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Mortgage Protection Plan

Key Features

This is an important document, which you should retain.

Important Information for those choosing Critical Illness Cover

Legal & General's Critical Illness Plan is designed to address those critical illnesses which could have a severe impact on your lifestyle.

Ongoing medical and technological advances mean that traditional views of critical illness are changing. What may once have been classed as a critical illness may no longer meet today's definition of critical illness. For example, not all types of cancers are covered by this plan as some cancers no longer have a severe impact on lifestyle if detected early enough. However, all illnesses covered by this plan are consistent with the current view of critical illness held by the medical profession and the Association of British Insurer's list of critical illnesses.

You can check the full list of critical illnesses we cover in Legal & General's Guide to Critical Illness, the technical guide and your policy document. The Guide to Critical Illness Cover and the technical guide are available on request.

It is important that you choose the type of cover most suited to your personal circumstances. As well as Critical Illness Cover, Legal & General may offer other types of cover which could be more appropriate to your individual needs. Ask your financial adviser for more details.

Legal & General's Mortgage Protection Plan is designed to help repay your mortgage if you die or become eligible for a critical or terminal illness benefit.

It could also help you to meet your mortgage payments if you suffer illness or accident and are unable to work, resulting in a loss of earnings.

With Mortgage Protection you can choose whether to benefit from the full range of cover available or simply choose cover to suit your individual needs. Your adviser will discuss all the options open to you.

Its Aims

The plan aims to do the following:

For all types of cover:

- To provide the amount of cover you choose.
- To provide the cover for the period you choose.

For Life Cover and Critical Illness Cover:

- To pay a guaranteed lump sum if you die during the period of cover.
- To pay the guaranteed lump sum if, during the period of cover, you become eligible for Terminal Illness benefit (for example, where life expectancy is less than 12 months). Not applicable for the last 18 months of the plan. This is not available for life cover with a term of less than two years.
- If you choose decreasing mortgage cover, the aim is that the amount will reduce during the term roughly in line with your outstanding mortgage amount.

For Critical Illness Cover:

- If you have chosen Critical Illness Cover the plan will pay a guaranteed lump sum if, during the period of cover, you are diagnosed as having one of the critical illnesses we cover, and are eligible to claim.

- If you choose decreasing mortgage critical illness cover, the aim is that the amount will reduce during the term roughly in line with the mortgage amount.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance:

- To provide a monthly benefit to help pay your mortgage if, due to illness or accident, you are unable to work, resulting in a loss of earnings.

This cover is only available to protect a new mortgage, remortgage or a further advance on your existing mortgage. Further details are available in the Technical Guide and your policy document.

Your Commitment

You must do the following:

For all types of cover:

- Pay the required premium by direct debit every month or annually by direct debit or cheque during the period of cover.
- Give us all the information we ask for on the application form and if you have to make a claim.

For Critical Illness Cover:

- Tell us if you start living outside the UK. This could affect your cover and premium if you live abroad for more than 12 months.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance:

- Tell us if you change occupation or employment status at any time during the plan, as this may affect your cover.
- Tell us of any claim within the time limits we set. Details can be found in the Technical Guide and your policy document.
- Select an appropriate level of cover and review it regularly to make sure you have enough for your needs, but not more than we will pay.

Risk Factors

The plan carries the following risks:

All types of cover:

- If you do not truthfully provide all the information we ask for on your application form or when you claim, we will not pay out under the plan.
- If you stop paying the required level of premiums your cover will end after 30 days. Your policy will lapse and no further benefits will be payable.
- We will not pay out in the circumstances described under the *'When will the plan not pay out?'* section.
- The plan has no cash-in value.
- The present tax treatment may change.
- You should ensure that the term of the plan is long enough to cover the term of your mortgage.

For Decreasing Mortgage Cover (Life or Life and Critical Illness Cover):

- The guaranteed amount of money may not be enough to pay off your mortgage in full if, for example, your mortgage payments have not been adjusted to take into account interest rate changes, or if your mortgage interest rate averages over 10% during the term you have chosen for cover.

