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## **PART B – DEFINITIONS**

#### **GENERAL**

The Company may amend or place endorsement/s to this Policy from time to time for any changes agreed to by the Policyholder and the Company, and any such amendments or endorsement/s will form part of this Policy.

In this Policy, the words or terms below that appear in initial capitals will have the specific meaning assigned to them below. These defined words or terms will, where appropriate to the context, be read so that the singular includes the plural, and the masculine includes the feminine.

Any capitalized term used and not defined herein shall have the same meaning as is ascribed to them under the rider terms and conditions if the rider has been provided for and is In-force under the Policy. In case of any common terms in the rider terms and conditions and this Policy, for the purpose of this Policy the meaning ascribed to such terms in this Policy shall prevail.

Please read this Policy document carefully.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. "Act" refers to the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time and shall include the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act 2015.
- 2. "Accident" means sudden, unforeseen and involuntary event caused by external, visible, violent means.
- 3. "Age" refers to age of the Life Insured as on the last birthday in completed years attained as on the Policy Issue Date or on the previous Policy Anniversary, as the case may be.
- 4. **"Annualized Premium"** as shown in the Policy Schedule is the amount of premium amount payable in a year chosen by the Policyholder, excluding taxes, rider premiums, underwriting extra premiums and loadings for modal premiums, if any.
- 5. "Appointee" is the person who is appointed by You and as named in the Policy Schedule, who is authorized to receive benefits under the Policy on behalf of the Nominee(s), in cases where the Nominee is less than Age 18 on the date of claim payment.
- 6. "Assignee" means the person to whom the rights and benefits are transferred by virtue of an assignment.
- 7. **"Assignment"** means a provision wherein the Policyholder can assign or transfer a Policy in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.
- 8. "Claimant" means You (if You are not the Life Insured), Nominee(s) (if valid nomination is effected), assignee(s) or their heirs, legal representatives, or holders of a succession certificate in case Nominee(s) or assignee(s) is/are not alive at the time of claim.
- 9. "Death Benefit" means the benefit payable on death of the Life Insured as specified in the Policy.
- 10. "Free-Look Period" means the period as specified in the Policy, during which You can return the Policy in case You are not satisfied with the terms and conditions of the Policy.
- 11. "Instalment Premium" is the premium as payable by You as per the Policy Schedule to effect and continue this Policy Contract.
- 12. "IRDAI or Authority" means the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

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- 13."Life Insured" is the person named in the Policy Schedule, on whose life the Policy is effected..
- 14. "Medical Practitioner" is a person who holds a valid registration from the Medical Council of any state or Medical Council of India or Council for Indian Medicine or for Homeopathy set up by the Government of India or a State government and is thereby entitled to practice medicine within its jurisdiction; and is acting within the scope and jurisdiction of license. Such Medical Practitioner is not the Policyholder's spouse, father (including stepfather) or mother (including stepmother), son (including stepson), son's wife, daughter, daughter's husband, brother (including stepbrother) and sister (including stepsister) or Life Insured / Policyholder under this Policy and would be independent of the insurer.
- **15."Minor"** is a person who has not completed 18 years of Age.
- 16. "Nominee" is the person who is nominated by Policyholder or both Policyholders jointly in case of a joint life Policy and as named in the Policy Schedule, to receive the Death Benefit as specified in the Policy.
- 17. "Nomination" is the process of nominating a person who is named as "Nominee" in the proposal/application form or subsequently included/ changed by an endorsement. Nomination should be in accordance with provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. Nomination can only be effected if You are also the Life Insured under the Policy.
- 18. "Policy" means the contract of insurance entered into between You and Us as evidenced by this document, the Proposal Form, the Policy Schedule and any additional information/document(s) provided to Us in respect of the Proposal Form along with any written instructions from You, subject to Our acceptance of the same and any endorsement issued by Us.
- 19. "Policy Anniversary" means the date corresponds numerically with the Policy Issue Date in every calendar year until Policy Maturity Date.
- 20. "Policyholder or You or Your" means the owner of the Policy at any point of time.
- 21. "Policy Issue Date" is the date specified in the Policy Schedule on which this Policy is issued, and Your rights, benefits and risk cover begin under this Policy.
- 22. "Policy Term" means the number of Policy Years as specified in the Policy Schedule for which the Policy is in-force, commencing from the Policy Issue Date and ending on the Maturity Date.
- 23. "Premium Payment Term" means the term specified in the Schedule, during which the Instalments Premiums are payable by You.
- 24. "Regular Pay" is where the Premium Payment Term is same as compared to the Policy Term.
- 25."Revival" means restoration of the Policy, which was discontinued due to the non-payment of premium, by the insurer with all the benefits mentioned in the Policy document, with or without rider benefits if any, upon the receipt of all the premiums due and other charges or late fee if any, as per the terms and conditions of the Policy, upon being satisfied as to the continued insurability of the Insured or Policyholder on the basis of the information, documents and reports furnished by the Policyholder, in accordance with Board approved Underwriting Policy.
- 26."Revival Period" means, subject to the Policy Term, the period of five consecutive years from the date of first unpaid premium, during which period You are entitled to revive the Policy.
- **27.** "Risk Commencement Date" is the date as shown in the Policy Schedule when risk cover on the life of the Life Insured begins under this Policy.

