# LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA CENTRAL OFFICE

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To,
All HODs of Central Office
All Zonal Offices
All Divisional Offices
All P&GS Units,
All Branch Offices & Satellite Offices,
Audit & Inspection Depts., MDC, ZTCs, STCs.

# Re: INTRODUCTION OF MODIFIED VERSION OF LIC's BIMA SHREE (Plan No. 948)

## 1. INTRODUCTION:

In view of the new Product Regulations, 2019, issued by IRDAI, it has been decided to modify LIC's Bima Shree (Plan No. 848), Unique Identification Number (UIN) 512N316V01.

# The modifications are as under:

- i) Definition of "Sum Assured on Death" has been modified from "higher of 125% of Basic Sum Assured or 10 times of annualised premium" to "higher of 125% of Basic Sum Assured or 7 times of annualised premium".
- ii) The modified Premium Waiver Benefit Rider (UIN: 512B204V03) shall now be attached with this plan.
- iii) Class- I extra premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Critical Illness Rider Sum Assured for LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider, given in Annexure 7, have been modified.
- iv) Revival period has been extended from 2 years to 5 years.
- v) Guaranteed Surrender Value factors applicable to "total premiums paid" have been modified.
- vi) Grace Period has been modified from "one calendar month but not less than 30 days" to "30 days" for yearly/ half-yearly/ quarterly mode of premium payment.
- vii) The relaxation of claim payment under discontinued policy shall not be applicable for the death due to Suicide and same is mentioned under Suicide Clause.
- viii) "CEIS Rebate" has been renamed as "CIS Rebate" which shall also be available for employees of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries/Step Down Subsidiaries/Associate Companies as per the prevailing Policy of the Corporation in this regard.

The new Unique Identification Number (UIN) for LIC's BIMA SHREE is **512N316V02**. This number has to be quoted in all relevant documents furnished to the policyholders and other users (public, distribution channels etc.).

The modified version of this plan shall be launched from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020. The new Plan Number for this modified LIC's BIMA SHREE Plan shall be 948.

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The benefits and other details of the plan with above mentioned modifications are given below.

LIC's BIMA SHREE Plan is a non-linked, participating, individual, life assurance savings plan.

LIC's Bima Shree plan is a limited premium payment, money back life insurance plan with minimum Basic Sum Assured of Rs. 10 lakh especially designed for targeted segment of High Net-worth Individuals.

Under this plan Guaranteed Additions shall accrue at the rate of Rs. 50 per thousand Basic Sum Assured for the first five years and Rs. 55/- per thousand Basic Sum Assured from 6<sup>th</sup> policy year till the end of premium paying term as detailed in Para 4 below.

In addition, the policy shall participate in the profits in form of Loyalty Additions as detailed in **Para 5** below.

# 2. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BASE PLAN:

a) Minimum Basic Sum Assured : Rs. 10.00.000/-

b) Maximum Basic Sum Assured : No Limit

(The Basic Sum Assured shall be in multiples of Rs. 100,000/-)

c) Policy Term : 14, 16, 18 and 20 years
d) Premium Paying Term (PPT) : (Policy term **less** 4) years
e) Minimum Age at entry : 8 years (completed)

f) Maximum Age at entry : 55 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 14 years

51 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 16 years 48 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 18 years 45 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 20 years

g) Maximum Age at Maturity : 69 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 14 years

67 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 16 years 66 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 18 years 65 years (nearer birthday) for policy term 20 years

Age at entry for the Policyholder is to be taken as age nearer birthday (nbd) except for the minimum age at entry i.e. 8 years, where it is completed years.

<u>Date of Commencement of Risk</u>: Under this plan the risk will commence immediately from the Date of issuance of policy.

<u>Date of issuance of policy</u> is a date when a proposal after underwriting is accepted as a policy and the contract gets effected.

<u>Date of Vesting under the plan</u> (Applicable only if the Life Assured is below 18 years on the date of commencement of policy): If the Life Assured is alive on the vesting date and if a request in writing for surrendering the policy has not been received by Corporation before such vesting date from the person entitled to the policy moneys, this policy shall automatically vest in the Life Assured on such vesting date i.e. on the policy anniversary coinciding with or immediately following the completion of 18 years of age and shall on such vesting be deemed to be a contract between the Corporation and Life Assured. The Life Assured shall become the absolute owner of the policy and proposer or his estate shall cease to have any right or interest therein.

