

# YOUR DUTY TO TAKE REASONABLE CARE

When you apply for insurance, you are treated as if you are applying for cover under an individual consumer insurance contract. A person who applies for cover under a consumer insurance contract has a legal duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to the Insurer before the contract of insurance is entered into.

A misrepresentation is a false answer, an answer that is only partially true, or an answer which does not fairly reflect the truth.

This duty also applies when extending or making changes to existing insurance, and reinstating insurance.

## If you do not meet your duty

If you do not meet your legal duty, this can have serious impacts on your insurance. Under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) there are a number of different remedies that may be available to the Insurer. They are intended to put the Insurer in the position it would have been in if the duty had been met. For example, the Insurer may:

- avoid the cover (treat it as if it never existed)
- vary the amount of the cover or
- vary the terms of the cover.

Whether the Insurer can exercise one of these remedies depends on a number of factors, including:

- whether reasonable care was taken not to make a misrepresentation. This depends on all of the relevant circumstances
- what the Insurer would have done if the duty had been met – for example, whether it would have offered cover, and if so, on what terms
- whether the misrepresentation was fraudulent and
- in some cases, how long it has been since the cover started.

Before any of these remedies are exercised, the Insurer will explain the reasons for its decision, how to respond and provide further information, and what you can do if you disagree.

## Guidance for answering the questions in this form

You are responsible for the information provided to the Insurer. When answering questions, please:

- Think carefully about each question before you answer. If you are unsure of the meaning of any question, please ask us before you respond.
- Answer every question.
- Answer truthfully, accurately and completely. If you are unsure about whether you should include information, please include it.
- Review your application carefully before it is submitted. If someone else helped prepare your application (for example, your adviser), please check every answer (and if necessary, make any corrections) before the application is submitted.

Please note that there may be circumstances where the Insurer later investigates whether the information given to it was true. For example, it may do this when a claim is made.

## Changes before your cover starts

Before your cover starts, the Insurer may ask you whether the information that has been given as part of your application for insurance remains accurate or whether there has been a change to any of your circumstances. As any changes might require further assessment or investigation, it could save time if you let us or the Insurer know about any changes when they happen.

## If you need help

It's important that you understand your obligations and the questions that are being asked. Please contact us for help if you have difficulty understanding the process of obtaining insurance or answering any questions.

Please also let us know if you're having difficulty due to a disability, understanding English or for any other reason — we're here to help and can provide additional support.

## Privacy

The Privacy of TAL customers is important and TAL is bound by obligations imposed by current privacy laws including the Australian Privacy Principles. The way in which TAL collects, uses, secures and discloses your personal and sensitive information is set out in the TAL Privacy Policy available at <http://www.tal.com.au/Privacy-Policy> or free of charge on request to TAL by telephoning 1300 209 088.

## Collection and use of personal information

We collect personal information, including, your name, age, gender, contact details, health information, salary, and employment information so that we may assess and administer our products and services to you. In certain circumstances, such as applications for life insurance products and claims, we may be required to collect personal information of a sensitive nature such as lifestyle and medical history information. If you do not supply the information that is required, we may not be able to provide our products and services to you or pay the claim.

We may take steps to verify the information that we collect, for example a birth certificate may be verified with records held by Births, Deaths and Marriages to protect against impersonation, or we may verify with an employer regarding remuneration information provided in a claim for income protection to ensure that it is accurate.

## Disclosure of personal information

We disclose relevant personal information to external organisations that help us provide our services and may also disclose some of your personal information to other parties, when required to do so to provide our products and services to you, such as the following:

- claims assessors and investigators, claims managers and reinsurers
- medical practitioners (to verify or clarify, if necessary, any health information you may provide)
- any person acting on your behalf, including your financial advisor, solicitor, accountant, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or attorney
- other insurers
- for members of superannuation funds where TAL is the insurer, to the trustee, or administrator of the superannuation fund
- other organisations to whom we outsource certain functions during the underwriting and claims processes, such as obtaining blood tests for underwriting purposes, rehabilitation providers, surveillance providers and forensic accountants.