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- 28."Sum Assured" is the insurance cover issued at the inception of the Policy as specified in the Policy Schedule.
- 29. "Sum Assured on Death" means the Sum Assured payable on death in accordance with Part C to this Policy
- 30. "Surrender" means complete withdrawal or termination of the entire Policy.
- 31. "**Total Premiums Paid**" means total of all the premiums received, excluding the taxes, rider premiums, underwriting extra premiums and loadings for modal premiums, if any.
- 32."Unexpired Risk Premium Value" means an amount, if any, that becomes payable in case of Surrender of this Policy, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Policy Section 3 of Part D.
- 33. "We/Us/Our/the Company" means Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited.

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## PART C - POLICY FEATURES, BENEFITS AND PREMIUM PAYMENT

#### 1. Premium Provisions

**Policy Premium** 

Your Policy Schedule shows the Annualized Premium, the premium payment mode, the Instalment Premium and its due dates. We must receive Instalment Premiums when due in order for this Policy to be valid and remain in force.

### 2. Death Benefit

In the event of death of Life Insured during the Term of the policy, provided the policy is in-force, the Death Benefit will be Sum Assured on Death payable in lump sum.

Sum Assured on Death is the highest of -

- 11 times Annualized Premium
- 105% of Total Premiums Paid as on the date of death
- the absolute amount assured to be paid on death

#### Where,

- 1) Annualized premium shall be the premium amount payable in a year chosen by the policyholder, excluding the taxes, rider premiums, underwriting extra premiums and loadings for modal premiums, if any. Any discount on the first-year premium, is also excluded.
- 2) Total Premiums Paid means total of all the premiums received, excluding any underwriting extra premiums, any loadings for modal premiums, any rider premium and taxes. Any discount on the first-year premium, is also excluded.
- 3) The Absolute amount assured to be paid on death is the Sum Assured chosen at inception.

#### 3. Survival Benefit

This Policy does not provide any Survival benefit.

#### 4. Maturity Benefit

This Policy does not provide any Maturity benefit.

### 5. Grace Period

The Premium is due and payable by the due date specified in the Schedule. If the Premium is not paid by the due date, You will be given a Grace Period of 30 days (15 days in case of monthly mode) to make the payment of due premium, during which time all benefits under the Policy will continue.

If the premium due is not received during the Grace Period, the policy will lapse for risk coverage and no benefit will be payable thereafter. In case of death during the Grace Period, we will recover the unpaid premium due from the death benefit payable.

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## **PART D – POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### 1. Free-look Period

You have a free look period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the Policy, to review the terms and conditions of the Policy, in case You disagree with the terms & conditions of Your Policy, you have the option to return the original policy document to us for cancellation. We will refund the premium paid post receipt of written notice of cancellation (along with reasons thereof) together with the original Policy document from Your end. We may reduce the amount of the refund by proportionate risk premium for the period of cover and expenses incurred by us on medical examination, if any and stamp duty charges while issuing Your Policy in accordance with IRDAI (Protection of Policyholders' Interests, Operations and Allied Matters of Insurers) Regulations, 2024.

### 2. Lapsation of Policy

If the Instalment Premium is not paid within the Grace Period, the Policy will become a Lapsed Policy from the due date of first unpaid Instalment Premium and thereafter no benefits will be payable under the Policy.

#### 3. Surrender Benefit

The policy will terminate upon payment of this benefit.

For Regular Pay Policies, Unexpired Risk Premium Value will be zero.

For Limited Pay policies, Unexpired Risk Premium Value is available upon receipt of all premiums under the Policy.

Where applicable, the Unexpired Risk Premium value is calculated as under:

Unexpired Risk Premium value Factor  $\times$  Total Premiums Paid  $\times$  Outstanding Term (in months)

Policy Term (in months)

• The Outstanding Term (in months) is calculated as the number of whole months from the date of surrender to the end of the Policy Term.

Unexpired Risk Premium value Factors are given in Annexure I.

### 4. Policy Loan

This Policy does not provide for any loan facility.

## 5. Premiums

You can pay the Premiums annually, semi-annually, quarterly or on monthly basis, as per the premium payment mode chosen by You. You can pay Premium at any of Our offices or through Our website <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/</a> or by any other means, as informed by Us. Any Premium paid will be deemed to have been received by Us only after the same has been realized and credited to Our bank account. The Premium payment receipt will be issued in Your name, which will be subject to realization of cheque or any other instrument/medium. The responsibility of Instalment Premium payment shall be upon the Policyholder.

