### **PART A**

# FORWARDING LETTER (WITH FREE LOOK CLAUSE)

<name of="" policyholder="" the=""> <address> Policy No.: &lt;&gt; Telephone: &lt;&gt; Email ID: &lt;&gt;</address></name>
Dear Mr/Ms. <name customer="" of="" the="">,</name>
Thank You for opting Max Life Monthly Income Advantage Plan.
The enclosed Policy documents explain all the features, benefits and terms of Your Policy in a simple manner.
On examination of the Policy, if You notice any mistake or error, please contact Our customer helpdesk or Your agent immediately on the address as mentioned below and return the Policy to Us for rectifying the same.
You have a period of 15 (Fifteen) days (30 (Thirty) days if Your Policy has been sourced through distance marketing modes) from the date of receipt of the Policy to review the terms and conditions of the Policy. If You disagree to any of the terms or conditions of the Policy, You have an option to return the original Policy documents to Us, by stating the objections/ reasons for such disagreement. Upon return, this Policy will terminate forthwith and all rights, benefits and interests under the Policy will cease immediately. We will only refund the Premiums received by Us, after deducting the proportionate risk premium for the period of cover, charges of stamp duty paid and expenses incurred on medical examination of the Life Insured, if any.
We will be delighted to offer You any further assistance or clarification You may require about Your Policy. Please feel free to get in touch with Us for any Policy related or claim related services through the below mentioned contact details.
Yours Sincerely, Max Life Insurance Company Limited
<name> CEO &amp; Managing Director</name>
AGENT NAME:

Max Life Insurance Company Limited

Plot No. 90A, Sector 18, Gurgaon, 122015, Haryana, India Phone: 4219090 Fax: 4159397 (From Delhi and other cities: 0124) Customer Helpline: 1800 200 5577

Regd Office: Max House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1, Dr. Jha Marg, Okhla, New Delhi 110 020, India Visit Us at: www.maxlifeinsurance.com E-mail: service.helpdesk@maxlifeinsurance.com

IRDAI Registration No: 104

PH. NO.: **ADDRESS:** 

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# **POLICY PREAMBLE**

### MAX LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Regd. Office: Max House, 1, Dr. Jha Marg, Okhla, New Delhi –110020

# Max Life Monthly Income Advantage Plan

A Non-Linked Participating Savings Insurance Plan

UIN: 104N091V01

Max Life Insurance Company Limited has entered into this contract of insurance on the basis of the information given in the Proposal Form together with the Premium deposit, statements, reports or other documents and declarations received from or on behalf of the proposer for effecting a life insurance contract on the life of the person named in the Schedule.

We agree to pay the benefits under the Policy on the happening of the insured event, while the Policy is in force subject to the terms and conditions stated herein.

Signed by and on behalf of

**Max Life Insurance Company Limited** 

Chairman

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# POLICY SCHEDULE

Insurance Plan

**UIN** 104N091V01 **Office** 

Policy No./ Proposal No.:	Client ID:
Date of Proposal:	
Policyholder/Proposer:	Age Admitted: Yes/No
PAN:	Gender:
Identification Source & I.D No.:	Tel No./Mobile No.:
Relationship with Life Insured:	Email:
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Life Insured:	Age Admitted: Yes/No
Identification Source & ID No.:	Gender:
Date of Birth:	
Age:	
Nominee(s):	Appointee (if Nominee is minor):
Relationship of Nominee(s) with Policyholder:	
Date of Birth:	
<b>Date of Commencement:</b>	Premium Payment mode:
Premium Payment Method:	Bill Draw Date:
	Bank Name:
	Bank Account Number:
Agent's name/Broker's name:	Agent's code/Broker's code:
Email:	Broker's License No.:
Address:	Mobile/Landline Telephone Number:

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List of cover age	Maturi ty Date	Insur ed Event	Sum Assur ed (INR)	Monthly Income Benefit payable for 10 consecutiv e years after completion of Premium Payment Term (INR)	Poli cy Ter m	Prem ium Pay ment Term	Premium Payment Mode	Annual Premiu m	Extra Premi um B (INR)	Annua lised Premi um  C (A+B) (INR)	Servi ce Tax and any other taxes , cesse s & levie s D (INR	Modal Factor s	Premiu m along with taxes payable as per premium payment mode selected  F [(C+D)* E] (INR)	Due Date when Premium is payable/ Date when the Last Premium is payable
Base policy :	Dd/mm /yy	As per Claus e 2 of Part C												

### **PART B**

### **DEFINITIONS**

The words and phrases listed below will have the meaning attributed to them wherever they appear in the Policy unless the context otherwise requires.