#### 3. BENEFITS UNDER THE BASE PLAN:

The benefits payable under an inforce policy are as under:

#### a) Death Benefit:

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On death during first five years: "Sum Assured on Death" along with accrued Guaranteed Additions shall be payable.

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On death after completion of five policy years but before the date of maturity: "Sum Assured on Death" along with accrued Guaranteed Additions and Loyalty Addition, if any, shall be payable.

Where "Sum Assured on Death" is defined as the higher of

- 7 times of annualised premium or
- 125% Basic Sum Assured

This Death Benefit (as defined above) shall not be less than 105% of total premiums paid upto the date of death.

The premiums mentioned above exclude taxes, extra premium and Rider premiums, if any.

# b) Survival Benefit:

On the life assured surviving to each of the specified durations during the policy term, a fixed percentage of Basic Sum Assured shall be payable. The fixed percentage for various policy terms is as below:

For policy term 14 years: 30% of Basic Sum Assured on each of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> policy anniversary For policy term 16 years: 35% of Basic Sum Assured on each of 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> policy anniversary For policy term 18 years: 40% of Basic Sum Assured on each of 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> policy anniversary For policy term 20 years: 45% of Basic Sum Assured on each of 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> policy anniversary

# c) Maturity Benefit:

On the life assured surviving to the end of the policy term, "Sum Assured on Maturity" along with accrued Guaranteed Additions and Loyalty Addition, if any, shall be payable.

# Where "Sum Assured on Maturity" is as under:

For policy term 14 years: 40% of Basic Sum Assured For policy term 16 years: 30% of Basic Sum Assured For policy term 18 years: 20% of Basic Sum Assured For policy term 20 years: 10% of Basic Sum Assured

#### 4. GUARANTEED ADDITIONS:

Provided the policy is inforce, a Guaranteed Addition at the rate of Rs. 50 per thousand Basic Sum Assured for the first five years and Rs. 55/- per thousand Basic Sum Assured from 6<sup>th</sup> policy year till the end of premium paying term will accrue at the end of each policy year for which full year's premiums have been paid. In case the premiums are not duly paid, the Guaranteed Additions shall cease to accrue under a policy.

In case of a paid-up policy or on surrender of a policy the Guaranteed Addition for the policy year in which the last premium is received (i.e. wherein full year's premiums have not been received) will be added on proportionate basis in proportion to the premium received for that year.

#### 5. PARTICIPATION IN PROFITS:

Provided the policy has completed five policy years and atleast 5 full years' premium have been paid, then depending upon the Corporation's experience the policies under this plan shall be eligible for Loyalty Addition at the time of exit in the form of Death during the policy term or Maturity, at such rate and on such terms as may be declared by the Corporation.

In addition, Loyalty Addition, if any, shall also be considered in Special Surrender Value calculation on surrender of policy during the policy term, provided the policy has completed five policy years and atleast 5 full years' premium have been paid. In case of surrender of policy, Loyalty Addition shall be corresponding to the completed policy year for which the policy was inforce.

#### 6. OPTIONAL RIDER BENEFITS:

The following five optional Riders are available under this plan. However, the policyholder can opt between **either of** LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider **or** LIC's Accident Benefit Rider.

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## i) LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider UIN (512B209V02):

LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider is available as an optional Rider by payment of additional premium. Under an inforce policy, this Rider can be opted for at any time within the Premium Paying Term of the Base Plan provided the outstanding Premium Paying Term of the Base Plan is atleast 5 years. The benefit cover under this Rider shall be available till the end of Policy Term.

If this benefit is opted for, an amount equal to the Accident Benefit Sum Assured is payable on death due to accident, provided the Rider is inforce at the time of accident. In case of accidental permanent disability (within 180 days from the date of accident), an amount equal to the Accident Benefit Sum Assured will be paid in equal monthly instalments spread over 10 years and future premiums, if any, shall also be waived in respect of this Rider and the premium for Base Policy corresponding to Basic Sum Assured equal to Accident Benefit Sum Assured. The premiums for other rider(s), if opted for, and premium for Base Policy corresponding to the difference in the Basic Sum Assured and Accident Benefit Sum Assured (if Basic Sum Assured exceeds the Accident Benefit Sum Assured) shall continue to be paid. If the policy becomes a claim by way of death or maturity before the expiry of the said period of 10 years, the disability benefit instalments which have not fallen due will be paid along with the claim amount.

LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider shall not acquire any paid-up value and the Rider benefit will cease to apply, if policy is in lapsed condition.

