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NGS improves award winning insurance

Let's face it – nobody likes to think about insurance until it's needed. Adequate insurance cover can, however, provide you with the peace of mind of knowing that you are protected should an emergency arise.

Industry funds have introduced low cost life, total and permanent disability and income protection insurance for members to assist in solving the under-insurance problem that Australia faces. Through a Group Life wholesale insurance policy, NGS Super is able to provide high levels of cover for a relatively small weekly premium deducted from accounts. NGS Super has recently received the *Money* magazine's Best of the Best award "Best value insurance in super" for 2009 because of the high levels of cover provided by the relatively low premiums.

The Fund has been negotiating with its insurer to expand its offerings to members and will introduce several new insurance options as of 1 November, 2009. The following options will be available for NGS members at that time:

Income Protection to age 65

NGS Super insured members will now have the option of selecting IP insurance to age 65. This means that a 40 year old, for example, will now be able to insure 75% of salary for the next 25 years which provides the security of knowing that income is protected for an extended period of time rather than the current two years. Acceptance is subject to the medical evidence provided to the insurer.

Five year Income Protection

NGS Super members will now be able to extend the current two year Income Protection insurance to five years. Again, this provides the added security of knowing that salary will be protected for a longer period of time should illness or accident prevent a member from working.

Death cover to age 70

NGS Super will now provide Death Only insurance to age 70 as a default rather than the current age 65. This innovation is in line with recent changes to the age pension eligibility age and a workforce which is working longer. Total and Permanent Disability insurance will still cease at age 65 but the Death Only cover will be extended for five years. This enhancement was requested by many members.

Automatic insurance increases for "trigger" events

Life events including marriage, the birth of a child or taking out a mortgage over a home now provide automatic acceptance of one extra unit of insurance provided the member informs NGS Super of this change within a specified period. No medical evidence will be required, but proof of the "event" should be provided to the Fund. In practical terms this means that a 40 year old on the default Death/TPD cover of \$238,080 will be able to increase this cover by one unit or \$59,520 with no medical evidence.

For more information about NGS Super's insurance benefits, read the *Member Guide* and the *Insurance* fact sheet, which are both available on the website. Insurance is one means of differentiating superannuation funds and is certainly a major consideration to keep in mind when switching funds as once an insurance benefit is lost, there is usually no automatic reacceptance. It pays to think about your insurance benefits through super and to customise the options available to suit your needs.



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