- 1. "Act" means the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time;
- 2. "Actuarial Valuation Surplus" means the surplus arising in the Participating life policyholders' fund, established by Us for Participating life insurance policies and calculated by the Appointed Actuary in accordance with the standards or guidance issued by the Institute of Actuaries of India and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Distribution of Surplus) Regulations, 2002, as amended from time to time:
- 3. "Age" means Life Insured's age on last birthday as on the Date of Commencement or on the previous Policy Anniversary, as the case may be;
- 4. "Annual Premium" means an amount specified in the Schedule, which is payable under annual Premium payment mode, excluding Extra Premium, if any and excluding service tax or any other taxes, cesses or levies, if any;
- 5. "Annualised Premium" means the sum total of Annual Premium and Extra Premium, if any, as specified in the Schedule;
- 6. "Claimant" means You (in case of maturity), Nominee(s) (if valid nomination is effected), assignee(s) or their heirs, legal representatives or holders of a succession certificates in case Nominee(s) or assignee(s) is/are not alive at the time of claim:
- 7. "**Date of Commencement**" means the date as specified in the Schedule, on which the insurance coverage under the Policy commences;
- 8. "**Death Benefit**" means an amount which will be highest of the following:
  - i. 11 (Eleven) times the Annualised Premium;
- ii. 105% (One Hundred Five percent) of all the Premiums received from You till the date of death of the Life Insured;
- iii. Guaranteed Sum Assured payable on Maturity Date; or
- iv. Sum Assured.
- 9. "Extra Premium" means an additional amount mentioned in the Schedule and charged by Us, as per Our Underwriting policy, which is determined on the basis of disclosures made by You in the Proposal Form or any other information received by Us including medical examination report of the Life Insured;
- 10. "Force Majeure Event" means an event by which performance of any of Our obligations are prevented or hindered as a consequence of any act of God, State, strike, lock-out, legislation or restriction by any government or other authority or any circumstance beyond Our control;
- 11. "Grace Period" means a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the due date of the unpaid Premium under monthly Premium payment mode and 30 (Thirty) days from the due date of unpaid Premium for all other Premium payment modes;

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- 12. "Guaranteed Sum Assured payable on Maturity Date" means 'zero' or 'nil' benefit payable under this Policy as all the guaranteed benefits are paid in form of regular monthly income after completion of Premium Payment Term;
- 13. "Guaranteed Surrender Value" means the minimum surrender value computed in accordance with Clause 1 of Part D, which is guaranteed by Us;
- 14. "**IRDAI**" means the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India;
- 15. "**Lapsed Policy**" means a Policy which has not acquired the Surrender Value and where the due Premium has not been received till the expiry of the Grace Period;
- 16. **"Life Insured"** means the person named in the Schedule, who is also the policyholder, on whose life the Policy is effected;
- 17. "Maturity Date" means the date specified in the Schedule, on which the Policy Term expires;
- 18. "**Modal Factor**" means the applicable factor specified in the Schedule, which is used by Us for determining the Premium. The Modal Factors for this Policy are as follows: i) for annual Premium payment mode (1); ii) for semi-annual Premium payment mode (0.520); iii) for quarterly Premium payment mode (0.265); iv) for monthly Premium payment mode (0.090);
- 19. "**Nominee**" means a person nominated by You in accordance with Clause 7 of Part F, to receive the benefits under the Policy and whose name is mentioned in the Schedule;
- 20. "**Participating**" means participating in the Actuarial Valuation Surplus of the participating life policyholders' fund;
- 21. "Policy" means the contract of insurance entered into between You and Us as evidenced by this document, the Proposal Form, the 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;
- 22. "Policy Anniversary" means the annual anniversary of the Date of Commencement;
- 23. "Policy Term" means the term of this Policy as specified in the Schedule;
- 24. "**Policy Year**" means a period of 12 (Twelve) months commencing from the Date of Commencement and every Policy Anniversary thereafter;
- 25. "**Premium**" means an amount specified in the Schedule, payable by You, by the due dates to secure the benefits under the Policy, excluding service tax or any other taxes, cesses or levies, if any;
- 26. "**Premium Payment Term**" means the term specified in the Schedule, during which the Premiums are payable by You;
- 27. **"Proposal Form**" means the form filled in and completed by You for the purpose of obtaining insurance coverage under the Policy;
- 28. "Reduced Paid Up Death Benefit" means an amount equal to the Death Benefit multiplied by the resultant of the total Premiums received by Us less Extra Premium (if any) divided by the total Premiums payable by You excluding Extra Premium (if any);
- 29. "Reduced Paid Up Mode" means the Policy with reduced paid up benefits as specified under Clause 3 of Part C;