#### 6. Revival

A Lapsed Policy can only be revived within a Revival Period of five years from the due date of first unpaid premium, subject to following conditions:

- Paying all outstanding premiums together with interest and/or late fees as declared by Us from time to time;
- Providing evidence of Life Insured's insurability satisfactory to Us
- Revival of the Policy shall take effect only when these requirements are met and after Revival of the Policy is approved by Us basis the Board Approved Underwriting Policy and communicated to You in writing.

Once the Policy has been revived, all benefits under the Policy will be restored to their full value.

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The provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015, as amended from time to time will also be applicable in case of Revival of the Policy. Refer Annexure C.

The monthly interest rate charged on unpaid premiums will be declared by ABSLI on June 1st of each calendar year and is determined as (x+1%)/12 rounded to the next 0.5%, where x is the base rate of the State Bank of India. The current applicable interest rate, as declared on June 1st, 2024, is 1% per month.

Any change in basis of determination of interest rate for Revival can be done only after prior approval of the Authority.

If a Lapsed Policy without having acquired any paid-up value is not revived within five years, the Policy shall be terminated, and no value is payable to You.

### 7. Payments of Benefits:

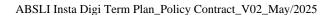
The benefits under this Policy will be payable only on submission of satisfactory proof to Us. The benefits under this Policy will be payable to You/the Claimant (Nominee) as the case may be.

Once the benefits under this Policy are paid to You/the Claimant (Nominee) as the case may be, the same will constitute a valid discharge of Our liability under this Policy.

#### 8. Termination of Policy

Your Policy will terminate at the earliest of:

- (a) The date of maturity of the policy; or
- (b) The date of settlement of Death Benefit; or
- (c) the date of payment of the Surrender Benefit, if any; or
- (d) If the policy has not acquired an Unexpired Risk Premium Value, the date on which the revival period ends; or
- (e) The date of payment of Free Look cancellation amount.



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# ANNEXURE I – UNEXPIRED RISK PREMIUM VALUE FACTORS

Year	5 Pay	10 Pay
1	0%	0%
2	0%	0%
3	0%	0%
4	0%	0%
5	35%	0%
6	35%	0%
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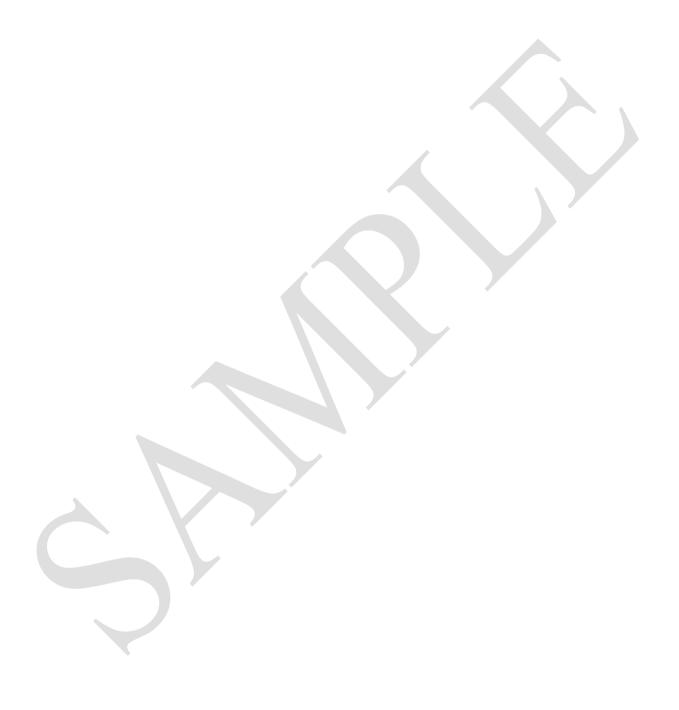
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## **PART E – POLICY CHARGES**

This Policy is a Non-linked, Non-Participating, Individual, Life, Pure risk premium term insurance Plan and therefore, Part E is not applicable to this Policy.



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## PART F – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Contract

Your contract includes this Policy document, the proposal for the Policy and any amendments, endorsements agreed upon in writing after the Policy is issued. The contract also includes declarations given by the Policyholder, any medical report form and written statements and answers furnished as evidence of insurability. We are bound only by statements that are part of the contract. Only Our authorized officers can agree to any change in the contract the same shall become enforceable only when they are given in writing by the authorized officers.

This contract does not provide for participation in the distribution of profits or surplus declared by us.

All the communication/ documents including the Policy Document will be sent and issued in electronic form unless a specific request is received from You to issue the Policy Document in physical form. It shall be Your responsibility to confirm Your address, email ID, mobile number, bank account details (contact information) or update any change in such contact information. In the event of non-receipt of the Policy, You should contact Our customer care unit before expiry of the Free-Look Period.

For more details on e-insurance Policy, please visit Our website or contact Our relationship manager.