There are situations where we may also disclose your personal information in circumstances where it is:

- required by law (such as to the police or Australian Tax Office) and
- authorised by law (e.g. under Court Orders or Statutory Notices).

# INSURANCE CHANGE INSURANCE CATEGORY FORM

## Save time, apply online

Applying to vary your insurance via the Member Online portal is quick and easy. Simply login via [ngssuper.com.au/MOL](https://ngssuper.com.au/MOL) go to the insurance section and click on the link to the **TAL Insurance portal**.

Please complete this form if you want to change your insurance category from:

- NGS General to NGS Plus or NGS Select, or
- NGS Plus to NGS Select.

If accepted by TAL, a change in your insurance category will result in lower premiums. Your sum insured (level of insurance cover) will not reduce and in some cases will result in an increase in your sum insured.

### Age-based<sup>1</sup> cover - Special conditions

For members who are currently in the **General Category** who have age-based default cover and if your application is accepted by TAL, your sum insured will be calculated as follows:

- your multiple will not change if your multiple is **less than 1**. Your sum insured will therefore be calculated by multiplying your multiple by the NGS Plus age-based *Default Cover*.
- your multiple will not change if your multiple is **equal to 1**. Your sum insured will be calculated by multiplying your multiple of 1 by the NGS Plus age-based *Default Cover*.
- if your multiple of age-based cover is **more than 1**, you will receive the greater of either
  - the NGS Plus age based *Default Cover*, and
  - your current cover.

This will then be expressed as a multiple of the NGS Plus age-based *Default Cover*.

Please note, your sum insured will change as you age and will be subject to a maximum of:

- \$1,140,000 for Life and TPD; and
- \$120,000 for IP.

Premiums will be based on NGS Plus (or NGS Select if eligible) premium rates. It is important to note that while there will be initially an increase or no change to your age-based sum insured, your sum insured will change over time in line with changes in the NGS Plus age-based sum insured scale.

### Fixed cover<sup>2</sup> - Special conditions

For members who are currently in the **General Category** who have fixed cover, your fixed cover sum insured amount will not change. However premiums will be based on NGS Plus (or if eligible, NGS Select) premium rates.

<sup>1</sup> **Age-based default cover** is where generally the amount of your cover changes over time, with costs changing most years and costs being based on your sum insured and age.

<sup>2</sup> **Fixed Cover** is where the amount of cover generally stays the same (except for TPD cover which decreases from age 61) but the cost increases as you get older.

### If you need help

If you're unsure of your decision, consider obtaining professional advice. We offer:

- advice at no extra cost through our advice Helpline or
- low-cost advice through NGS Financial Planning.

To make an appointment phone us on **1300 133 177** or complete the **Financial planning enquiry form** on our website at [ngssuper.com.au/advice](https://ngssuper.com.au/advice)

Please send your completed form to:

**NGS Super**  
**GPO Box 4303**  
**MELBOURNE VIC 3001**

or email to [NGSAdminTeam@mercer.com](mailto:NGSAdminTeam@mercer.com)



## Section 4. Declaration and signature

### I acknowledge that

- I have read and understood my duty to take reasonable care.
- The information provided here is true and complete and I agree that this Declaration shall be held to form part of the application for insurance.
- I understand that the insurance cover will only be provided on the terms and conditions set out in the contract of insurance as agreed between NGS Super and TAL Life Limited.
- I agree to TAL's collection, use and disclosure of my personal information provided in this application.
- I have read and understood the insurance information contained in the current **Product Disclosure Statement** and **Insurance guide**.

Signature  Date   /   /

Please return your completed form together with any supporting documents to:

**NGS Super**  
**GPO Box 4303**  
**MELBOURNE VIC 3001**

or email to [NGSAdminTeam@mercer.com](mailto:NGSAdminTeam@mercer.com)

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