For Life Cover and Critical Illness Cover:

- If you have chosen reviewable premiums, we will review your plan every five years. At review, we may need to increase your premium to maintain the initial level of cover. We will tell you if we are going to do this. See the *'Will my payments ever go up?'* section.

For Critical Illness Cover and Mortgage Payment Insurance:

- We will not pay out a claim from an excluded cause.
- The conditions or benefits covered by your policy may be subject to exclusions after we underwrite your application.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance:

- If your mortgage payments to your lender do not move in line with our stabilised interest rate*, the benefit may not be enough to cover your whole mortgage payment.
- The cover may be less than you need if you do not review it regularly to keep it in line with your mortgage payments.
- In future, we will review the premium payments. Please see the *'Will my payments ever go up?'* section.
- If this cover is not being used to protect a new mortgage, remortgage or further advance on your existing mortgage, this will invalidate any claim made.
- If your income does not support your chosen cover at the time of claim, then your benefit will have to be reduced. We will not give you back any of your premium payments if this happens.
- The benefit we pay under the plan may affect your claim to some means tested State Benefits. However, your entitlement to State Incapacity Benefit will not be affected.
- State Benefit including incapacity benefit rules may change.

* A variable rate which will never be more than 15% or 1% different from the Woolwich standard variable rate for new mortgage advances. If this rate is unavailable then Legal & General will use an appropriate rate from another UK mortgage lender.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How does the plan work?

You decide which type of cover you want. You can choose:

Life Cover only

We will pay out the guaranteed amount of money you have chosen if:

- You die, or
- You become eligible for Terminal Illness benefit (for example, where life expectancy is less than 12 months), during the term you choose for your plan. This benefit is not valid in the last 18 months of the plan. Once a Terminal Illness claim has been paid, the policy will cease and no further benefits will be payable.

You can choose either:

- A level amount of benefit, which means that the amount of money we pay is the same at any time during the term of the plan, or
- For a lower premium, a decreasing amount of benefit to protect your mortgage. This means that the amount of cover decreases over the years, in a way designed to be approximately in line with the amount you have on your mortgage, depending on the amount of cover you choose at outset.

If mortgage interest rates are lower than 10% during the term of the plan, the cover could become more than you need to pay off your mortgage. This would give you an additional level of protection. If mortgage rates exceed 10%, the cover may not be sufficient to repay your mortgage.

Critical Illness Cover

If you choose to include Critical Illness Cover, we will pay out if you become eligible for Critical Illness or Terminal Illness benefit or you die; whichever occurs first.

Terminal Illness Cover

For Life Cover or Life and Critical Illness Cover, your plan will automatically include Terminal Illness Cover, which means that if you are diagnosed as having less than 12 months to live during the term of the plan, we will pay out the guaranteed amount of money you have chosen immediately (instead of on death or Critical Illness, if this option is chosen). Full details and conditions are provided in your policy document. This cover does not apply during the last 18 months of the period of cover.

Mortgage Payment Insurance

This cover is available if you are taking out a new mortgage, a further advance on your existing mortgage or you are remortgaging. Mortgage Payment Insurance is designed to give you a regular benefit to help pay your mortgage if you suffer illness or injury and are unable to work, resulting in a loss of earnings.

You can choose the amount of monthly benefit you need as long as it is not more than 140% of your monthly mortgage repayments, or 50% of your pre-incapacity earnings up to £45,000 together with 20% of your pre-incapacity earnings over £45,000.

There will be a period when you are first unable to work for which we do not pay benefit. This is known as the deferred period. You can choose between 4**, 8, 13, 26 and 52 weeks. The longer the deferred period, the cheaper your policy will be.

** The 4 week deferred period is only available for certain occupation classes.

Your choice of deferred period should allow for any earnings which you expect to continue after you stop working, such as sick pay, or how long you are prepared to live on your savings.