As the purchase of policy shall be in electronic mode through online or electronic application, the application form and sales illustration shall be validated through one-time password (OTP) sent on Your mobile number/e-mail ID and undertaking obtained in the client declaration form, if any, or through any other means as may be notified by the Company from time to time.

#### 2. Suicide Exclusion

In case the Life Insured, dies due to suicide within 12 months from date of risk commencement under the Policy, or from the date of revival of the policy, as applicable the amount described in the Death Benefit provision will not be payable. In such circumstances, ABSLI shall refund the premiums paid since date of inception of Policy till the date of death of the Life Insured or ABSLI shall pay the Surrender benefit available as on the date of death, whichever is higher to the nominee or beneficiary of the Policyholder, provided the policy is in force.

For this purpose, premiums considered will be exclusive of applicable taxes as the same are collected over and above the premiums as per prevailing tax rules.

### 3. Claim Procedures

The Policyholder/Nominee should notify the claim with proof of claim at the nearest Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Co. Ltd. branch office or through our customer portal <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/claim-procedure/online-claim">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/claim-procedure/online-claim</a> or to the 'Claims Department' at <a href="mailto:claimsnotification.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com">claimsnotification.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com</a> and the claim documents to be simultaneously sent at Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited, G- Corp Tech Park, 5th & 6th Floor, Kasar Vadavali, Near Hypercity Mall, Ghodbunder Road, Thane (West) – 400601.

The claim is required to be intimated to Us within a period of 90 days from the date of death. However, We may condone the delay in claim intimation, if any, and the delay is proved to be for reasons beyond the control of the claimant. We will be able to proceed with the claim intimation request only on receipt of the following mandatory claim documents:

For processing a death claim under this Policy, We will require the following documents:

## **Mandatory Claim Requirements:**

- 1) Claimant Statement Form
- 2) Death Certificate issued by Municipal Corporation/Gram Panchayat (Self attested copy)
- 3) Original Policy Document

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- 4) KYC Document of beneficiary (Self attested copy)
- 5) Relationship of beneficiary with Life Insured
- 6) Bank details of the beneficiary

## Additional Requirements: (Claims within 3 years from date of issue/Revival)

- 1) Medical attendant's certificate, if any
- 2) Hospital or treatment records, if any (Self attested copy)
- 3) Employer's certificate (if applicable)

### Additional Requirements for Accidental/Unnatural Death:

- 1) FIR & final police closure report
- 2) Post mortem report
- 3) Policy inquest report/Inquest Panchnama
- 4) News paper cutting (if any)

For processing maturity claim under this Policy, maturity proceeds shall be credited in Policyholder's bank account as per the bank details available in our records. In case of any change in the bank details, You are requested to update the bank details by submitting a request at the nearest Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Co. Ltd. branch office or through Our website <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com</a> or customer portal or any other mode as allowed by the Company.

Any other relevant information/ document as may be required by Us depending on the circumstances of the death or illness needs to be provided.

Beneficiary can download the claim documents from Our website <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com</a> or can obtain the same from any of Our branches. In case You are unable to provide any or all the above documents, in exceptional circumstances such as a natural calamity, We may at Our own discretion conduct an investigation/verification and accord a claim decision.

More details on the Turn Around Time (TAT) for claims settlement and brief procedure can be found on <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/service-tats">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/service-tats</a>. For any further queries, You can call us at our toll free no. 1800 270 7000 or email us at Aditya Birla Capital - Life Insurance <a href="mailto:claims.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com">claims.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com</a>. The link for downloading claim form and list of documents required is <a href="mailto:https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/claim-procedure/online-claim/claim-forms-and-downloads">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/claim-procedure/online-claim/claim-forms-and-downloads</a>.

Claimant may intimate Us about death claim via the following ways:

- Online intimation through ABSLI Website (<a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com</a>)
- Through e-mail on <a href="mailto:claims.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com">claims.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com</a>
- Visit Our nearest Branch Office

#### 4. Policy Servicing

All servicing related requests should be in writing and delivered to Us through any of the following modes:

- You can email us at <a href="mailto:care.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com">care.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com</a>, For NRI Customer absli.nrihelpdesk@adityabirlacapital.com
- Visit Our nearest Branch Office

More details on the Turn Around Time (TAT) for processing any servicing related request can be found on <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/service-tats">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/customer-service/service-tats</a>. The link for downloading applicable forms and list of documents for servicing related request is <a href="https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/policy-servicing-forms">https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/forms-and-downloads/policy-servicing-forms</a>. For any further assistance that You may require, You can call us at our toll free no. 1800 270 7000.

### 5. Taxation

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All Premiums are subject to Goods and Services tax (GST), other applicable taxes, cesses, and levies, if any which will entirely be borne by You and will always be paid by You along with the payment of Installment Premium. If any imposition (tax or otherwise) is levied by any statutory or administrative body under the Policy, We reserve the right to claim the same from You. Alternatively, We have the right to deduct the amount from the benefits payable by Us under the Policy.

