) if we change the Funeral Service Provider.

If this happens, we will notify you in writing at least 30 days in advance of any changes being made.

- 7.3 You can take out additional Over 50s Life Insurance policies as long as the total of all the initial premiums added together are not more than £50 per month. This will include any existing Over 50s Life Insurance you may have with us.
- **7.4** This **policy** is governed by English law.
- **7.5** All communication in relation to this **policy** will be in English.

## 8. Making a claim

#### 8.1 When is the benefit payable?

The benefit is payable on your death except where death is in the first year from the policy start date as described in section 6.

#### 8.2 Notifying us of a claim

When making a claim under this policy, your legal successor should notify us using our claims contact details in section 9. We will send a claim form to your legal successor, which should be returned to us.

#### 8.2.1 Over 50s Life Insurance

We will need the following when we are notified of the claim:

- Your policy number,
- The date of death, and
- Your contact details.

#### 8.2.2 If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option

Your legal successor should contact the Funeral Service Provider, as shown in section 9. When your legal successor is making a claim, the Funeral Service Provider will need the following:

- Your full name, address and date of birth,
- Your policy number, and
- Your Funeral Service Provider member number.

#### 8.3 Assessing your claim

#### 8.3.1 Over 50s Life Insurance

In order to assess the claim we may need your Policy Schedule, the death certificate and any other documents we may reasonably request.

In the case of an accidental death during the first year of the policy start date, we may ask for confirmation of the circumstances surrounding the death from the coroner.

#### 8.3.2 If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option

The Funeral Service Provider will check with us that all premiums have been paid and that the charge is still in place, prior to providing the funeral service.

#### 8.4 Who we pay the benefit to

#### 8.4.1 Over 50s Life Insurance

The benefit is paid to your legal successor.

#### 8.4.2 If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option

The benefit will be paid to the Funeral Service Provider who will provide the funeral service.

However, if you die within the first year of your policy start date the benefit will be paid to your legal successor.

#### 8.5 What happens after a claim has been paid?

Once the benefit has been paid the policy will end.

#### 9. How to...

#### 9.1 Contact us

If you need to contact us for any reason, please use the contact details below.

Please quote your policy number as shown in your Policy Schedule when making any enquiries.

We may record and monitor calls. Call charges will vary.

	Phone number	Contact address
General enquiries Death Claims	0800 137 101	Legal & General Assurance Society Limited (Head Office) City Park The Droveway Hove East Sussex BN3 7PY Email: life.claims@landg.com
Funeral Service Provider	0800 151 3789 Lines are open 24 hours a day, every day of the year	Dignity Funerals Limited 4 King Edwards Court King Edwards Square Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B73 6AP
Make a complaint	0370 010 4080	Legal & General Assurance Society Limited Knox Court 10 Fitzalan Place Cardiff CF24 0TL

#### 9.2 Place your policy into trust

Depending on your circumstances, it may be appropriate to place your policy into trust. For more information about trusts, please contact your financial or legal adviser. However, this is not possible if you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option.

#### 9.3 Cancel this policy

You can cancel this policy at any time.

Once this **policy** starts **we** will send **you** a notice of **your** right to cancel. If **you** cancel this **policy** within 30 days of receiving both the notice and this **policy**, **we** will refund any **premiums** paid.

If you cancel this policy after 30 days of receiving both the notice and this policy, you will not get any money back.

If you cancel this policy, the policy will end and no further premiums or benefit will be payable.

#### 9.3.1 If you have chosen the Funeral Benefit Option

If you cancel this policy, the charge will not apply and no benefit would be paid to the Funeral Service Provider.

#### 9.4 Make a complaint

If you wish to complain about the service you have received from us or the Funeral Service Provider, or you would like us to send you a copy of our complaints handling procedure, please contact us as shown in section 9.1.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can complain to:

The Financial Ombudsman Service

Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

Telephone: **0800 023 4567** 

0300 123 9 123

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Making a complaint will not affect your legal rights.

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Most of our customers, including most individuals and small businesses, are covered by the FSCS. Whether or not you can claim, and the amount you could claim, will depend on the specific circumstances of your claim. The FSCS will pay 90 % of the value of the claim. There is no upper financial limit on the amount of the payment.

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