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- 30. "Reduced Paid Up Sum Assured" means an amount equal to the Sum Assured multiplied by the resultant of the total Premiums received by Us less Extra Premium (if any) divided by total Premiums payable by You excluding Extra Premium (if any);
- 31. "**Reversionary Bonus**" means the bonus(es) payable by Us in accordance with Clause 4.2 of Part C, if declared by Us;
- 32. "**Revival Period**" means a period of 2 (Two) years from the due date of the first unpaid Premium;
- 33. "**Rider**" means benefits, which are in addition to basic benefits under the Policy;
- 34. "Schedule" means the policy schedule and any endorsements attached to and forming part of the Policy and if any updated Schedule is issued, then, the Schedule latest in time;
- 35. "**Special Surrender Value**" means the special surrender value computed in accordance with Clause 1.6 of Part D;
- 36. **Special Surrender Value Factors**" are factors determined by Us in consultation with and approved by the IRDAI to compute the Special Surrender Value which can be revised by Us on the basis of Our experience from time to time in consultation with and approval of the IRDAI;
- 37. "**Sum Assured**" means an absolute assured amount as specified in the Schedule, which is payable on the death of the Life Insured;
- 38. "Surrender Value" means an amount payable on surrender of this Policy, which will be the higher of the Guaranteed Surrender Value or the Special Surrender Value;
- 39. "**Terminal Bonus**" means a bonus determined by Us as a percentage applied on the sum of Sum Assured and accrued Reversionary Bonus (if any);
- 40. "**Underwriting Policy**" means our then prevailing underwriting policy approved by Our board of directors;
- 41. "We", "Us" or "Our" means Max Life Insurance Company Limited; and
- 42. "You" or "Your" means the policyholder as named in the Schedule.

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### **PART C**

# POLICY FEATURES, BENEFITS AND PREMIUM PAYMENT

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. The Policy has been written on a single life basis.
- 1.2. The minimum Age of the Life Insured on the Date of Commencement should be 18 (Eighteen) years.
- 1.3. The maximum Age of the Life Insured on the Date of Commencement cannot exceed:
  - 1.3.1. 55 (Fifty Five) years for the Policy where the Policy Term is 22 (Twenty Two) years; and
  - 1.3.2. 50 (Fifty) years for the Policy where the Policy Term is of 25 (Twenty Five) years.
- 1.4. The maximum Age of the Life Insured on the Maturity Date cannot exceed:
  - 1.4.1. 77 (Seventy Seven) years for the Policy where the Policy Term is 22 (Twenty Two) years; and
  - 1.4.2. 75 (Seventy Five) years for the Policy where the Policy Term is 25 (Twenty Five) years.

#### 2. BENEFITS

#### 2.1. **Death Benefit**

- 2.1.1. If Life Insured dies during the Policy Term provided the Policy is in force and not under lapsed or Reduced Paid Up Mode, We will pay the following benefits:
  - 2.1.1.1. Death Benefit; and
  - 2.1.1.2. Policy Continuance Benefit.

"Policy Continuance Benefit" means waiver of all future Premiums, if any, coinciding or following the date of death of the Life Insured. The Policy will continue as is, the monthly income benefit and maturity benefit shall be payable to the Claimant, as and when due. The Policy will continue to participate in the future bonuses and the benefits will continue to be applicable. All future benefits shall be paid to the Claimant, as and when due, as if the Life Insured was alive and had paid the Premiums to Us.

### 2.2. **Monthly Income Benefit**

- 2.2.1. On completion of the Premium Payment Term as chosen by You, irrespective of the fact whether the Life Insured is alive or not, We will pay the monthly income benefit equal to 1/12<sup>th</sup> (One twelfth) of 10% (Ten percent) of Sum Assured for 10 (Ten) consecutive years (i.e. 120 months) at each monthly anniversary i.e. on the date specific to Policy Anniversary date.
- 2.2.2. The monthly income benefit payout will start from beginning of 145<sup>th</sup> policy month (i.e. beginning of 13<sup>th</sup> Policy Year) for Policy with Premium Payment Term of 12 (Twelve) years and 181<sup>st</sup> policy month (i.e. beginning of 16<sup>th</sup> Policy Year) for Policy with Premium Payment Term of 15 (Fifteen) years.
- 2.2.3. The risk coverage under the Policy will continue during the monthly income benefit payout period of 10 (Ten) years provided the Life Insured is alive.

# 2.3. **Maturity Benefit**

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- 2.3.1. On the Maturity Date if the insurance cover under this Policy is in force and the Policy is not under Reduced Paid Up Mode, then, We will pay the sum total of the following to the Claimant:
  - 2.3.1.1. Accrued compound Reversionary Bonus, if any; and
  - 2.3.1.2. Terminal Bonus, if any.

### 3. REDUCED PAID UP BENEFITS

- 3.1. If this Policy has acquired a Surrender Value, then, in the event of non-payment of the due Premiums by You to Us, on the expiry of Grace Period, this Policy will not lapse and will continue with reduced paid-up benefits as specified below. A Policy under the Reduced Paid Up Mode will thereafter be free from all liabilities of payment of future Premiums to Us.
- 3.2. If this Policy is under Reduced Paid Up Mode, then, the benefits payable shall be as follows:

#### 3.2.1. **Reduced Death Benefit**

In the event of the death of the Life Insured during Policy Term, then, We will pay the following benefits:

- 3.2.1.1. Reduced Paid Up Death Benefit;
- 3.2.1.2. Reduced monthly income benefit, as and when due; and
- 3.2.1.3. Reduced maturity benefit, as and when due.

