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# Welcome

Thank you for choosing us to provide you with your The Funeral Plan insurance policy.

## The Insurer

This insurance policy is underwritten by DPL Insurance Limited. For more information and details on **our** Financial Strength Rating and Solvency Calculation go to www.dplinsurance.co.nz.

## **Free Look Period**

If you are not completely happy with the cover provided by your policy, you can cancel it within 30 days of the start of the period of insurance, provided you have not made a claim under your policy. We will refund any premium you have paid us.

## **Contact Us**

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For general queries and claims contact DPL Insurance Limited:

Call us on: 0800 666 004

(Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm)

Email us at: lifeinsurance@dplinsurance.co.nz

Write to us at: PO Box 33 1248, Takapuna, Auckland, 0740

Find out more at: www.dplinsurance.co.nz



## **Customer Commitment**

We are committed to treating our customers with fairness, respect and dignity. This means that we will:

- · Act with integrity at all times;
- · Provide high quality service;
- · Listen to our customers' concerns;
- Be open and transparent in all our dealings; and
- Take the time to answer any questions our customers have.

## **Complaints**

Our complaints process aims to address your concerns. We are committed to resolving all complaints quickly, respectfully and in good faith. If you have a complaint please let us know as soon as you can by following these steps:

 Contact us on 0800 100 333, email info@dplinsurance.co.nz or complete our Customer Complaints Form on our website www.dplinsurance.co.nz. We will acknowledge your complaint within five working days and let you know the contact details of the person handling your complaint. Once we have all the information we need, we will respond to your complaint within 10 working days.

- If we are unable to resolve your matter to your satisfaction, at your request, we will escalate your complaint for review to our internal Complaints Handling Officer.

  We will keep you updated on progress at least once every 20 working days, or agree another time frame with you. If we are unable to resolve your complaint within two months, we will offer you a letter of deadlock to confirm you have come to the end of our internal complaints process.
- 3. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome reached by our internal complaints handling process, you may take your complaint to the Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman (IFSO). The IFSO Scheme resolves complaints about insurance and financial services, and we will follow any decision made by the IFSO. This is an independent scheme that's free of charge to you (find out more at www. ifso.nz). You can refer your complaint to the IFSO if:
  - You have a letter of deadlock from us (that is less than three months old); or
  - More than two months have passed since you first made your complaint and you no longer wish to work with us to resolve your complaint.

You can contact the IFSO at:

The Insurance and Financial Services Ombudsman PO Box 10845, Wellington 6143 0800 888 202 info@ifso.nz

## **About Your Policy**

**Your** policy is a contract between **you** and **us** and is comprised of:

- Your online application or application form;
- · Your policy wording;
- · Your current policy schedule; and
- Any other document issued by us, which may vary or modify the above documents.

Please keep these documents safe and read them together.

It is important **you** read **your** policy in full and understand the terms and conditions of **your** policy, including what **your** insurance covers – and what it doesn't. If there is anything **you** don't understand, or if **you** have any questions, please contact **us**.

We are not bound by anything contained in a letter, email or notice sent to us unless we actually receive it. Any letters, emails or notices sent by us concerning your policy or premium will be sent to you at your last known address or email address.

## **Defined Words**

If a word is shown in **bold** it has a special meaning. A list of these words and their meanings is in the Definitions section.

## Information You Provide Must Be Correct

Your policy with us relies on the accuracy of the information you (or any other person on your behalf) provide to us. You have a legal duty of disclosure to provide us with full and accurate information including answering all questions honestly, truthfully, and in full. If we establish that any of the information you have provided to us is incorrect, including if your date of birth or smoking status is wrong on your policy schedule, we may;

- · Decline any claim;
- Void your policy from the policy commencement date and refund any premium you have paid us; or
- Adjust the funeral benefit amount and the actual premiums paid under your policy to reflect the correct information.

## What You Are Insured For

Subject to the terms and conditions of your policy and as soon as we are satisfied with all the information provided to support your claim, we will pay the funeral benefit amount specified on your policy schedule to the policy owner or nominated beneficiary if you suffer one of the following:

- Accidental death at any time after your policy commencement date; or
- Death by other means at any time after your policy has been in force for two consecutive years.

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# What You Are Not Insured For

We will not pay any claim for death by other means during the first two years after your policy commencement date or within two years of the date on which your policy is reinstated. We will refund all premiums paid for your policy.

No exclusions apply two years after your policy commencement date, or the date your policy has been reinstated (which ever is later).

