



# Platinum Plus. Total and permanent disability cover.

## Your cover in detail.

### 1. Introduction.

This Total and permanent disability cover provides **you** with a lump sum payment if an **insured person** suffers a **total and permanent disability**.

The **policy schedule** will show which **insured person** this Total and permanent disability cover applies to and any Additional options that may apply.

### 2. Built-in benefits.

#### 2.1 Total and permanent disability.

##### 2.1.1 Total and permanent disability before age 65.

**Total and permanent disability** means that **we** are satisfied that one of the following events occurs before the **insured person's** 65th birthday:

#### a. Own occupation.

If own occupation is shown in the **policy schedule** for an **insured person**, then **they** have been absent from employment through sickness or injury for an uninterrupted period of three months, and in **our** reasonable opinion after considering all the medical evidence and other relevant evidence, has become so disabled that **they** will unlikely ever again to be able to work in any capacity in **their own occupation**,

Or

b. **Any occupation.**

If any occupation is shown in the **policy schedule** for an **insured person**, then **they** have been absent from employment through sickness or injury for an uninterrupted period of three months and in **our** reasonable opinion after considering all the medical evidence and other relevant evidence, has become so disabled that **they** will unlikely ever again to be able to perform **their own occupation or any occupation**,

Or

c. **Home duties.**

If the **insured person** was not **gainfully employed** immediately before the event causing disability due to undertaking full-time **home duties**, regardless of whether own occupation or any occupation is shown in the **policy schedule**, **total and permanent disability** shall mean that **they**, for an uninterrupted period of at least three months:

- have been under medical supervision with the complete inability to perform all normal **home duties**, and
- have been unable to leave the home without assistance, and
- in **our** reasonable opinion based on medical and other relevant evidence, is unlikely to ever again be able to perform all normal **home duties**,

Or

d. has suffered the total and permanent loss of the:

- sight of both eyes, or
- use of two limbs, or
- sight of one eye, and the loss of the use of either a whole hand, or a whole foot.

Loss of the sight in an eye must be confirmed by an ophthalmologist and measured by one of the following:

- visual acuity of 6/60 or less in the affected eye after correction, or
- a field of vision constricted to 20 degrees of arc or less, or
- a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in either of the above,

Or

e. is totally and permanently unable to perform at least two **activities of daily living** as a result of sickness or injury without the assistance of an adult,

Or

- f. has suffered a sickness or injury of the brain resulting in permanent and irreversible loss of cognitive function that requires the **insured person** to be under continuous full time care for **their** safety to prevent such situations including but not limited to wandering away from **their** usual place of residence, physical aggression, neglect of self-care, misjudging or causing situations that are dangerous for themselves or others.

The loss needs to be measured by clinical evidence and standardised tests which reliably measure the impairment in the following areas:

- Short or long term memory
- Orientation as to person (such as personal identity), place (such as location), and time (such as day, date and year)
- Deductive or abstract reasoning

#### 2.1.2 Total and permanent disability from age 65 to age 70.

If **we** are satisfied that after the **insured person's** 65th birthday **they** were continuing to perform **their** usual occupational duties without limitation or restriction due to sickness or injury for at least 25 hours per week, then **we** will assess any claim for **total and permanent disability** made before **their** 70th birthday under the definition that applied before **their** 65th birthday.

If the **insured person** was performing **their** occupational duties with limitations or restrictions due to sickness or injury, **we** will assess the claim under the definition applying under section 2.1.4.

#### 2.1.3 Home duties from age 65.

If the **insured person** was not **gainfully employed** immediately before the event causing disability due to undertaking full-time **home duties** and the event causing the **total and permanent disability** happens after **their** 65th birthday, **we** will assess the claim under the definition applying under section 2.1.4.