# 3.2.2. Reduced Monthly Income Benefit

- 3.2.2.1. On completion of the Premium Payment Term as chosen by You, We will pay the monthly income benefit equal to 1/12<sup>th</sup> (one twelfth) of 10% (Ten percent) of the Reduced Paid Up Sum Assured for 10 (Ten) consecutive years (i.e. 120 months) on each monthly anniversary i.e. on the date specific to Policy Anniversary date.
- 3.2.2.2. The monthly income payout will start from beginning of 145<sup>th</sup> policy month (i.e. beginning of 13<sup>th</sup> Policy Year) for Policy with Premium Payment Term of 12 (Twelve) years and 181<sup>st</sup> policy month (i.e. beginning of 16<sup>th</sup> Policy Year) for Policy with Premium Payment Term of 15 (Fifteen) years.
- 3.2.2.3. The risk coverage as per Clause 3.2.1 will continue during the reduced monthly income benefit payout period of 10 (Ten) years.

### 3.2.3. Reduced Maturity Benefit

3.2.3.1. If the Life Insured is alive on the Maturity Date, then, We will pay bonuses (if any) accrued before the conversion of the Policy to Reduced Paid Up Mode.

### 4. BONUSES

- 4.1. Bonus(es) may be declared by Us depending upon the surplus generated in the participating fund over the Policy Term. You shall be eligible to receive the following Bonus(es), if any, on Maturity Date or on surrender of this Policy, whichever is earlier:
  - 4.1.1. Reversionary Bonus; and
  - 4.1.2. Terminal Bonus.

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### 4.2. **Reversionary Bonus**

- 4.2.1. Under this Policy, We may declare a Reversionary Bonus, based on Our Actuarial Valuation Surplus. A compound Reversionary Bonus rate will be determined each year by Us and shall be applied by Us as a percentage of the sum total of the Sum Assured and the accrued compound Reversionary Bonuses declared in the previous Policy Years, if any.
- 4.2.2. If declared, the Reversionary Bonuses will be allocated by Us post completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> (Second) Policy Year i.e. after the end of 24<sup>th</sup> (Twenty Fourth) Policy month onwards from the Date of Commencement and once the same are allocated by Us, then, the same shall be guaranteed for Policy Term. We may or may not declare the Reversionary Bonus(es) as the same are not guaranteed.

### 4.3. **Terminal Bonus**

4.3.1. Under this Policy, We may at Our discretion pay an additional 1 (One) time Terminal Bonus, provided this Policy is in force for at least 5 (Five) complete Policy Years from the Date of Commencement.

### 5. PREMIUMS

- 5.1. You can pay the Premium annually, semi-annually, quarterly or on monthly basis, as per the Premium payment mode chosen by You.
- 5.2. You have an option to change the Premium payment mode by submitting a written request to Us. Any change in the Premium payment mode will result in a change in the Premium amount basis the applicable Modal Factors. A change in Premium payment mode will be effective only on the Policy Anniversary following the receipt of such request.
- 5.3. You can pay Premium at any of Our offices or through Our website www.maxlifeinsurance.com or by any other means, as informed by Us. Any Premium paid by You will be deemed to have been received by Us only after the same has been realized and credited to Our bank account.
- 5.4. The Premium payment receipt will be issued in Your name, which will be subject to realization of cheque or any other instrument/ medium.

#### 6. GRACE PERIOD

- 6.1. 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 may pay the same during the Grace Period without any interest/ late fee.
- 6.2. During the Grace Period, if the due Premium is not paid and the Life Insured dies, then, We will pay the death benefit after deducting the due Premium from the benefits payable under the Policy.

### 7. LAPSATION OF POLICY

7.1. If You discontinue the payment of Premium before paying Premiums for the first 3 (Three) Policy Years, then, the Policy will lapse on the expiry of the Grace Period and no benefits under the Policy will be payable.

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#### **PART D**

### POLICY SERVICING CONDITIONS

# 1. SURRENDER

- 1.1. This Policy shall acquire a Surrender Value provided all the due Premiums for the first 3 (Three) Policy Years have been received and applied by Us on or after the due dates.
- 1.2. You may request in writing to surrender this Policy at any time only if the Policy has acquired the Surrender Value. On receipt of such request, this Policy shall terminate and the Surrender Value (if any) prevailing on the date of request for the surrender of this Policy, shall be payable by Us. If the Policy has not acquired the Surrender Value, then, no benefit or money is payable by Us.
- 1.3. In the event of death of the Life Insured (who is also the Policyholder) during the Policy Term, the Policy cannot be surrendered and the Policy shall continue till the end of the Policy Term. The Policy will continue as is, the monthly income and maturity benefits shall be payable to the Claimant, as and when due. The Policy will continue to participate in the future bonuses and the benefits will continue to be applicable. All future benefits shall be paid to the Claimant, as and when due, as if the Life Insured was alive and had paid the Premiums, as and when due.
- 1.4. The Surrender Value payable will be subject to the condition that there are no statutory or other restrictions to the contrary. Upon surrender of this Policy, this Policy will terminate and no benefits under this Policy shall be payable.