## **Making A Claim**

A claim can only be made by the **policy** owner or the personal representatives of the **policy owner's** estate and must be made as soon as practicable after the death of the **life insured** 

To make a claim please contact **us**. **We** will advise what documentation **we** require in order to consider **your** claim. Documentation required will usually include:

- A death certificate stating the cause of death and a coroner's report if one has been issued;
- Proof of name change or the life insured's age if they differ from, or are not stated on the death certificate (e.g. an original birth certificate, passport or drivers licence);
- Proof of identity and address of the policy owner or the nominated beneficiary or a grant of administration – probate or letters of administration if the life insured was the policy owner.

A claim will not be considered until all of the information **we** request has been provided. In addition, if any **premium** is outstanding at the time a claim is to be paid, **we** may deduct the overdue amount from any claim payment.

## **Policy Conditions**

To be eligible to make a claim **you** must comply with all the terms and conditions of **your** policy. A claim can only be made on a policy that is in force on the date of the event giving rise to the claim.

## Change Of Policy Owner

When you purchase your policy, you are the life insured and policy owner unless you assign ownership to another person. To assign ownership of your policy, a valid Memorandum of Transfer Form (obtained from us) must be completed and registered with us. Only one person can own your policy, they must be aged 16 years or older and cannot be a trust, trustee or company.

## **Nominated Beneficiary**

Your nominated beneficiary is named on your policy schedule. If there is no surviving policy owner, the funeral benefit amount will be paid to your nominated beneficiary. If there is no nominated beneficiary or they are deceased, payment will instead be made to your estate.

The **policy owner** is the only person who can nominate and change the beneficiary named on **your policy schedule**. **Your** nominated beneficiary can be changed at any time, must be an individual person aged 16 years or older and cannot be a trust, trustee or company.

To change a beneficiary named on **your** policy, a Change of Beneficiary Form (obtained from **us**) must be completed and registered with **us**.

## **Breach Of Policy**

If you or someone on your behalf breaches your policy, then we may:

- · Decline your claim in part or whole; and/or
- Cancel your policy.

## Cancellation By Us

We will cancel your policy and refuse to accept any liability if you or any one acting on your behalf attempts to make a false or fraudulent claim. If a claim has been paid that is later found to have been fraudulent, all amounts paid must be refunded to us.

We will also cancel your policy if your premium is paid weekly, fortnightly or monthly and has three consecutive dishonour premium payments. Your policy will be cancelled from the date the unpaid premium was first due and a notice of the cancellation will be sent to the policy owner at their last known address.

## Cancellation By You

You can cancel your policy at any time by writing to us. If your policy is cancelled within 30 days of your policy commencement date, all premiums paid for your policy will be refunded to your policy bank account on our records. If your policy is cancelled after the first 30 days your policy will be cancelled from the next premium due date and no premium will be refunded.

**Premium** paid for any period beyond the date of cancellation will be refunded to **your** policy bank account on **our** records.

As soon as **we** receive notice of cancellation, entitlement to any benefits under **your** policy will cease. Notice of cancellation must be made in writing.

**Your** policy will automatically cease upon **your** death.

#### Reinstatement

If we have cancelled your policy because of unpaid premiums, the policy owner can apply to have your policy reinstated. Reinstatement will be entirely at our discretion and will be subject to any conditions we may set from time to time. If we decide to reinstate your policy, reinstatement will be confirmed by us in writing. Acceptance of premium by us after your policy is cancelled does not mean your policy has been reinstated. We will not consider reinstatement if cancellation occurred for any reason other than unpaid premium.

## **Changes To Your Cover**

You can contact us to discuss changing your insurance cover. You will need to confirm changes in writing if you wish to:

- · Increase or decrease cover;
- · Change the life insured's smoking status.

We must approve and confirm any change in writing to the **policy owner**, including the terms and conditions. An increase in cover will be treated as a new policy and will be subject to a new **policy commencement** date, terms, conditions and **premium**.

## **Smoking Status**

If you were a smoker at your policy commencement date and later cease smoking for a period of at least 24 months, you can apply in writing to have your premium adjusted to that of a non-smoker from your next policy anniversary date. You will be required to complete a non-smoking declaration and your adjusted premium will be based on your age, gender and smoking status at the date of your next policy anniversary. If you later take up smoking again, your funeral benefit amount will revert to that of a smoker from your next policy anniversary, even if you fail to notify us.

#### **Administrative Errors**

An administrative error by **us** or any of **our** agents or representatives will not validate a policy not otherwise validly in force, or invalidate a policy that is otherwise valid.

## Policy Term

Your policy has a term of one year. After the first year, we will automatically renew your cover annually on the same terms and conditions and for the same funeral benefit amount, until such time as the cover under your policy ceases or you advise us of any changes you wish to make to your policy and which are accepted by us.