#### 2.1.4 Total and permanent disability from age 70.

Where the event causing the **total and permanent disability** happens after the **insured person's** 70th birthday, or where sections 2.1.2 or 2.1.3 apply, the following definition applies:

**Total and permanent disability** means that **we** are satisfied that the **insured person**:

- a. has suffered the total and permanent loss of the:
- sight of both eyes, or
  - use of two limbs, or
  - sight of one eye, and the loss of the use of either a whole hand, or a whole foot.

Loss of the sight in an eye must be confirmed by a **specialist medical practitioner** and measured by one of the following:

- visual acuity of 6/60 or less in the affected eye after correction, or

- a field of vision constricted to 20 degrees of arc or less, or
- a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in either of the above,

Or

- b. is totally and permanently unable to perform at least two **activities of daily living** as a result of sickness or injury without the assistance of an adult,

Or

- c. has suffered a sickness or injury of the brain resulting in permanent and irreversible loss of cognitive function that requires the **insured person** to be under continuous full time care for the **insured person's** safety to prevent such situations including but not limited to wandering away from **their** usual place of residence, physical aggression, neglect of self-care, misjudging or causing situations that are dangerous for themselves or others.

The loss needs to be measured by clinical evidence and standardised tests which reliably measure the impairment in the following areas:

- Short or long term memory
- Orientation as to person (such as personal identity), place (such as location), and time (such as day, date and year)
- Deductive or abstract reasoning

### 2.1.5 Partial benefit.

**We will pay a partial benefit** if the **insured person** suffers the total and permanent loss of use of one hand, one foot or the sight in one eye.

The loss of the sight must be confirmed by an appropriate **specialist medical practitioner** and measured by one of the following:

- visual acuity of 6/60 or less in the affected eye after correction, or
- a field of vision constricted to 20 degrees of arc or less, or
- a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in either of the above.

### 2.2 How much do we pay?

When the **insured person** suffers a **total and permanent disability**, **we** will pay **you** either:

- the **sum insured**, or
- if the **total and permanent disability** is a **partial benefit**, 25% of the **sum insured** up to \$75,000.

Where the event giving rise to the payment of the **sum insured** was already covered at the **start date** by a policy issued by **us** or another insurer (existing policy), then **we** will reduce the **sum insured**

and **our** payment so that when added to any amount paid or payable under the existing policy, the total for that **insured person** does not exceed \$5,000,000.

The Total and permanent disability cover **sum insured** will reduce by any partial payment of the **sum insured** payable under this cover for an **insured person**. **We** will adjust the premium accordingly. If **we** pay the full **sum insured**, Total and permanent disability cover will end for that **insured person**.

### 2.2.1 Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated.

If the **policy schedule** shows Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated applies to an **insured person**, payment of the Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated **sum insured** is an advance payment of the Life cover this Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated is attached to. **We** will reduce that Life cover by the amount **we** pay for the **total and permanent disability** and adjust the premium accordingly.

**Their** Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated **sum insured** cannot exceed **their** Life cover **sum insured**.

### 2.3 Total and permanent disability early payment.

If the cause of the **insured person's total and permanent disability** is due to one of the below conditions, **we** will waive the requirement for **them** to be absent from employment or unable to undertake full-time **home duties** for an uninterrupted period of three months. The conditions are:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Major head trauma
- Parkinson's disease
- Cardiomyopathy
- Motor neurone disease
- Systemic sclerosis
- Chronic lung disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- Terminal illness
- Dementia
- Muscular dystrophy

### 2.4 Grief counselling benefit.

If **we** pay a lump sum benefit to a **policy owner** under this cover, **we** will reimburse **you**, up to a maximum of \$2,500 towards the actual cost of grief counselling, for the **insured person, their** spouse, de facto partner or Civil Union partner or **child**, from an accredited counsellor, psychologist or psychiatrist approved by **us**.

The following conditions apply:

- The consultation and/or counselling must be invoiced within 12 months following the payment of the lump sum benefit by **us**.
- **We** must be provided with a receipt for the consultation and/or counselling being claimed.