Beyond the specific details as mentioned in this Circular in respect of this Rider, any additional details like refund to be made in respect of this rider on surrender of Base Policy, requirements of claim, definition of disability etc., may be referred from the Rider Circular Ref: CO/PD/44 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 and CO/PD/102 dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

# Eligibility conditions and restrictions:

a) Minimum Entry Age

: 18 years (completed)

b) Maximum Entry Age

: The cover can be opted for at inception or at any policy anniversary thereafter, provided the outstanding Premium Paying Term under the Base Policy is at least 5 years.

c) Rider Term

: Outstanding policy term of the Base Plan

d) Cover ceasing Age

: Same as Base Policy

- e) Minimum Accident Benefit Sum Assured: Rs. 10,000/-
- f) Maximum Accident Benefit Sum Assured: An amount equal to the Basic Sum Assured under the Base Plan subject to the maximum of Rs.100 lakhs overall limit taking all existing policies (excluding additional limit of Rs.100 lakhs under policies taken under LIC's Jeevan Shiromani) of the Life Assured under individual as well as group policies including policies with inbuilt accident benefit taken with Life Insurance Corporation of India and the Accident Benefit Sum Assured under the new proposal into consideration. Even considering the additional Accident Benefit Sum Assured limit of Rs. 100 lakhs above this, allowed under LIC's Jeevan Shiromani only, the maximum Accident Benefit cover offered to an individual in any case including the policies taken under LIC's Jeevan Shiromani will not exceed Rs. 200 lakh.

The Accident Benefit Sum Assured shall be in multiples of Rs. 5,000/-only.

## ii) LIC's Accident Benefit Rider UIN (512B203V03):

LIC's Accident Benefit Rider is available as an optional Rider by payment of additional premium.

Under an inforce policy, this Rider can be opted for at any time within the Premium Paying Term of the Base Plan provided the outstanding Premium Paying Term of the Base Plan is atleast 5 years. The benefit cover under this Rider shall be available **only** during the Premium Paying Term of the Base Policy. Thereafter, the cover will cease.

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If this benefit is opted for and if the Life Assured is involved in an accident leading to death within 180 days from the date of accident then an amount equal to the Accident Benefit Sum Assured is payable. However, the policy shall have to be inforce at the time of accident irrespective of whether or not it is inforce at the time of death.

LIC's Accident Benefit Rider shall not acquire any paid-up value and the Rider benefit will cease to apply, if policy is in lapsed condition.

Beyond the specific details as mentioned in this Circular in respect of this Rider, any additional details like requirements of claim etc., may be referred from the Rider Circular Ref: CO/PD/36 dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 and CO/PD/102 dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

# **Eligibility conditions and restrictions:**

a) Minimum Entry Age

: 18 years (completed)

b) Maximum Entry Age

: The cover can be opted for at inception or at any policy anniversary thereafter, provided the outstanding Premium Paying Term under the Base Policy is at least 5 years.

c) Rider Term

: Outstanding premium paying term of the Base Plan

- d) Minimum Accident Benefit Sum Assured: Rs. 20,000/-
- e) Maximum Accident Benefit Sum Assured: An amount equal to the Basic Sum Assured under the Base Plan subject to the maximum of Rs.100 lakhs overall limit taking all existing policies (excluding additional limit of Rs 100 lakhs under policies taken under LIC's Jeevan Shiromani) of the Life Assured under individual as well as group policies including policies with inbuilt accident benefit taken with Life Insurance Corporation of India and the Accident Benefit Sum Assured under the new proposal into consideration. Even considering the additional Accident Benefit Sum Assured limit of Rs. 100 lakhs above this, allowed under LIC's Jeevan Shiromani only, the maximum Accident Benefit cover offered to an individual in any case including the policies taken under LIC's Jeevan Shiromani will not exceed Rs. 200 lakh.

The Accident Benefit Sum Assured shall be in multiples of Rs. 5,000/- only.

Note :The overall limit of Accident Benefit Sum Assured shall be inclusive of Sum Assured under all the Accident Benefit Riders i.e. the LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider, LIC's Accident Benefit Rider and LIC's Linked Accidental Death Benefit Rider.

## iii) LIC's New Term Assurance Rider (UIN 512B210V01):

LIC's New Term Assurance Rider is available as an optional Rider at the inception of the policy by payment of additional premium. The additional premium for this Rider will need to be paid along with the premium of the Base Plan and any other Rider(s), if opted for, during the Premium Paying Term of the policy. The benefit cover under this Rider shall be available during the Policy Term.