### 1.5. Guaranteed Surrender Value

1.5.1. The Guaranteed Surrender Value will be determined in the Policy Year in which the surrender is effected. The Guranteed Surrender Value will be sum total of the following:

### 1.5.1.1. Higher of:

1.5.1.1.1. Guaranteed Surrender Value factors (as specified in the table below) multiplied by {Total Premiums received excluding Extra Premium (if any) and applied by Us on or after the due dates} less monthly income benefit already paid, if any; or

1.5.1.1.2. 0 (zero); and

1.5.1.2. Guaranteed surrender value of the accrued compound Reversionary Bonuses, if any.

Policy Term	22 ye	ears	25 years		
Year of Surrender	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Policy Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Reversionary Bonus Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Policy Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Reversionary Bonus Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	
1	0%	0%	0%	0%	
2	0%	0%	0%	0%	

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Policy Term	22 ye	ears	25 years			
Year of Surrender	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Policy Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Reversionary Bonus Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Policy Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us	Guaranteed Surrender Value factor for Reversionary Bonus Provided due Premiums for first 3 years have been received and applied by Us		
3	30%	12%	30%	8%		
4	50%	13%	50%	9%		
5	50%	15%	50%	10%		
6	50%	16%	50%	12%		
7	50%	18%	50%	13%		
8	53%	20%	52%	15%		
9	56%	23%	55%	16%		
10	59%	26%	57%	18%		
11	61%	29%	59%	20%		
12	64%	32%	62%	23%		
13	67%	36%	64%	26%		
14	70%	40%	66%	29%		
15	73%	45%	69%	32%		
16	76%	51%	71%	36%		
17	79%	57%	74%	40%		
18	81%	64%	76%	45%		
19	84%	71%	78%	51%		
20	87%	80%	81%	57%		
21	90%	89%	83%	64%		
22	90%	100%	85%	71%		
23	NA	NA	88%	80%		
24	NA	NA	90%	89%		
25	NA	NA	90%	100%		

1.5.2. The guaranteed surrender value of accrued compound Reversionary Bonuses, if any, will be calculated by Us by multiplying the accrued compound Reversionary Bonuses with the guaranteed surrender value factors of Reversionary Bonuses, as stated above.

# 1.6. **Special Surrender Value**

- 1.6.1. Special Surrender Value will be determined by Us from time to time in consultation with the IRDAI and in accordance with the prior approval of the IRDAI obtained by Us. This Special Surrender Value will always be greater than or equal to the Guaranteed Surrender Value. The Special Surrender Value is not guaranteed.
- 1.6.2. Special Surrender Value will be sum total of
  - 1.6.2.1. Reduced Paid Up Sum Assured multiplied by Special Surrender Value Factor;
  - 1.6.2.2. surrender value of accrued compound Reversionary Bonus, if any; and
  - 1.6.2.3. surrender value of Terminal Bonus, if any.

### 2. LOANS

2.1. You are not entitled to any loans under this Policy.

### 3. REVIVAL OF POLICY

- 3.1. A Lapsed Policy or a Policy under Reduced Paid Up Mode can be revived as per Underwriting Policy, within the Revival Period:
  - 3.1.1. on receipt of Your written request to revive the Policy by Us;
  - 3.1.2. if You produce an evidence of insurability of Life Insured at Your own cost which is acceptable to Us; and
  - 3.1.3. on payment of all overdue Premiums (along with the service tax or any other taxes, cesses or levies, if any) to Us with late fee and/or interest at such rate as may be determined by Us from time to time
- 3.2. The revival of the Lapsed Policy or a Policy under Reduced Paid Up Mode will take effect only after We have approved the same in accordance with Our Underwriting Policy and communicated Our decision to You in writing. In view of our Underwriting Policy, We may waive any of the above conditions for revival of the Policy. All accrued bonus(es) and original benefits including death, monthly income and maturity benefits which were originally payable will be restored on such revival. However, no interest shall be payable by Us on such restoration.
- 3.3. If a Lapsed Policy is not revived within the Revival Period, this Policy will terminate without value, on the expiry of the Revival Period.
- 3.4. If a Policy under Reduced Paid Up Mode is not revived within the Revival Period then, it will continue to be under Reduced Paid Up Mode for the remaining part of the Policy Term.
- 3.5. The Policy cannot be revived beyond the Policy Term.