This benefit is payable for one event only, once per **insured person** regardless of the number of policies and covers that may provide similar benefits for **them**. This is in addition to the **sum insured**.

Where there is more than one **policy owner** the Grief counselling benefit will be divided equally between those **policy owners** who each receive a lump sum benefit.

## 2.5 Financial planning and legal advice benefit.

If **we** pay a lump sum benefit to a **policy owner** under this cover, **we** will reimburse **you**, up to a maximum of \$2,500 towards the actual cost of:

- a fully documented financial plan prepared by a financial advice provider providing a financial planning service for the **policy owner**, or
- legal advice the **policy owner** receives from a lawyer.

Where there is more than one **policy owner** the Financial planning and legal advice benefit will be divided equally between those **policy owners** who each receive a lump sum benefit.

The reimbursement must be claimed within 12 months of receiving the lump sum benefit and will be payable only once in respect of all policies with **us** covering the same **insured person**.

If the reimbursement request is in relation to financial advice, **we** will require evidence to show that the financial plan has been provided, the qualifications of the financial adviser and the costs charged by the financial advice provider.

If the reimbursement request is in relation to legal advice, **we** will require evidence of the fees charged by the lawyer.

The financial plan or legal advice received must be in relation to a lump sum benefit paid by **us** under this cover.

## 2.6 Special events.

**You** can increase an **insured person's sum insured** once in any 12-month period before **their** 55<sup>th</sup> birthday without providing additional health information if one of the circumstances shown below occurs.

- a. **You** can increase **their sum insured** by up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 50% of **their sum insured** at the **start date** of the cover if any of the following events apply to **them**:
  - marriage, civil union, divorce or being subject to a separation agreement or order, or
  - either, pregnancy at 28 weeks gestation or birth of a **child**, or
  - adoption of a **child**, or
  - dependent **child** starting secondary school, or
  - financially supporting a dependent **child** through a first course of full-time tertiary education, or
  - reaching ages 25, 30, 35, 40 or 45, or
  - either, death or terminal illness (diagnosed by an appropriately qualified **medical practitioner**, confirming a prognosis of less than 12 months to live) of a spouse, de facto partner, **child** or civil union partner, or

- **they** permanently stop work to provide full time physical care for the first time for a dependent **relative**.
- b. If **they** increase a mortgage on **their** own home or take out a mortgage for **their** own home, investment property, vacation home, or residential block of land, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by up to the lesser of:
- 50% of the **sum insured** at the **start date**, or
  - the increase in the value of the existing mortgage or the amount of a new mortgage, or
  - \$250,000.
- c. If **they** co-sign on a new mortgage for a **child**, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by up to the lesser of:
- 50% of the **sum insured** at the **start date**, or
  - the amount of the mortgage of the **child**, or
  - \$250,000.
- d. If **they** have a **salary** increase of at least \$5,000 or a **salary** increase of at least 10% of **their salary**, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by up to the lesser of:
- 25% of the **sum insured** at the **start date**, or
  - five times the increase in **their salary**, or
  - \$250,000.

**Conditions.**

- a. **You** must exercise a Special events increase in writing with supporting evidence within the later of either:
- six months following the event, or
  - 30 days of the following **policy anniversary**.
- b. An increase under Special events isn't available for:
- both the pregnancy and birth of the same **child**.
  - both the terminal illness (diagnosed by an appropriately qualified **medical practitioner**, confirming a prognosis of less than 12 months to live) and death of the same person.
- c. An increase under Special events is not available if:
- The **insured person** has either had a claim paid or is entitled to be paid a claim under any policy with **us** or any other insurance company.
  - The premiums are not up to date or are being waived for any reason.