If this benefit is opted for, an amount equal to Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured shall be payable on death of the Life Assured during the Policy Term, provided the Rider cover is inforce.

LIC's New Term Assurance Rider shall not acquire any paid-up value and the Rider benefit will cease to apply, if policy is in lapsed condition.

Beyond the specific details as mentioned in this Circular in respect of this Rider, any additional details like refund to be made in respect of this Rider on surrender of Base Plan etc., may be referred from the Rider Circular Ref: CO/PD/59 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014.

#### **Eligibility conditions and restrictions:**

a) Minimum Entry Age

: 18 years (completed)

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b) Maximum Entry Age

: Same as Base Plan

c) Policy Term/PPT

: Same as Base Plan

d) Minimum Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured: Rs. 1,00,000/-

e) Maximum Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured: An amount equal to Basic Sum Assured under the Base Plan subject to the maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs overall limit taking all Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured under all existing policies of the Life Assured including the new proposal into consideration.

The Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured shall be in multiples of Rs. 5,000/- only.

# iv) LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider (UIN 512A212V01):

LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider is available at the inception of the policy on payment of additional premium. The additional premium for this Rider will need to be paid along with the premium of the Base Plan and any other Rider(s), if opted for, during the Premium Paying Term of the policy. The cover under this Rider shall be available during the Policy Term.

If this Rider is opted for, on first diagnosis of any one of the 15 Critical Illnesses covered under this Rider, the Critical Illness Sum Assured shall be payable subject to the conditions specified in the Rider Circular Ref: CO/PD/90 dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider shall not acquire any paid-up value and the Rider benefit will cease to apply, if policy is in lapsed condition.

Beyond the specific details as mentioned in this Circular in respect of this Rider, additional details like refund to be made in respect of this Rider on surrender of Base Plan etc., may be referred from the Rider Circular Ref: CO/PD/90 dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

## **Eligibility conditions and restrictions:**

a) Minimum Entry Age

: 18 years (last birthday)

b) Maximum Entry Age

: Same as Base Plan

c) Policy Term/PPT

: Same as Base Plan

d) Minimum Critical Illness Sum Assured

: Rs. 1,00,000/-

e) Maximum Critical Illness Sum Assured : An amount equal to Basic Sum Assured under the Base Plan subject to the maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs overall limit taking all existing policies of the Life Assured under this Rider and the Critical Illness Sum Assured under the new proposal into consideration.

Age at entry for the Policyholder is to be taken as age last birthday.

The Critical Illness Sum Assured shall be in multiples of Rs 1,00,000/- only.

# v) LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider (UIN: 512B204V03)

LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider shall be allowed under a proposal / policy wherein the Life Assured is minor (i.e. upto age 17 years (nbd)) at the time of opting this Rider.

This Rider is allowed on the life of eligible Proposer on payment of additional premium. This Rider can be opted for at any time during the Premium Paying Term of the Base policy (ie. on the Policy Anniversary coinciding with or the next Policy Anniversary following the date of acceptance of application) provided the outstanding Premium Paying Term of the Base policy and the Rider is at least 5 years. However, in any case the Rider Term shall be outstanding premium paying term of Base Policy as on date of opting this rider or (25 minus age of the minor Life Assured at the time of the opting the Rider), whichever is lower.

# On death of Proposer of Base Policy:

If this Rider is opted for, on death of Proposer of the Base Policy (on whose life this Rider has been opted for) during the Rider Term, premiums payable in respect of Base Policy, falling due on and after the date of death till the expiry of Rider Term, shall be waived.

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If any other Rider(s) is(are) also attached with the Base Policy, the premiums in respect of such Rider(s) shall not waived and hence shall continue to be paid as per respective Rider conditions.

Further, if Premium Paying Term of the Base Policy exceeds the Rider Term, all the premiums due under the Base Policy from the date of expiry of this Premium Waiver Benefit Rider shall be payable by the Life Assured as per the terms and conditions of the Base Policy.

The additional premium charged in respect of PWB Rider shall not be taken into account in arriving at the amount to be refunded in calculating the surrender value of the policy.

The medical report and special reports, if required, at proposal stage or on revival, shall be at the proposer's own expense from the Corporation's appointed Medical Examiner.

LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider shall not acquire any paid-up value and the Rider benefit will cease to apply, if policy is in lapsed condition.