Tax benefits and liabilities under the Policy may be available as per prevailing tax laws. Tax laws and the benefits arising thereunder are subject to change. You are advised to seek an opinion of Your tax advisor in relation to the tax benefits and liabilities applicable to You.

## 6. Currency and Place of Payment

All payments to or by Us will be in accordance with the prevailing Exchange Control regulations and other relevant laws and regulations of India. Indian Rupee (INR) is the currency of this Policy. We will make or accept payments relating to this Policy at any of Our offices in India or such other locations as determined by Us from time to time.

### 7. Assignment

Assignment will be governed as per the provisions of Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. For more details on the assignment, please refer to Annexure A.

#### 8. Nomination

Nomination is allowed as per the provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. For more details on the nomination, please refer to Annexure B.

#### 9. Fraud and Mis-statement

Fraud and mis-statement would be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. For more details on Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, please refer to Annexure C.

#### 10. Electronic Transactions

You will comply with all the terms and conditions with respect to all transactions effected by or through facilities for conducting remote transactions including the internet, world wide web, electronic data interchange, call centre, tele-service operations or by other means of telecommunication established by Us or on Our behalf, for and in respect of the Policy or services, which will constitute legally binding and valid transactions when executed in adherence to and in compliance with the terms and conditions for such facilities.

### 11.Communication and Notices

All notices meant for Us should be in writing and delivered to Our address as mentioned in Part G or such other address as We may notify from time to time. You should mention the correct Policy number in all communications including communications with respect to Premium remittances made by You. All notices meant for You will be in writing and will be sent by Us to Your address as shown in the Schedule or as communicated by You and registered with Us. We may send You notices by post, courier, hand delivery, fax or e-mail/electronic mode or by any other means as determined by Us. If You change Your address, or if the address of the Nominee changes, You must notify Us immediately. Failure in timely notification of change of address could result in a delay in processing benefits payable under the Policy. For any updates, please visit website https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/

## 12. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Policy will be governed by and enforced in accordance with the laws of India. The competent courts in India will have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters and causes arising out of the Policy.

### 13. Loss of Policy Document

The Policyholder can make an application for duplicate Policy on payment of ₹ 250/- upon loss of Policy document along with other requirements as may be prescribed by the Company.

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## 14. Modifications

This Policy document constitutes the complete contract of insurance. This Policy document cannot be changed or varied except by a written endorsement to the Policy, signed by an officer of the Company authorized for the purpose.

## 15. Legislative Changes

The terms and conditions under this Policy including the premiums and benefits payable are subject to variation in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.



## PART G - GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND OMBUDSMAN DETAILS

#### **Grievance or Complaint**

You may register Your grievance or complaint with any of Our nearest branches or with Our Grievance Officer at Customer Care Unit, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Ltd., at G- Corp Tech Park, 5th & 6th Floor, Kasar Vadavali, Near Hypercity Mall, Ghodbunder Road, Thane (West) – 400601 or at Company's registered address at One World Centre, Tower 1, 16th Floor, Jupiter Mill Compound, 841, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai – can contact the Grievance Redressal Officer on the details provided https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/grievance-redressal. You may also lodge your grievance or compliant complaint with any of our nearest branches or call our toll free no. 1-800-270-7000 or on WhatsApp no. 8828800040 email: care.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com and NRI customers absli.nrihelpdesk@adityabirlacapital.com or You may also register your grievance on our web portal https://lifeinsurance.adityabirlacapital.com/grievance-redressal.

In case You are dissatisfied with the decision of the above office or have not received any response within 7 days, You may contact **Head Service Assurance** at Customer Care Unit, / Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Ltd. / at G- Corp Tech Park, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kasar Vadavali, Near Hypercity Mall, Ghodbunder Road, Thane (West) – 400601 or at Company's registered address at One World Centre, Tower 1, 16th Floor, Jupiter Mill Compound, 841, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai – 400013. You may also call Our toll free no. 1-800-270-7000 (Timings: Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) on WhatsApp no. 8828800040 or email: grievance.lifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com

For senior citizens, we provide priority redressal of grievances and complaints. Please email us at: ABSLI.SeniorcitizenLifeinsurance@adityabirlacapital.com

The complaint should be made in writing duly signed or through registered email by the complainant or by his/her legal heirs with full details of the complaint and the contact information of complainant.