- The cover has been issued as a result of a Special event additional cover benefit in the Life cover wording.
  - The cover has been issued as result of a Special events increase.
- d. Any special terms and loadings that applied to the **sum insured** at the **start date** will also apply to the increase on that cover.
- e. **Your** premiums will increase in line with the increased **sum insured**. **We** will calculate the premium for the increase using the **insured person's** age at the date **you** exercise a Special events increase. The increased **sum insured** applies from the date **we** confirm the new **sum insured** to **you**, subject to payment of the additional premium.
- f. The maximum increase for an **insured person** for all events is the lesser of:
- \$1,000,000, or
  - the **sum insured** at the **start date**.
- g. If the **insured person** has Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated, **their** Total and permanent disability **sum insured** cannot exceed the Life cover **sum insured**.
- h. The total cover when added to all other total and permanent disability type covers with any insurer, after an increase cannot exceed \$5,000,000.

## 2.7 Business events.

**You** can increase an **insured person's sum insured** by up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 25% of **their sum insured** at the **start date** of the cover once in any 12-month period before **their** 55<sup>th</sup> birthday without providing additional health information if one of the circumstances shown below occurs:

- a. Where **they** are a key person in the business, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by the same proportion as the increase in **their** value to the business averaged over the previous three years.
- b. Where **they** are a partner in a firm or a shareholder in a company, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by the same proportion as the increase in the value of **their** financial interest averaged over the previous three years.
- c. Where **you** have taken out cover for **them** for loan guarantees, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by the same proportion as the increase in the loan relating to the funding of the business.

### Conditions.

- a. **You** must exercise a Business events increase in writing with supporting evidence within six months following the event.
- b. **You** can increase **their sum insured** subject to the need for cover being established by financial underwriting of **them** based on such financial evidence as **we** request.
- c. The method chosen to value the business or the **insured person's** value to the business, will be in accordance with industry established valuation methods or the method of valuation used at



application time. The method of valuation and valuer must be satisfactory to **us**. The valuer cannot be a family member, business partner, employee or employer of **you** or **them**.

- d. The business means the entity on which the underwriting was based on at the time of the original application.
- e. An increase under Business events is not available if:
  - The **insured person** has either had a claim paid or is entitled to be paid a claim under any policy with **us** or any other insurance company.
  - The premiums are not up to date or are being waived for any reason.
  - The cover is as a result of a Special event additional cover benefit in the Life cover wording.
  - The cover is as a result of a Business events increase.
  - **We** are not satisfied that there is financial justification for the additional cover. This is based on the financial evidence **you** provide to **us**.
- f. Any special terms and loadings that applied to the **sum insured** at the **start date** will also apply to the increase on that cover.
- g. **Your** premiums will increase in line with the increased **sum insured**. **We** will calculate **your** premium for the increase using the age of the **insured person** at the date **you** exercise a Business events increase. The increased **sum insured** applies from the date **we** confirm the new **sum insured** to **you**, subject to payment of the additional premium.
- h. The maximum increase for an **insured person** for all events is the lesser of:
  - \$1,000,000, or
  - the **sum insured** at the **start date**.
- i. If the **insured person** has Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated **their** Total and permanent disability cover **sum insured** cannot exceed the Life cover **sum insured**.
- j. The total cover when added to all other total and permanent disability type covers with any insurer after an increase cannot exceed \$5,000,000.

## 2.8 Premium holiday option.

**You** can apply to **us** in writing once to ask **us** to suspend this Total and permanent disability cover and the premiums for an **insured person** for up to 12 consecutive months. The Premium holiday option is only available for the following reasons: redundancy, bankruptcy, tertiary studies or overseas travel.

**You** must advise **us** how long **you** want the cover and the premiums suspended. In applying for the Premium holiday option **you** acknowledge that reinstating this Total and permanent disability cover within the 12-month period is **your** sole responsibility. **You** can exercise this Premium holiday option during the days of grace by writing to **us** advising the reason why premium payments have stopped.