Your monthly benefit will start one month after the end of your deferred period.

The monthly benefit moves in line with our stabilised interest rate.* See the 'How much does the policy pay out?' section.

We will pay the benefit until you are fit to return to work, you die, or you reach the end of the term; whichever occurs first. You do not have to pay premiums for this cover while we are paying benefit.

The cover can continue after a claim for the rest of the term as long as you continue to pay premiums. And there is no limit to the number of times you can claim.

This cover is also available for Housepersons.

* See Risk Factors.

You must pay all premiums due to keep your cover in force.

All cover is subject to terms and conditions which will be fully detailed in your policy document. Please also see the 'When will the plan not pay out?' section.

How long can the plan last?

You decide how long you want the cover for.

For level Life Cover the term of the plan can be from 1 to 40 years* and the plan must end by age 70 next birthday. However, Life Cover can last beyond your 70th birthday if the term is 10 years or less.

For Life and Critical Illness Cover, the term of the plan can be from 2 to 25 years for plans with guaranteed premiums, or from 2 to 35 years for plans with reviewable premiums. However, cover must end by age 65 next birthday.

For decreasing Life Cover, the term of the plan can be from 5 to 40 years, and the cover must end by age 70 next birthday. Life Cover can last beyond your 70th birthday if the term is 10 years or less.

For decreasing Life and Critical Illness Cover, the term of the plan can be from 5 to 25 years for plans with guaranteed premiums, or from 5 to 35 years for plans with reviewable premiums. However, cover must end by age 65 next birthday.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, you can choose any period of cover, but the minimum term must be five years and the plan should end no later than the end of your mortgage term or your planned retirement date or when you reach 69; whichever is earliest.

* If a one year term is chosen then Terminal Illness Cover does not apply.

Who can the plan cover?

You can apply for the plan to cover:

- You alone.
- You and another person, or
- One or two people not including you (subject to products selected).

If the plan covers two people it will only pay out once. This would be when the first of you dies, becomes eligible for Terminal Illness or (if chosen) Critical Illness benefit during the period of cover; whichever occurs first. The plan will then end and no further benefit will be payable.

Mortgage Payment Insurance

Joint Cover

With this option both you and your partner can protect the payments on a joint mortgage. There are separate levels of cover and you can choose how it is split between you.

Can children have Critical Illness Cover?

If you choose Critical Illness Cover, and you have children when the policy starts or during the term of the plan, they will be automatically covered. The cover starts when each child is 26 weeks old and ends on their eighteenth birthday. Benefit will only be paid out if the child survives for 28 days from diagnosis of one of the illnesses covered.

If your child is diagnosed with a critical illness and you are eligible to claim, we will pay up to £15,000 or 50% of the guaranteed sum assured; whichever is lower. We will only pay one claim for each child and once two claims have been accepted, Children's Critical Illness Cover will end. However, cover will continue for you.

Which critical illnesses are covered?

The complete list of conditions we cover is shown below:

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Aorta Graft Surgery
- Aplastic Anaemia
- Bacterial Meningitis
- Benign Brain Tumour
- Blindness
- Cancer (most malignant types)
- Cardiomyopathy
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Coma
- Coronary Artery By-Pass Surgery
- Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (CJD)

- Deafness
- Dementia
- End Stage Kidney Failure
- End Stage Liver Failure
- Heart Attack
- Heart Valve Replacement or Repair
- HIV/AIDS (named groups only)
- HIV/AIDS Blood Transfusion
- HIV/AIDS through Assault
- Loss of Limbs
- Loss of Speech
- Major Organ Transplant
- Motor Neurone Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Paralysis/Paraplegia
- Parkinson's Disease
- Progressive Supranuclear Palsy
- Stroke
- Third Degree Burns
- Total and Permanent Disability – Functional Assessment Tests or "own" occupation definition

Children are also covered for the conditions listed except for Total and Permanent Disability, or any congenital, familial and pre-existing conditions.