### 4. PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

- 4.1. 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 the Claimant.
- 4.2. Once the benefits under this Policy are paid to the Claimant, the same will constitute a valid discharge of Our liability under this Policy.

# 5. TERMINATION OF POLICY

- 5.1. This Policy will terminate upon the happening of any of the following events:
  - 5.1.1. on the date on which We receive free look cancellation request;
  - 5.1.2. the date of intimation of repudiation of the death claim by Us in accordance with the provisions of this Policy;
  - 5.1.3. on the expiry of the Revival Period, if the Lapsed Policy has not been revived. However, if a Policy under Reduced Paid Up Mode is not revived within the Revival Period then, it will not terminate and will continue to be under Reduced Paid Up Mode for the remaining part of the Policy Term;
  - 5.1.4. on the date of surrender of this Policy; or
  - 5.1.5. on the Maturity Date.

# PART E

# **POLICY CHARGES**

# 1. APPLICABLE FEES/ CHARGES UNDER THE POLICY

- 1.1. This Policy is a non-linked participating savings insurance plan.
- 1.2. If the Policy is a Lapsed Policy or is under Reduced Paid Up Mode, then, the same can be revived as per Underwriting Policy, within the Revival Period. For revival of such a Policy, we may charge the following late fee and/or interest on the due Premiums depending upon the number of days between the date of revival and lapse of Policy:

No. of days between date of revival and date of lapse of Policy	Late payment fee (in INR)
30-60	100
61-180	250
>180	250 plus interest on due Premium @8% p.a. compounded annually

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### **PART F**

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### 1. TAXES

- 1.1. All Premiums are subject to applicable taxes, cesses, levies including service tax and education cess which will entirely be borne by You and will always be paid by You along with the payment of 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.
- 1.2. Tax benefits and liabilities under the Policy are subject to 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.

#### 2. CLAIM PROCEDURE

- 2.1. For processing a claim request under this Policy, We will require all of the following documents:
  - 2.1.1. Claimant's statement in the prescribed form;
  - 2.1.2. original Policy document;
  - 2.1.3. a copy of police complaint/ first information report (only in the case of death by accident of the Life Insured);
  - 2.1.4. a copy of duly certified post mortem report (only in the case of death by accident of the Life Insured);
  - 2.1.5. death certificate issued by the local/municipal authority (only in the case of death of the Life Insured);
  - 2.1.6. identity proof of the Claimant including Nominee(s) bearing their photographs and signatures (only in the case of the death of the Life Insured); and
  - 2.1.7. any other documents or information required by Us for assessing and approving the claim request.
- 2.2. A Claimant can download the claim request documents from Our website <a href="www.maxlifeinsurance.com">www.maxlifeinsurance.com</a> or can obtain the same from any of Our branches.
- 2.3. We reserve the right to scrutinize the documents submitted by the Claimant and/or investigate the cause of death of the Life Insured and deny the claim partially or completely on the basis of Our scrutiny of the documents or investigation, as the case may be. We shall pay the benefits under this Policy subject to Our satisfaction:
  - 2.3.1. that the benefits have become payable as per the terms and conditions of this Policy; and
  - 2.3.2. of the bonafides and credentials of the Claimant.
- 2.4. Subject to Our sole discretion and satisfaction, in exceptional circumstances such as on happening of a Force Majeure Event, We may decide to waive all or any of the requirements set out in Clause 2.1 of Part F.

### 3. DECLARATION OF THE CORRECT AGE

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3.1. Declaration of the correct Age and/ or gender of the Life Insured is important for Our underwriting process and calculation of Premiums payable under the Policy. If the Age and/or gender declared in the Proposal Form is found to be incorrect at any time during the Policy Term or at the time of claim, We may revise the Premium with interest and/or applicable benefits payable under the Policy in accordance with the Premium and benefits that would have been payable, if the correct Age and/ or gender would have made the Life Insured eligible to be covered under the Policy on the Date of Commencement subject to Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

### 4. FRAUD, MISREPRESENATION AND FORFEITURE

4.1. Fraud, misrepresentation and forfeiture would be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. [A leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of the above section is enclosed in Annexure – (1) for reference]

### 5. SUICIDE EXCLUSION

- 5.1 Notwithstanding anything stated herein, if the Life Insured dies due to suicide, whether sane or insane, within 12 (Twelve) months from the Date of Commencement or from the date of revival of this Policy, then, this Policy will terminate and We shall only pay the following to the Claimant:
  - 5.1.1 higher of the Surrender Value or total Premiums received by Us, if the Policy has acquired a Surrender Value; or
  - 5.1.2 total Premiums received by Us, if the Policy has not acquired a Surrender Value.

