

General Information Leaflet - Wind Up Policy/Transfer Plan

The Policy is a UK registered pension scheme. It is an occupational arrangement.

Guaranteed Annuity Rates

There are no guaranteed annuity rates under this policy.

Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP)

There is no GMP liability under this policy.

Commission

We do not pay commission or loyalty bonuses to Independent Financial Advisers or any other third party.

Pension Advice Allowance

We will pay your financial adviser up to £500 from your savings free from tax, providing certain criteria is met.

Loyalty Bonus

We do not pay a loyalty bonus.

ORIGO Options Pension Transfer

We do not currently support this.

Contributions

No further contributions will be accepted into this policy.

Investment options

All savings are invested in with-profits. There are no unit-linked investments available under this policy.

This information is based on our understanding of current legislation and HM Revenue and Customs regulations, as at the date of production.

Retirement

Minimum Retirement Age

This is age 55, unless you have a protected minimum age. There is no upper age limit for taking retirement savings.

Ill Health

You may be able to take your retirement savings before age 55 where you are incapable of carrying out your occupation.

Retirement Options

- Take some or all of your retirement savings as cash. A quarter of each amount taken is tax free and the rest taxed at your marginal rate.
- Transfer your retirement savings to another company. You must do this if you want to use your retirement savings for income drawdown. This may not be available if you live outside the UK. We send your whole fund to your chosen provider and they pay your tax free cash.
- Use your retirement savings to buy an annuity on the open market. This may not be available if you live outside the UK. We pay your tax free cash and send the rest to your chosen company to buy an annuity.

Pension Commencement Lump Sum (PCLS)

You can usually take up to 25% of your retirement savings as a tax free cash lump sum, also known as PCLS. If you are entitled to more than 25%, this will be shown on the separate Policy Specific Sheet.

Death Benefits

If you die before retirement savings are taken, the fund is payable as either a lump sum or a pension. If you die after your 75th birthday, any death benefits may be taxed.

A small number of our policies do not provide a return on death - more information about this can be found in the policy document and in the separate Policy Specific Sheet.

With-profits Information

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT SAVINGS

We have announced plans regarding the future of the Equitable.
If approved, the Proposal will increase the value of your with-profits policy,
convert it from with-profits to unit-linked,
remove the investment guarantee and transfer it to Utmost Life and Pensions.
Information about the Proposal can be found at www.equitable.co.uk

You should think carefully before taking your savings. If the Proposal is approved, and you take your with-profits savings before implementation, you would miss out on the proposed increase to your policy value.

With-profits Values

With-profits policies have a guaranteed value which is the minimum amount payable on retirement, maturity, death or at a time specified in the policy. Your policy document sets down exactly when the guarantee applies. There is no guaranteed investment return.

If you take your investments at a time when the guarantee applies, we work out the amount we pay by looking at:

- your policy value, which depends on the type of policy you have, the amount of premiums you have paid and when you paid them, the investment returns on the fund, the costs and charges, and any other profits and losses from the Society's business; plus
- an amount which represents the share of capital that has been allocated to your policy and is payable when your policy is paid out.

We compare the total of these two parts with the guaranteed value and pay the larger figure.

If you take your investments at a time when the guarantee does not apply, a transfer value is payable. This is calculated as the total of the policy value and the share of capital described above. Depending on the Society's financial circumstances at the time of transfer, this value may be reduced by a financial adjustment. Currently, the financial adjustment is nil (0%). Transfer values can go down as well as up.

Further details on the with-profits fund can be found on the website in the Principles and Practices of Financial Management, and the website shows details of the asset mix.

Annual Charges

Annual charges are currently 1% for expenses and 0.5% for costs of guarantees. These are taken into account when calculating the return allocated to policies each year.

Further details can be found on our website in "A guide to how we manage the with-profits fund".