Please remember that the heading of each critical illness is only a guide to what is covered. For example, some types of cancer are not covered. Further details of how we will consider your claim, including the full definitions we will use and the evidence we will need, are given in the policy document, technical guide and Legal & General's Guide to Critical Illnesses. You can ask for copies of any of these.

In order to make a valid claim, all diagnoses and medical opinions must be provided by a medical specialist who holds an appointment as a Consultant at a hospital in the UK, whose specialism is appropriate to the cause of the claim and who is accepted by our Chief Medical Officer.

How much does the policy pay out?

For Life Cover and Critical Illness Cover you decide how much benefit you would like this plan to pay out. The level of benefit and the period of cover you choose will determine your premium.

The plan only pays out benefit once, and then the cover ends. This limit does not apply for Children's Critical Illness Cover and Mortgage Payment Insurance.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance you choose the amount of benefit you will need. Remember that tax and National Insurance are deducted from your normal earnings, but not from the benefits we pay you. The benefit cannot be more than 140% of your monthly mortgage repayments or 50% of your pre-incapacity earnings up to £45,000, together with 20% of your pre-incapacity earnings over £45,000. The benefit moves in line with our stabilised interest rate* to help ensure that you are covered for any fluctuations in interest rates.

*A variable rate which will never be more than 15% or 1% different from the Woolwich plc standard variable rate applicable for new mortgage advances. If this rate is unavailable, Legal & General will use an appropriate rate from another lender.

The attached personal illustration shows the period of cover, how much cover you have chosen, whether any other additional benefits are included and your monthly premium.

Further details of how we will consider your claim, including the full definitions that we will use and the type of evidence we will need, are contained in the policy. You can request a sample copy of this.

What if I already have Mortgage Protection?

Make sure you obtain financial advice before cancelling any existing policies. Your financial adviser can help you decide what best suits your needs.

When will the plan not pay out?

We will not pay a claim:

For all types of cover:

- If you do not truthfully provide all the information we ask for on your application form or when you claim.
- If the policy has ceased due to non payment of premiums.

For Life Cover and Critical Illness Cover:

- If you commit suicide in the first 12 months of the plan.

For Critical Illness Cover:

- If the cause of your claim results from drug abuse, HIV/AIDS (except for named groups, blood transfusion or through assault), self inflicted injury or war and civil commotion.
- If the claim is from a cause that arose while you are living abroad for more than 12 months.

- If the claim is for a child diagnosed with a critical illness and:
 - the condition runs in the family or was present at birth;
 - the symptoms first arose before the child was covered; or
 - if the child dies within 28 days of the critical illness being diagnosed.
- If the claim is for any illness or condition which is not listed.

For Critical Illness Cover and Mortgage Payment Insurance:

- If the cause of the claim is specifically excluded by any terms we apply to your plan when we accept your application (these will be shown in your policy document).

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, we will not pay a claim, or will limit a claim:

- If the cause of your claim results from criminal acts, drug abuse, failure to follow medical advice, HIV/AIDS (except for named groups), self inflicted injury or war and civil commotion.
- If your incapacity is directly caused by infection with HIV, Aids, or Aids related complex or illness, we will pay up to 12 months benefit in total.
- If your incapacity is because of complications in pregnancy, the deferred period will start at the end of the pregnancy.
- If you live or travel outside of the European Union, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Isle of Man or Channel Islands, your cover will continue for up to one year. But if you claim, benefits will be payable for no more than three months.

Further details about the cover and any limitation is in the Policy Conditions section of the Policy Document which is made up of the Policy Schedule and the OLA (Ordinary Life Assurance) wrap. We provide more information about cover and limits in Legal & General's Guide to Critical Illness Cover and the Technical Guide. You can ask us for a copy of any of these.

We may apply specific exclusions when we accept your policy, such as excluding certain critical illnesses, conditions and pre-existing medical conditions. If this is the case these will be shown in your policy schedule under Policy Condition 1.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, we may apply specific exclusions when we accept your policy, such as excluding certain illnesses, conditions and pre-existing medical conditions. If this is the case these will be shown in your policy schedule under the section Special Provisions.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, full details of any limits to the cover are provided in the sample policy document (under the section Special Provisions).