### 6. TRAVEL AND OCCUPATION

6.1 There are no restrictions on travel or occupation under this Policy.

### 7. NOMINATION

7.1. Nomination is allowed as per Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. [A leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of the above section is enclosed in Annexure – (2) for reference]

### 8. ASSIGNMENT

8.1. Assignment is allowed as per Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. [A leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of the above section is enclosed in Annexure – (3) for reference]

### 9. POLICY CURRENCY

9.1. This Policy is denominated in Indian Rupees. Any benefit/claim payments under the Policy will be made in Indian Rupees by Us or in any other currency in accordance with the applicable guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

### 10. ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS

10.1. 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

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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. DUPLICATE POLICY

11.1. In case of loss of this Policy document, You may contact our nearest branch office to know the requirements for issuance of a duplicate Policy. The duplicate Policy shall be issued by Us without any charge.

#### 12. AMENDMENT

12.1. No amendments to the Policy will be effective, unless such amendments are expressly approved in writing by Us and/or by the IRDAI wherever applicable.

### 13. REGULATORY AND JUDICIAL INTERVENTION

13.1. If any competent regulatory body or judicial body imposes any condition on the Policy for any reason, We are bound to follow the same which may include suspension of all benefits and obligations under the Policy.

### 14. FORCE MAJEURE

14.1. The performance of the Policy may be wholly or partially suspended during the continuance of such Force Majeure Event under an intimation to or approval of the IRDAI. We will resume Our obligations under the Policy after the Force Majeure Event ceases to exist.

### 15. COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. For any updates, please visit Our website www.maxlifeinsurance.com.

### 16. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

16.1. 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.

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### **PART G**

### GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND OMBUDSMAN DETAILS

# 1. DISPUTE REDRESSAL PROCESS UNDER THE POLICY

1.1. All consumer grievances and/or queries may be first addressed to Your agent or Our customer helpdesk as mentioned below:

Max Life Insurance Company Limited

Plot No. 90A, Sector 18, Gurgaon, 122015, Haryana, India

Toll Free No. – 1800 200 5577

Email: service.helpdesk@maxlifeinsurance.com

- 1.2. If Our response is not satisfactory or there is no response within 15 (Fifteen) days:
- 1.2.1. the complainant or his legal heirs may file a written complaint with full details of the complaint and the complainant's contact information to the following official for resolution:

Head Operations and Customer Services,

Max Life Insurance Company Limited

Plot No. 90A, Sector 18, Gurgaon, 122015, Haryana, India

Toll Free No. – 1800 200 5577

Email: <a href="mailto:manager.services@maxlifeinsurance.com">manager.services@maxlifeinsurance.com</a>;

1.2.2. the complainant or his legal heirs may approach the Grievance Cell of the IRDAI on the following contact details:

IRDA Grievance Call Centre (IGCC)

Toll Free No:155255 or 1800 4254 732

Email: complaints@irda.gov.in

- 1.2.3. You can also register Your complaint online at http://www.igms.irda.gov.in.
- 1.2.4. You can also register Your complaint through fax/paper by submitting Your complaint to:

Consumer Affairs Department

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

9th floor, United India Towers, Basheerbagh

Hyderabad – 500 029, Andhra Pradesh

Fax No: 91-40 – 6678 9768

- 1.3. If You are not satisfied with the redressal or there is no response within a period of 1 (One) month, the complainant or his legal heirs may approach Insurance Ombudsman at the address mentioned in Annexure A or on the IRDAI website www.irda.gov.in, if the grievance pertains to:
- 1.3.1. any partial or total repudiation of a claim by Us;
- 1.3.2. any dispute on the legal construction of the Policy in so far as such dispute relates to a claim;
- 1.3.3. delay in settlement of a claim;

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- 1.3.4. any dispute with regard to the Premium paid or payable in terms of the Policy; or
- 1.3.5. non issuance of any insurance document after receipt of the Premium.
- 1.4. As per Rule 13(3) of the Redressal of Public Grievances Rules 1998, a complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman can be made only within a period of 1 (One) year after Our rejection of the representation or the date of Our final reply on the representation of the complainant, provided the complaint is not on the same matter, for which any proceedings before any court, or consumer forum or arbitrator is pending.

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# Annexure A

# **List of Insurance Ombudsman**

CONTACT DETAILS	JURISDICTION
AHMEDABAD Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd Floor, Ambica House,Nr. C.U. Shah College, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad-380 014. Tel.:- 079-2756150/27546139 Fax: 079-27546142 Email: bimalokpal.ahmedabad@gbic.co.in	State of Gujarat and Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
BENGALURU 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, Bengaluru – 560 078. Tel.: 080 - 26652048 / 26652049 Email: bimalokpal.bengaluru@gbic.co.in	State of Karnataka
BHOPAL Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd Floor, Janak Vihar Complex, 6, Malviya Nagar,Opp. Airtel, Near New Market, Bhopal(M.P.)-462 003. Tel.:- 0755-2769201/9202 Fax: 0755-2769203 Email: bimalokpal.bhopal@gbic.co.in	States of Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh.
BHUBANESHWAR Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest Park, Bhubaneshwar-751 009. Tel.:- 0674- 2596461/2596455 Fax: 0674-2596429 Email: bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@gbic.co.in	State of Orissa.
CHANDIGARH Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, S.C.O. No.101-103,2nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17-D, Chandigarh-160 017. Tel.:- 2706196 / 2706468 Fax: 0172-2708274 Email: bimalokpal.chandigarh@gbic.co.in	States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Union territory of Chandigarh.
CHENNAI Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fathima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453 (old 312),	State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territories - Pondicherry Town and Karaikal (which are part of Union Territory of Pondicherry).