If You are not satisfied with the response or do not receive a response from us within 14 days, You may approach the Grievance Cell of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on the following contact details:

Email ID: <a href="mailto:complaints@irdai.gov.in">complaints@irdai.gov.in</a>
You can also register your complaint online at <a href="https://bimabharosa.irdai.gov.in">https://bimabharosa.irdai.gov.in</a>

Address for communication for complaints by fax/paper:

By Phone: 155255 or 1800 4254 732

Policyholder's protection & Grievance Redressal Department – Grievance Redressal Cell 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sy No. 115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500032 Ph: (040) 20204000

# Insurance Ombudsman

In case You are dissatisfied with the decision/resolution by Insurer or For redressal of Claims related grievances, claimants can also approach Insurance Ombudsman located nearest to You. The details of the existing offices of the Insurance Ombudsman are provided in Appendix-I below. You are requested to visit <a href="http://www.cioins.co.in/Ombudsman">http://www.cioins.co.in/Ombudsman</a> for updated details. The Ombudsman, as per Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017, can receive and consider complaints or disputes relating to the matters such as:

- (a) Delay in settlement of claims, beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act,1999
- (b) Any partial or total repudiation of claims by the life insurer, General insurer or the health insurer;

- (c) Disputes over premium paid or payable in terms of insurance Policy;
- (d) Misrepresentation of Policy terms and conditions at any time in the Policy document or Policy contract;
- (e) Legal construction of insurance policies insofar as the dispute relates to claim;
- (f) Policy servicing related grievances against insurers and their agents and intermediaries;
- (g) Issuance of life insurance Policy, general insurance Policy including health insurance Policy which is not in conformity with the proposal form submitted by the proposer;
- (h) Non-issuance of insurance Policy after receipt of premium in life insurance and general insurance including health insurance; and
- (i) Any other matter resulting from the violation of provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, or the regulations, circulars, guidelines or instructions issued by IRDAI from time to time or the terms and conditions of the Policy contract, in so far as they relate to issues mentioned at clauses (a) to (f).

As per provision 14(3) of the Insurance Ombudsman Rules 2017, the complaint to the Ombudsman can be made only if:

- the complainant has made a representation in writing or through electronic mail or online through website of the insurer named in the complaint and
  - (i) either the insurer had rejected the complaint; or
  - (ii) the complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the insurer received his representation; or
  - (iii) the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer;
- The complaint is made within one year
  - (i) after the order of the insurer rejecting the representation is received; or
  - (ii) after receipt of decision of the insurer which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant;
  - (iii) after expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the insurer if the insurer named fails to furnish reply to the complainant.

### **Risk Factors / Disclaimers**

This Policy is underwritten by Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited (ABSLI) and is a non-linked non-participating individual, life, pure risk premium term insurance plan issued in accordance with the IRDAI (Insurance Products) Regulations, 2024. All terms & conditions are guaranteed throughout the Policy term. ABSLI reserves the right to recover levies such as the GST levied by the authorities on insurance transactions. If there be any additional levies, they too will be recovered from you. Tax benefits are subject to changes in the tax laws.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED IN THIS POLICY DOCUMENT, THE PROVISIONS HEREIN SHALL STAND ALTERED, AMENDED, MODIFIED OR SUPERCEDED TO SUCH EXTENT AND IN SUCH MANNER AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY ANY CHANGE IN THE APPLICABLE LAW (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY REGULATIONS MADE OR DIRECTIONS / INSTRUCTIONS OR GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE IRDAI) OR ANY OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITY OR AS MAY BE NECESSARY UNDER A JUDGEMENT OR ORDER /DIRECTION/ INSTRUCTION OF A COURT OF LAW.



Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office (Union Territory, District)
AHMEDABAD - Shri Collu Vikas Rao	parisalection of office (officin refrictory, district)
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
Jeevan Prakash Building, 6th floor,	Gujarat,
Tilak Marg, Relief Road,	Dadra & Nagar Haveli,
Ahmedabad – 380 001.	Daman and Diu.
Tel.: 079 - 25501201/02/05/06	
Email: oio.ahmedabad@cioins.co.in	
BENGALURU – Ms. Neerja Kapur	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
Jeevan Soudha Building, PID No. 57-27-N-19	
Ground Floor, 19/19, 24th Main Road,	
JP Nagar, Ist Phase,	Karnataka.
Bengaluru – 560 078.	
Tel.: 080 - 26652048 / 26652049	
Email: oio.bengaluru@cioins.co.in	
BHOPAL – Shri Ajay Kumar	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
1st floor, "Jeevan Shikha",	
60-B,Hoshangabad Road, Opp. Gayatri	
Mandir, Arera Hills	Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal – 462 011.	Chattisgarh.
5110pui 402 011.	Chattisgam
Tel.: 0755 - 2769201 / 2769202	
Fax: 0755 - 2769203	
Email: oio.bhopal@cioins.co.in	
BHUBANESHWAR - Shri Bimbadhar Pradhan	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
62, Forest park,	
Bhubneshwar – 751 009.	Orissa.
Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 /2596455	
Fax: 0674 - 2596429	
Email: oio.bhubaneswar@cioins.co.in	
CHANDIGARH - Ms. Alka Jha	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	Punjab,
Jeevan Deep Building S.C.O. 20-27 Ground Floor	Haryana(excluding Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonepat
, Sector 17 – A,	and Bahadurgarh)
Chandigarh – 160 017.	Himachal Pradesh, Union Territories of Jammu &
Tel.: 0172 - 2706196 / 2706468	Kashmir,
Fax: 0172 - 2708274	Ladakh & Chandigarh.
Email: oio.chandigarh@cioins.co.in	
CHENNAI - Shri K.Vinayak Rao	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453,	Tamil Nadu,
Anna Salai, Teynampet,	Tamil Nadu
CHENNAI – 600 018.	PuducherryTown and
Tel.: 044 - 24333668 / 24335284	Karaikal (which are part of Puducherry).
Fax: 044 - 24333664	
Email: <u>oio.chennai@cioins.co.in</u>	
DELHI - Ms. Sunita Sharma	Delhi &
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	Following Districts of Haryana - Gurugram,
2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building,	Faridabad, Sonepat & Bahadurgarh.
Asaf Ali Road,	aaabaa, conepat a banaaangann