**Conditions.**

- a. **We** will acknowledge the request, suspend this cover confirming that the Premium holiday option has been activated if a valid reason is given. **We** may require evidence of the reason for the suspension.
- b. The maximum **sum insured** under this Premium holiday option is \$500,000.
- c. **You** can reinstate this Total and permanent disability cover without providing the **insured person's** health information.
- d. From the date **you** reinstate this Total and permanent disability cover, premiums are payable on the same terms that applied before the premium holiday. **We** will base the premium on the **insured person's** current age and the premium rates that apply at that time.

**3. Additional options.**

**3.1 CPI option.**

If this option is included in this cover, the **policy schedule** will show which **insured person** this applies to.

How **we** apply the CPI option is set out in section 7 of the Policy terms and conditions.

The last increase under this CPI option for an **insured person** will be applied on the earlier of:

- the **policy anniversary** before **their** 65th birthday, or
- the total sum insured for all total and permanent disability type cover/s for that **insured person** with **us** and any other insurer, reaches \$5,000,000.

**3.2 Buy back option.**

If this option is included in this cover, the **policy schedule** will show which **insured person** this applies to.

12 months after the payment of the full **sum insured** under the Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated (except Total and permanent disability cover resulting from the Special event additional cover benefit in the Life cover wording) **you** may buy back the Life cover without providing additional health information.

The maximum amount of Life cover that **you** can buy back is the Total and permanent disability cover – accelerated amount **we** paid. **We** will contact **you** to let **you** know that the option is able to be exercised.

**You** may exercise this Buy back option once only within 90 days after the end of the 12-month period and before the **insured person's** 65th birthday.

Once the Life cover has been bought back, the portion of the Life cover which has been bought back cannot be bought back again at any time.

**We** will calculate the premium based on the rates applicable for the **insured person's** age and the Life cover **sum insured** bought back at the time **you** exercise the Buy back option.

Any Life cover bought back under the Buy back option will be subject to the same terms and conditions that applied to the Life cover when issued.

### 3.3 Business future insurability option.

If this option is included in this cover, the **policy schedule** will show which **insured person** this applies to and the **increase factor**.

**You** can increase an **insured person's sum insured** by up to the **increase factor** before **their 60<sup>th</sup>** birthday without providing additional health information if one of the circumstances shown below occurs where:

- a. **They** are a key person in the business, **you** can increase **their insured** by the same proportion as the increase in **their** value to the business averaged over the previous three years.
- b. **They** are a partner in a firm or a shareholder in a company, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by the same proportion as the increase in the value of **their** financial interest averaged over the previous three years.
- c. **You** have taken out cover for the **insured person** for loan guarantees, **you** can increase **their sum insured** by the same proportion as the increase in the loan relating to the funding of the business.

#### Conditions.

- a. The Business future insurability option may not be exercised before the first **policy anniversary**.
- b. **You** must exercise a Business future insurability option in writing with supporting evidence within six months following the event.
- c. **You** can increase the **insured person's sum insured** subject to the need for cover being established by financial underwriting of the **insured person** based on such financial evidence as **we** request.
- d. The method chosen to value the business or the **insured person's** value to the business, will be in accordance with industry established valuation methods or the method of valuation used at application time. The method of valuation and valuer must be satisfactory to **us**. The valuer cannot be a family member, business partner, employee or employer of **you** or **them**.
- e. The business means the entity on which the underwriting was based on at the time of the original application.
- f. An increase under Business future insurability option is not available if:
  - The **insured person** has either had a claim paid or is entitled to be paid a claim under any policy with **us** or any other insurance company.
  - The premiums are not up to date or are being waived for any reason.
  - The cover is as a result of a Special event additional cover benefit in the Life cover wording.
  - The cover is as a result of a Business future insurability option.
  - **We** are not satisfied that there is financial justification for the additional cover. This is based on the financial evidence **you** provide to **us**.