What other options are available?

Some of these benefits are optional. If required, they must be chosen at the start of the plan and there may be an additional cost. For full details ask your financial adviser or Legal & General.

- **Waiver of Payment Benefit**

You can choose to include Waiver of Payment benefit. This benefit means that you do not have to pay your premiums if you cannot work for six months or more as a result of illness or injury. Although you must continue to pay premiums at first, after 26 weeks incapacity, we will waive your premiums.

If you are not in gainful employment, you do not have to pay your premiums after 26 weeks, if you suffer an illness or accident which stops you performing three or more functional assessment tests.

We will continue to waive premiums until:

- you no longer qualify for Waiver of Payment benefit
- you reach the end of your policy
- your 60th birthday
- you die.

Whichever occurs first.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, waiver is automatically included and you do not have to pay premiums while you are receiving a monthly income when you are incapacitated. Your premiums are waived until you are fit enough to return to work.

Full details can be found in the policy document.

- **Total and Permanent Disability definition under Critical Illness Cover**

Your plan will pay out if you are totally and permanently disabled.

- **Functional Assessment Tests Definition**

Under this definition the plan will pay out if, due to illness or accident, you suffer an irreversible mental or physical disability which, in the opinion of Legal & General's Chief Medical Officer, results in you being permanently unable to carry out at least three of the following Functional Assessment Tests without the help of another person:

Walking – the ability to walk 200 metres on flat ground with or without the aid of a walking stick and without stopping or experiencing discomfort

Bending – the ability to get into and out of a standard saloon car and the ability to bend or kneel to pick up an object from the floor and straighten up again

Communicating – the ability to answer the telephone and to take a message

Reading – having the required eyesight (corrected if necessary) to be able to read a daily newspaper

Writing – having the physical ability to write legibly using a pen or pencil without aid

Climbing – having the ability to climb a flight of 12 stairs without stopping or suffering severe discomfort

- **“Own” Occupation Definition**

If your occupation class is 1 or 2* and you have chosen to take the “own” occupation definition of Total and Permanent Disability, then your plan will pay out if you are unable to follow your own occupation due to illness or accident, and in the opinion of Legal & General, are likely to remain so permanently. Such a decision will be based on all the medical evidence available.

*Your adviser or Legal & General will be able to tell you what occupation class applies to you

Full details are available in the technical guide (available on request) or in your policy document.

- **Indexation**

This helps your cover to keep up with inflation. The premiums and life cover increase in line with the Retail Price Index each year (up to 10% in any one year).

This option is only available if your application is accepted at normal rates.

If you choose to include the Indexation option, we will offer you the opportunity to increase your cover regularly. If you decline the option at any time, we will not offer it again. This option is not available with critical illness cover or decreasing mortgage cover. This option must be chosen at outset.

- **Definition of Incapacity for Mortgage Payment Insurance**

The extent of incapacity giving rise to a claim depends upon your particular plan and occupation. There are three ways in which you can qualify for Mortgage Payment Insurance. These are:

- If you are totally unable by reason of sickness or accident to perform your own occupation and you are not following any other occupation.
- Your inability to carry out three of six Functional Assessment Tests. These are the same Functional Assessment Tests as described in the “Total and Permanent Disability definition under the Critical Illness Cover” section above. To claim benefits you must be under the care of a specialist appropriate to your condition and not doing any other work.
- A combination of the two above – whereby for the first two years of a claim your benefit will be paid if you are totally unable, by reason of sickness or accident, to perform your own occupation and you are not following any other occupation, after which the extent of incapacity will be based upon your inability to carry out three of the six Functional Assessment Tests.

For full details please refer to your policy document for the definitions of incapacity relevant to your plan.