Beyond the specific details as mentioned in this Circular in respect of this Rider, additional details like refund during free look period, policy stamping etc., may be referred from the Rider Circular Ref: CO/PD/127 dated 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.

# Eligibility conditions and restrictions:

a) Minimum Entry Age

: [18] years (completed)

b) Maximum Entry Age

: [55] years (Nearer Birthday)

c) Policy Term / Rider Term

: Outstanding Premium Paying Term of the Base Plan as on the date of opting this Rider or (25 minus age of minor as on the date of opting this Rider), whichever is lower, subject to the minimum outstanding Rider term of 5 years. The date of opting i.e. Date of Commencement of this Rider shall be

- Date of Commencement of Base Policy, if Rider is opted for at inception; or
- Policy anniversary coinciding with or next policy anniversary, following the date of acceptance of application, if Rider is opted for at the later stage as an alteration
- d) Maximum cover ceasing age :[70] years (Nearer Birthday)

(i.e. if the age of the Proposer plus Rider term exceeds 70 years then the Rider shall not be allowed)

Age at entry for the proposer is to be taken as age nearer birthday except for the minimum age at entry i.e. 18 years.

Note: The premium under LIC's Accident Benefit Rider or LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider and LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider shall not exceed 100% of premium under the base product, the premiums under all other life insurance riders put together shall not exceed 30% of premiums under the base product. Any benefit arising under each of the riders shall not exceed the Sum Assured under Base product.

## 7. OPTION AVAILABLE UNDER THE BASE PLAN:

## i) Option to defer the Survival Benefit(s):

The policyholder shall have an option to defer the Survival Benefit(s) and take the increased Survival Benefits (i.e. deferred original Survival Benefit(s) along with interest) at any time on or after its due date but during the currency of the policy. If the increased survival benefit(s) are not taken by the policyholder during the currency of the policy the same shall be payable

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along with benefit payable at the time of termination of the policy in form of death or maturity or surrender. This option can be availed under an inforce as well as paid-up policy.

The annual compound interest rate payable on each deferred survival benefit shall be at the rate as applicable on the due date of survival benefit as specified by the Corporation. This rate shall be fixed for the entire duration of deferment of that survival benefit.

This option can be exercised for either or both of the Survival Benefits separately and is to be intimated in writing to the servicing Branch Office of the Corporation at least six months before the due date of the Survival Benefit. Else the survival benefits would be paid on their due dates as per the terms of the policy.

Any further instructions including applicable interest rates would be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

# ii) Settlement Option (for Maturity Benefit):

Settlement Option is an option to receive Maturity Benefit in instalments over the chosen period of 5 or 10 or 15 years instead of lumpsum amount under an inforce as well as Paidup policy. This option can be exercised by the Policyholder during minority of the Life Assured or by the Life Assured, for full or part of the Maturity proceeds payable under the policy. The amount opted by the Policyholder/Life Assured (i.e. net claim amount including the payment for deferred Survival Benefit(s), if any) can be either in absolute value or as a percentage of the total claim proceeds payable.

The instalments shall be paid in advance at yearly or half-yearly or quarterly or monthly intervals, as opted for, subject to minimum instalment amount for different modes of payments being as under:

Mode of Instalment payment	Minimum instalment amount	
Monthly	Rs. 5,000/-	
Quarterly	Rs. 15,000/-	
Half-Yearly	Rs. 25,000/-	
Yearly	Rs. 50,000/-	

If the net claim amount is less than the required amount to provide the minimum instalment amount as per the option exercised by the Life Assured, the claim proceeds shall be paid in lumpsum only.

The interest rates applicable for arriving at the instalment payments under Settlement Option shall be as fixed by the Corporation from time to time.

<u>For exercising the settlement option against Maturity Benefit</u>, the Life Assured shall be required to exercise option for payment of net claim amount in instalments at least 3 months before the due date of maturity claim.

# After the commencement of Instalment payments under Settlement Option against Maturity Benefit:

- If a Life Assured, who has exercised Settlement Option against Maturity Benefit, desires
  to withdraw this option and commute the outstanding instalments the same shall be
  allowed on receipt of written request from the Life Assured. In such case, the lumpsum
  amount, which is higher of the following shall be paid and the policy shall terminate:
  - discounted value of all the future instalments due; or
  - (the original amount for which settlement option was exercised) **less** (sum of total instalments already paid).
- The interest rates applicable for discounting the future instalment payments shall be as fixed by the Corporation from time to time.
- After the Date of Maturity, in case of death of the Life Assured, who has exercised Settlement Option, the outstanding instalments will continue to be paid to the nominee as per the option exercised by the Life Assured and no alteration whatsoever shall be allowed to be made by the nominee.