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Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai-600 018. Tel.:- 044-24333668 /24335284 Fax : 044-24333664 Email: bimalokpal.chennai@gbic.co.in	
<b>DELHI</b> Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building., Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110 002. Tel.:- 011- 23239633 / 23237532 Fax: 011-23230858 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.delhi@gbic.co.in">bimalokpal.delhi@gbic.co.in</a>	States of Delhi
GUWAHATI Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, "Jeevan Nivesh", 5th Floor, Near Panbazar Overbridge, S.S. Road, Guwahati-781 001 Tel.:- 0361-2132204/5 Fax: 0361-2732937 Email: bimalokpal.guwahati@gbic.co.in	States of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura.
HYDERABAD Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6-2-46, 1st Floor, Moin Court, A.C. Guards, Lakdi-Ka-Pool, Hyderabad-500 004. Tel: 040-65504123/23312122 Fax: 040-23376599 Email: bimalokpal.hyderabad@gbic.co.in	States of Andhra Pradesh and Union Territory of Yanam - a part of the Union Territory of Pondicherry.
JAIPUR Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Ground Floor, Jeevan Nidhi II, Bhawani Singh Road, Jaipur – 302005 Tel: 0141-2740363 Email: bimalokpal.jaipur@gbic.co.in	State of Rajasthan
ERNAKULAM Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd Floor, Pulinat Bldg., Opp. Cochin Shipyard, M.G. Road, Ernakulam-682 015. Tel: 0484-2358759/2359338 Fax: 0484-2359336 Email: bimalokpal.ernakulam@gbic.co.in	State of Kerala and Union Territory of (a) Lakshadweep (b) Mahe-a part of Union Territory of Pondicherry.
KOLKATA, Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Hindustan Building. Annexe, 4th Floor, C.R. Avenue, Kolkata-700 072. Tel: 033-22124339/22124340 Fax: 033-22124341 Email: bimalokpal.kolkata@gbic.co.in	States of West Bengal, Bihar, Sikkim, Jharkhand and Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
LUCKNOW Office of the Insurance Ombudsman,	States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

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6th Floor, Nawal Kishore Road, Hazaratganj, Lucknow-226 001. Tel: 0522 -2231331/2231330 Fax: 0522-2231310 Email: bimalokpal.lucknow@gbic.co.in	
MUMBAI Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, S.V. Road, Santacruz(W), Mumbai-400 054. Tel: 022- 26106552 / 26106960 Fax: 022-26106052 Email: bimalokpal.mumbai@gbic.co.in	State of Goa and Mumbai Metropolitan Region excluding Navi Mumbai and Thane.
PUNE Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Darshan Bldg, C.T.S. No.s. 195 to 198, N.C. Kelkar Road, Narayanpet, Pune – 411030. Tel: 020-32341320 Email: bimalokpal.pune@gbic.co.in	State of Maharashtra including Navi Mumbai and Thane and excluding Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
NOIDA Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Email: bimalokpal.noida@gbic.co.in	State of Uttaranchal and the following Districts of Uttar Pradesh: Agra, Aligarh, Bagpat, Bareilly, Bijnor, Budaun, Bulandshehar, Etah, Kanooj, Mainpuri, Mathura, Meerut, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Oraiyya, Pilibhit, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Firozbad, Gautambodhanagar, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Shahjahanpur, Hapur, Shamli, Rampur, Kashganj, Sambhal, Amroha, Hathras, Kanshiramnagar, Saharanpur.
PATNA Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Email: bimalokpal.patna@gbic.co.in	Bihar, Jharkhand.

#### Annexure 1

### 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 from time to time 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.

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- 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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### Annexure 2

### **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 from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- 1. The policyholder of a life insurance policy 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 is 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 get affected 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

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- 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 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 Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time, 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 3

### **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 from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- 1. The policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
- 5. The transfer or 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.
- 6. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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
  - a. not bonafide;
  - b. not in the interest of the policyholder;
  - c. not in public interest; or
  - d. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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

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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 the Authority.

- 13. 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
  - a. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
  - b. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
    - i. 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
    - ii. 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.

- 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
  - a shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment;
  - b. may institute any proceedings in relation to the policy; and
  - c. 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
- 15. 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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