SmoothMove

To provide SmoothMove, Legal & General have teamed up with Inter Partner Assistance, one of the largest International emergency assistance organisations. If you are taking out cover to protect a new mortgage and are moving house your plan will include – at no extra cost – SmoothMove, a 24 hour rescue service to help with unexpected hitches on moving day. SmoothMove also covers you for up to three months for any emergency repairs and legal advice after you have moved in. Inter Partner Assistance provides the SmoothMove Insurance Plan. For full details of SmoothMove, please see the Key Features and Policy Terms and Conditions of the SmoothMove Plan, which your adviser will provide.

Your personal illustration shows whether any of these options have been included in your plan.

When will my cover start?

You can choose the date on which your plan will start. If you are moving house or taking out a larger mortgage, your mortgage cover normally begins on the same day as your new mortgage.

Can I increase the amount of cover later on?

For Life or Life and Critical Illness Cover you may increase the amount of cover later on without the need for further medical evidence up to certain limits. This is your Guaranteed Insurability Option. You can do this if;

- You get married.
- You become a parent.
- You increase your mortgage because you are moving home or extending your home.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, you can use this option if your mortgage payments increase during the term of the plan due to moving home or improving your home.

If you are under 45 when you apply and your application is accepted on normal rates, we will not ask any more medical questions and the rates at the time of the increase will apply. The limits which apply are set out in your policy document. Your Financial Adviser can give you more details.

Will my payments ever go up?

Life Cover:

If you choose Life Cover, your premium is guaranteed. This means that your monthly (or annual) payment will stay the same throughout the term of the plan.

Life and Critical Illness Cover:

For Life and Critical Illness Cover you can choose between guaranteed or reviewable premiums.

If you choose guaranteed premiums, your payment will stay the same throughout the term of your plan.

If you choose reviewable premiums, your payment will stay the same for the first five years. We will then review your payment and recalculate it to see whether it will change at the fifth anniversary of your policy and every five years after that.

We will assess any payment change fairly. When a review takes place the main factors we currently look at include:

- General industry claims experience
- The expected impact of future medical advances
- The number of claims we have had
- The expected future number of claims we expect to have and when we expect them to be made

Your current state of health will NOT be a factor at a review.

If, when your payment is reviewed and recalculated, it is within 5% of the premium you currently pay, we will not change your payment at this review.

Legal & General has a wide range of protection products to suit all your needs. If you are unsure whether reviewable premiums are suitable for your circumstances, you should discuss your options with your Financial Adviser.

For products with guaranteed premiums the starting premium is currently more expensive than for similar products with reviewable premiums.

For all types of cover your premium will also change if you:

- Increase the amount of cover
- Choose the Indexation option
- Exercise your Guaranteed Insurability Option

Mortgage Payment Insurance

If you choose Mortgage Payment Insurance, we will review your cover after every five years and we may need to increase the payments to continue to provide the level of cover you need.

Premiums will also be reviewed five years before the end of the plan.

What happens if I move house?

The plan can move too, and you can increase the cover for a larger mortgage, subject to certain limits.

What are the charges?

The premium payments shown in your illustration include all the costs of administration, underwriting, claims, commission and selling expenses.

What if I am not sure whether this product is suitable for me?

If you have any doubt about whether this product is suitable for your circumstances, please contact either Legal & General or your financial adviser. Legal & General only advises on its own Life Assurance and Investment products.

This leaflet is a guide to the key features of this product. Full details are contained in the policy document, which is the legally binding contract between you and Legal & General.

We're here to help

If you have any queries, or would like more information, please contact your usual financial adviser. Or you can call the Legal & General Helpdesk on 08700 104 080.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION, WE MAY RECORD AND MONITOR CALLS.
CALLS ARE CHARGED AT THE NATIONAL RATE.

How do I make a claim?

If you need to make a claim, please write to us at:

Legal & General Claims Department
2 Montefiore Road
Hove
East Sussex BN3 1SE

When we receive notification of a claim we will send you a claim form to complete and return to us. We will then consider your claim. We may ask you to provide us with certificates or other evidence as required.