No Della: 440.000	
New Delhi – 110 002.	
Tel.: 011 - 23232481/23213504	
Email: <u>oio.delhi@cioins.co.in</u>	A
GUWAHATI - Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma	Assam,
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	Meghalaya,
Jeevan Nivesh, 5th Floor,	Manipur,
Nr. Panbazar over bridge, S.S. Road,	Mizoram,
Guwahati – 781001(ASSAM).	Arunachal Pradesh,
Tel.: 0361 - 2632204 / 2602205	Nagaland and Tripura.
Email: oio.guwahati@cioins.co.in	
HYDERABAD - Ms. G Shobha Reddy	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
6-2-46, 1st floor, "Moin Court",	Andhus Duadach
Lane Opp. Saleem Function Palace,	Andhra Pradesh,
A. C. Guards, Lakdi-Ka-Pool,	Telangana,
Hyderabad - 500 004.	Yanam and part of Union Territory of Puducherry.
Tel.: 040 - 23312122	part of Onion Territory of Puducherry.
Fax: 040 - 23376599	
Email: oio.hyderabad@cioins.co.in	·
JAIPUR – Shri Satyajeet Rajan	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
Jeevan Nidhi – II Bldg., Gr. Floor,	
Bhawani Singh Marg,	Rajasthan.
Jaipur - 302 005.	
Tel.: 0141 - 2740363	
Email: <u>oio.jaipur@cioins.co.in</u>	
KOCHI- Shri Pradeep Kumar Jain	
10th Floor, Jeevan Prakash, LIC Building,	Kerala,
Opp to Maharaja's College, M.G.Road,	Lakshadweep,
Kochi - 682 011Tel.: 0484 - 2358759	Mahe-a part of Union Territory of Puducherry.
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Email: oio.ernakulam@cioins.co.in	
KOLKATA - Ms Kiran Sahdev Office of the Insurance Ombudsman.	
Hindustan Bldg. Annexe, 7th Floor,	
4, C.R. Avenue,	West Bengal,
KOLKATA - 700 072.	Sikkim,
Tel.: 033 - 22124339 / 22124340	Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
Fax: 033 - 22124341	
Email: oio.kolkata@cioins.co.in	
	Districts of Uttar Pradesh :
	Lalitpur, Jhansi, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Banda,
LUCKNOW - Shri. Atul Sahai	Chitrakoot, Allahabad, Mirzapur, Sonbhabdra,
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Varanasi, Gazipur,
6th Floor, Jeevan Bhawan, Phase-II,	Jalaun, Kanpur, Lucknow, Unnao, Sitapur,
Nawal Kishore Road, Hazratganj,	Lakhimpur, Bahraich, Barabanki, Raebareli, Sravasti,
Lucknow - 226 001.	Gonda, Faizabad, Amethi, Kaushambi, Balrampur,
Tel.: 0522 - 2231330 / 2231331	Basti, Ambedkarnagar, Sultanpur, Maharajgang,
Fax: 0522 - 2231310	Santkabirnagar, Azamgarh, Kushinagar, Gorkhpur,
Email: <u>oio.lucknow@cioins.co.in</u>	Deoria, Mau, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Ballia,
	Sidharathnagar.