## **Policy Value**

**Your** policy does not have any surrender or cash value.

#### **Premiums**

Your premium, first payment due date and frequency of payment are stated on your policy schedule. Your premium must be paid by direct debit from a bank account to us when it is due. Your premiums can be paid weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Your premium payment frequency can only be changed at the time of your policy anniversary. Please contact us at least five working days prior to your policy anniversary date should you wish to change your payment frequency.

#### **Premium Cessation**

Once your total premium paid equals the funeral benefit amount further premium payments will cease. Your policy will remain in force until your funeral benefit amount becomes payable.

## **Multiple Policies**

You can be covered under more than one The Funeral Plan policy underwritten by DPL Insurance Limited, provided the total funeral benefit amount does not exceed \$20,000. If your cover exceeds this limit we will consider you to be insured only under the policy providing the greatest amount of benefit (up to the \$20,000 maximum), or under the first policy issued, if the benefits are identical. We will refund any premium paid for any policy or policies found to be invalid in this way.

## **Geographical Limits**

You are covered under your policy 24 hours a day worldwide. However, you must notify us if you are or expect to be away from New Zealand for longer than six months, or if you work outside of New Zealand for any period. Depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for us to apply special restrictions or conditions to your policy for the period of your absence. If you fail to notify us of such an absence your policy may, at our discretion, be voided or terminated without refund of any premiums paid, or cover may be withheld for the period of the absence. All payments we make under your policy will be made in New Zealand dollars.

## Law And Jurisdiction

The laws of New Zealand shall govern **your** policy and any legal action involving cover under **your** policy must be conducted in New Zealand.

## Law Or Tax Changes

If changes in the law or its interpretation occur after your policy commencement date and we believe on reasonable grounds that those changes will affect our liability for tax (other than taxation on our overall income) or the way in which your policy works or the amount of benefit payable, then we can change the provisions of your policy, the premium or the benefits in whatever way we decide is appropriate. The policy owner will be given at least 30 days written notice in advance of any such change.

## **Our Statutory Fund**

All life insurers in New Zealand are required under the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010 to establish a statutory fund. All payments that **we** receive from **you** (or pay to **you**) in relation to **your** policy will be transacted through **our** Life Fund.

## **Privacy Act**

The personal information you have provided to **us** on **your** application form or through any other means will be held by **us** and as necessary by our reinsurers. The information will be used to process vour application and to administer your policy and any claims. The information may also be used from time to time to send **vou** details, including by electronic means, of other products and services available to you as a policy owner. The information collected will be held by DPL Insurance Limited, PO Box 33 1248, Takapuna, 0740 and our agents. You have the right to request access to and correction of your personal information subject to the Privacy Act 2020.

## **Definitions**

These definitions apply to the plural and any derivatives of these words. Where these words are used in the policy wording (in bold font), this is what they mean.

#### **Accidental Death**

Means death arising from bodily injury which was:

- Caused solely and directly by accidental means by an external cause; and
- The sole direct and proximate cause of death; and
- Sustained after your policy commencement date but no earlier than 12 months before the date of death; and
- Not an intentional self-inflicted injury (whether sane or insane).

## **Anniversary Date**

Means the anniversary day each year following your policy commencement date.

## Death By Other Means

Means death other than accidental death

#### Fraudulent

Means a person making a statement:

- · Knowing it is incorrect;
- · Without belief in its correctness; or
- Recklessly, without caring whether it is correct or not.

#### **Funeral Benefit Amount**

Means the amount specified on your policy schedule that is payable on the death of the life insured.

#### Life Insured

Means the person accepted for cover under your policy and named on your policy schedule as the life insured. The life insured must be a New Zealand resident.

#### **New Zealand Resident**

Means a person who resides in New Zealand at the time of the application who is between 30 and 70 years of age and:

- Holds New Zealand or Australian citizenship;
- Holds a New Zealand permanent residency visa; or
- Has been in New Zealand continuously for at least 24 months on a valid New Zealand work permit.

## Policy Commencement Date

Means the start date of **your** policy as shown on **your policy schedule**.

## Policy Owner

Means when you purchase your policy as the life insured, you are automatically the policy owner and named as such on your policy schedule. The policy owner is the person who owns your contract of insurance and who can authorise changes to your policy.

## **Policy Schedule**

Means the most recent document **we** have issued to **you** which sets out the details of the insurance **we** provide under **your** policy and forms part of **your** contract with **us**.

#### Premium

Means the amount specified on your policy schedule as payable by the policy owner to us.

#### Premium Due Date

Means the date specified on your policy schedule on which the first premium is payable.

## We, Us, And Our

Means DPL Insurance Limited

#### You And Your

Means the **policy owner** or the **life insured** named on **your policy schedule** depending on the context.



## **Policy And Claim Enquiries**

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