For Critical Illness claims we may need to ask you to undergo a medical examination. In order to make a valid claim all diagnosis and medical opinions must be provided by a medical specialist:

- Who holds an appointment as a Consultant at a hospital in the UK
- Whose specialism is appropriate to the cause of the claim
- Who is accepted by our Chief Medical Officer

FURTHER INFORMATION

About Legal & General

The Legal & General Group, established in 1836, is one of the UK's leading financial services companies. We are one of the UK's top 50 FTSE quoted companies. Over 5.4 million people rely on us for life assurance, pensions, investments and general insurance plans. Our fund managers are responsible for investing over £165 billion worldwide (as at 31 December 2004) on behalf of investors, policyholders and institutions.

Your cancellation rights

After we have accepted your application, we will send you a notice of your right to cancel. By law we must send you this notice. We then give you 30 days to change your mind about starting the plan. If you do change your mind, you need to send the notice back to us at: Legal & General Assurance Society Limited, Room 115, Montefiore Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 2ZZ and we will then cancel the plan. If you do this, we will refund any premiums you have paid.

If you do not take this opportunity to cancel, and you want to do so at a later stage, you may not get any money back. If you want to cancel at a later stage, please write to the address above.

Tax

The proceeds from this plan are free from UK income tax and capital gains tax.

However, for life assurance, as we pay the proceeds after the death of an insured person, inheritance tax may be due on the benefit paid. You may be able to avoid inheritance tax by using an appropriate trust. Ask your financial adviser for more details. The Government may change the tax position described above.

For Mortgage Payment Insurance, present UK tax law and Inland Revenue practice means that:

- you don't get tax relief or premiums
- you don't pay tax or National Insurance contributions on your benefits
- premium for unemployment cover include Insurance Premium Tax.

This may change in the future. Please ask your financial adviser or Legal & General for more details.

Law

This contract is governed by English law.

Language

We will communicate in English throughout the term of this contract.

Our Regulator

We are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. We are entered on their register under number 117659. Unemployment cover is provided by Legal & General Insurance Limited. and they are entered on their register under number 202050. You can check this at www.fsa.gov.uk/register or telephone them on 0845 606 1234.

Complaints

If you wish to complain about any aspect of the service you have received from Legal & General, or you would like us to send you a copy of our internal complaint handling procedure, please contact our Helpdesk on 08700 104 080.

For your protection we may record and monitor calls. Calls are charged at the national rate.

Alternatively you can write to us at:

Legal & General Assurance Society Limited, PO Box 1186, Hove, East Sussex BN3 1SD.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can complain to:

The Financial Ombudsman Service
South Quay Plaza, 183 Marsh Wall, London E14 9SR
Telephone: 0845 080 1800

Email: enquiries@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Making a complaint will not affect your legal rights.

Compensation

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme covers the policies issued by us. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme may arrange to transfer your policy to another insurer, provide a new policy or if these actions are not possible, provide compensation. For mortgage protection products the first £2,000 of a claim is protected in full. Above this amount, the scheme covers payment to 90% of the value of the policy in liquidation.

For Unemployment Cover, the first £2,000 of any claim would be met in full. Above this amount, 90% of the remainder will be met.

You can get more information from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

The Mortgage Lender

If you have assigned the policy to your mortgage lender and you fall behind with (or stop paying) premiums we may have to keep the lender informed.

A Guide to Critical Illness Cover

The ABI (Association of British Insurers) give general information about critical illness cover in their booklet 'A Guide to Critical Illness Cover'.

You can ask us for a copy or you can get a copy by writing to: The Association of British Insurers, 51 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HQ.

Please note

This leaflet complies with the ABI Statement of Best Practice for Critical Illness Cover. It is a guide to our Mortgage Protection Plan and is based on our understanding of current laws and tax rules. Further details are given in the plan schedule and the policy document. You should get expert advice about the legal and tax information in this leaflet.