- g. Any special terms and loadings that applied to the **sum insured** at the **start date** will also apply to the increase on that cover.
- h. **Your** premiums will increase in line with the increased **sum insured**. **We** will calculate **your** premium for the increase using the age of the **insured person** at the date **you** exercise the Business future insurability option. The increased **sum insured** applies from the date **we** confirm the new **sum insured** to **you**, subject to payment of the additional premium.
- i. Once **you** have increased the **insured person's sum insured** by the maximum provided by the **increase factor** this option will end.
- j. The total cover when added to all other total and permanent disability type covers with any insurer after an increase cannot exceed \$5,000,000.

## 4. Claims.

### 4.1 Notice.

**You** or the **insured person** must notify **us** in writing immediately or as soon as practically possible if **you** or **they** become aware of any claim or potential claim under this Total and permanent disability cover.

**We** will advise **you** of the requirements **we** need to assess **your** claim.

**We** will not pay any claim until **we** receive all the requirements **we** need to assess the claim and confirm that the **insured person** meets the definition of **total and permanent disability**.

### 4.2 Obligations.

**You** and the **insured person** (if possible) must:

- Complete **our** claim form in full and send it to **us** as soon as reasonably possible.
- Supply **us** with all relevant medical evidence **we** reasonably require in connection with the claim.
- Authorise the disclosure to **us** of **their** or **your** personal information in connection with the claim held by any other party.
- Authorise the disclosure of **their** or **your** personal information held by **us** to another party to evaluate the claim.
- Provide **us** with any other relevant information **we** reasonably require. This may include financial and occupational evidence.

The **insured person** must:

- Provide a signed report from an appropriate **specialist medical practitioner** confirming the occurrence of the **total and permanent disability**.
- Undergo one or more medical examinations if **we** reasonably request **them** at **our** expense. This may include blood tests and medical testing.

- **We** may also request other additional claim proofs necessary to complete **our** assessment of the claim including an independent opinion from an appropriate **medical practitioner** or **specialist medical practitioner** approved by us.

**You** must pay any expenses incurred in proving **your** claim.

## 5. Exclusions.

**You** cannot claim under this cover in connection with an intentional self-inflicted act or injury.

## 6. When this cover ends.

This Total and permanent disability cover ends for an **insured person** on the earliest of the date:

- you** cancel **their** Total and permanent disability cover, or
- this Policy ends for any reason, or
- we** pay the **sum insured** for that **insured person**, or
- they** die, or
- of **their** 100th birthday.

## 7. General definitions.

The definitions shown below apply to all derivatives of the words defined.

### Any occupation.

An occupation for which the **insured person** is suited to by education, training or experience, which would remunerate at a rate greater than 25% of **their** earnings over the last 12-month period of employment.

### Gainfully employed.

Working in an occupation or job as an employee for reward, salary, commission or any other income. For an **insured person** who is self-employed, working in any business or professional practice which could produce income for that business or professional practice.

### Home duties.

The duties normally associated with a person who is engaged in full time unpaid home duties within the family home, and is not employed in any occupation or working outside the **insured**

**person's** home for salary, reward or profit and includes:

- Cleaning the family home, such as using a vacuum cleaner, sweeping with a broom, using a mop and cleaning dishes (automatic or manual).
- Cooking the family meals, such as preparing fresh and frozen food and using an oven, stove or microwave oven.
- Doing the family's laundry, such as loading and unloading a washing machine, hanging out clothes or using a dryer, folding clothes and ironing.
- Shopping, such as attending shops or using the phone or internet to purchase food for the family.
- Taking care of the **insured person's** dependent children (where applicable) such as

supervising, lifting, transporting, feeding and bathing.

**We** will not consider an **insured person** who is actively seeking employment or is performing less than full time unpaid **home duties** to be performing **home duties**.

**Increase factor.**

The factor shown on the **policy schedule** used to calculate the maximum increase under the Business future insurability option.

**Own occupation.**

The field of work in which the **insured person** has trained in, specialises in and was engaged in immediately before becoming **totally and permanently disabled**.

**Partial benefit.**

A part payment of the **sum insured**.

**Total and permanent disability.**

A sickness or injury resulting in the **insured person** meeting the definition as outlined in section 2.1.

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