MUMBAI –Ms. Sarojini S Dikhale	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe,	
S. V. Road, Santacruz (W),	Goa,
Mumbai - 400 054.	Mumbai Metropolitan Region
Tel.:	excluding Navi Mumbai & Thane.
69038821/23/24/25/26/27/28/28/29/30/31	
Fax: 022 - 26106052	
Email: oio.mumbai@cioins.co.in	
NOIDA - Shri Bimbadhar Pradhan	State of Uttaranchal and the following Districts of Uttar Pradesh:
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	Agra, Aligarh, Bagpat, Bareilly, Bijnor, Budaun,
Bhagwan Sahai Palace	Bulandshehar, Etah, Kanooj, Mainpuri, Mathura,
4th Floor, Main Road,	Meerut, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Oraiyya,
Naya Bans, Sector 15,	Pilibhit, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Firozbad,
Distt: Gautam Buddh Nagar,	Gautambodhanagar, Ghaziabad, Hardoi,
U.P-201301.	Shahjahanpur, Hapur, Shamli, Rampur, Kashganj,
Tel.: 0120-2514252 / 2514253	Sambhal, Amroha, Hathras, Kanshiramnagar,
Email: oio.noida@cioins.co.in	Saharanpur.
PATNA - Ms Susmita Mukherjee	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,  2nd Floor, Lalit Bhawan,	Bihar, Jharkhand.
Bailey Road, Patna 800 001.	Jnarknand.
Tel.: 0612-2547068	
Tel.: 0612-2547068	
Email: oio.patna@cioins.co.in	
PUNE - Shri Sunil Jain	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
Jeevan Darshan Bldg., 3rd Floor,	Maharashtra,
C.T.S. No.s. 195 to 198,	Area of Navi Mumbai and Thane
N.C. Kelkar Road, Narayan Peth,	excluding Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
Pune – 411 030.	Samuelle Manier Met opolitan Region
Tel.: 020-41312555	
Email: oio.pune@cioins.co.in	
THANE- Shri Umesh Sinha	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	
2nd Floor, Jeevan Chintamani Building,	Area of Navi Mumbai, Thane District, Raigad District,
Vasantrao Naik Mahamarg,	Palghar District and wards of Mumbai, M/East,
Thane (West)- 400604	M/West, N, S and T."
Tel.: 022-20812868/69	11, 11 234, 14, 0 4114 11
Email: oio.thane@cioins.co.in	

<sup>\*</sup>For updated list of Ombudsman please refer to the website at http://www.cioins.co.in/Ombudsman

### **Section 38 - Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies**

Assignment or transfer of a Policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- a. This Policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
- b. An Assignment may be effected in a Policy by an endorsement upon the Policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
- c. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
- d. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
- e. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy there of certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorised agents have been delivered to the insurer.
- f. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- g. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
- h. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only at the place where the Policy is being serviced.
- i. The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is
  - b. not bonafide or
  - c. not in the interest of the Policyholder or
  - d. not in public interest or
  - e. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance Policy.
    - a. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of Policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
    - b. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
    - c. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance Policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
    - d. Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except
  - f. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
  - g. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
  - h. the proceeds under the Policy shall become payable to Policyholder or Nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
  - i. the insured surviving the term of the Policy. Such conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a Loan on Policy or Surrender the Policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position.
    - a. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
  - j. shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and

- k. may institute any proceedings in relation to the Policy
- I. obtain Loan under the Policy or Surrender the Policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
  - a. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance Policy under an assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 shall not be affected by this section.

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**Annexure B:** 

### **Section 39 - Nomination by Policyholder**

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- 1. The Policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the Policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
- 2. Where the Nominee is a minor, the Policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the Policy in the event of Policyholder's death during the minority of the Nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
- 3. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the Policy.
- 4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the Policy itself or may be endorsed on the Policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the Policy.
- 5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before Policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
- 6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such Nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the Policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
- 7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- 8. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the Policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
- 9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of Loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the Policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the Loan.
- 10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any Policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
- 11. In case of nomination by Policyholder whose life is insured, if the Nominees die before the Policyholder, the proceeds are payable to Policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.

- 12. In case Nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the Policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
- 13. Where the Policyholder whose life is insured nominates his
  - a. parents or
  - b. spouse or
  - c. children or
  - d. spouse and children
  - e. or any of them

the Nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the Policyholder unless it is proved that Policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the Nominee having regard to the nature of his title.

- 14. If Nominee(s) die after the Policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the Policy is paid, the share of the expired Nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the Nominee or holder of succession certificate of such Nominee(s).
- 15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015.
- 16. If Policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the Policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his Nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the Policy.
- 17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance Policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where before or after the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015, a nomination is made in favour of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the Policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the Policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

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**Annexure C:** 

Section 45 - Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years

Provisions regarding Policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended by the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 are as follows:

- 1. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question on any ground whatsoever after expiry of 3 yrs from
  - a. the date of issuance of Policy or
  - b. the date of commencement of risk or
  - c. the date of revival of Policy or
  - d. the date of rider to the Policy

whichever is later.

- 2. On the ground of fraud, a Policy of Life Insurance may be called in question within 3 years from
  - a. the date of issuance of Policy or
  - b. the date of commencement of risk or
  - c. the date of revival of Policy or
  - d. the date of rider to the Policy

whichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or Nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.

- 3. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance Policy:
  - a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
  - b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
  - c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
  - d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
- 4. Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak.
- 5. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured / beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the Policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.
- 6. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which Policy was issued or revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or Nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the Policy of life insurance is based.
- 7. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on Policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or Nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.
- 8. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance Policy would have been issued to the insured.
- 9. The insurer can call for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so and no Policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the Policy are adjusted on subsequent proof of age of Life Insured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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