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Any further instructions including applicable interest rates would be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

# iii) Option to take Death Benefit in Instalments:

This is an option to receive Death Benefit in instalments over the chosen period of 5 or 10 or 15 years instead of lumpsum amount under an in-force as well as paid-up policy. This option can be exercised by the Policyholder during minority of the Life Assured or by Life Assured aged 18 years and above, during his/her life time; for full or part of Death benefits payable under the policy. The amount opted by the Policyholder/Life Assured (ie. Net Claim Amount including the payment for deferred Survival Benefits, if any) can be either in absolute value or as a percentage of the total claim proceeds payable.

The instalments shall be paid in advance at yearly or half-yearly or quarterly or monthly intervals, as opted for, subject to minimum instalment amount for different modes of payments being as under:

Mode of Instalment payment	Minimum instalment amount	
Monthly	Rs. 5,000/-	
Quarterly	Rs. 15,000/-	
Half-Yearly	Rs. 25,000/-	
Yearly	Rs. 50,000/-	

If the Net Claim Amount is less than the required amount to provide the minimum instalment amount as per the option exercised by the Policyholder/Life assured, the claim proceeds shall be paid in lumpsum only.

The interest rates applicable for arriving at the instalment payments under this option shall be as fixed by the Corporation from time to time.

For exercising option to take Death Benefit in instalments, the Policyholder during minority of the Life Assured or the Life Assured, if major, can exercise this option during his/her lifetime while in currency of the policy, specifying the period of Instalment payment and net claim amount for which the option is to be exercised. The death claim amount shall then be paid to the nominee as per the option exercised by the Policyholder/Life Assured and no alteration whatsoever shall be allowed to be made by the nominee.

Any further instructions including applicable interest rates shall be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

## 8. MODE OF PREMIUM PAYMENT:

The modes of premium payment allowable are Yearly, Half Yearly, Quarterly, and Monthly (through NACH only) or through salary deductions (SSS).

#### 9. PREMIUM RATES:

The tabular premium rates and Class – I extra premium rates in respect of Base Plan as well as available Riders are enclosed and tabulated below-

Annexure	Particulars
Annexure 1	Tabular Premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Basic Sum Assured for <b>Base Plan</b>
Annexure 2	Class- I Extra premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Basic Sum Assured for Base Plan
Annexure 3	Tabular Premium rates per Rs. 1000/- AB Sum Assured for LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider Category I & II
Annexure 4	Tabular Premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured for LIC's New Term Assurance Rider

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Annexure 5	Class- I Extra premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Term Assurance Rider Sum Assured for LIC's New Term Assurance Rider
Annexure 6	Tabular Premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Critical Illness Sum Assured for LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider
Annexure 7	Class- I Extra premium rates per Rs. 1000/- Critical Illness Sum Assured for LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider
Annexure 8	Tabular Premium rates per Rs. 100/- Base Plan Premium for LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider
Annexure 9	Class- I Extra premium rates per Rs. 100/- Base Plan Premium for LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider

The premium rate for LIC's Accident Benefit Rider is as under:

- i. Rs. 0.50 per thousand Accident Benefit Sum Assured irrespective of age.
- ii. Rs. 1.00 per thousand Accident Benefit Sum Assured, if the Life Assured is engaged in police duty in any police organization other than paramilitary forces and opts for this cover while engaged in police duty.

The above premium rates are exclusive of taxes.

# 10. GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF PREMIUM:

A grace period of 30 days will be allowed for payment of yearly or half-yearly or quarterly premiums and 15 days for monthly mode of premium payment. If premium is not paid before the expiry of the days of grace, the Policy lapses.

The above grace period will also apply to Rider premiums, if opted, as the Rider premiums are to be paid along with premium for Base Plan.

If the death of the Life Assured occurs within the grace period but before the payment of premium then due, the policy will be treated as inforce and the benefits will be paid after deduction of the said unpaid premium and also the balance premium(s) falling due before the next policy anniversary.

In case of death of Life Assured under an inforce policy wherein all the premiums due till the date of death have been paid and where the mode of payment of premium is other than yearly, balance premium(s), if any, falling due from date of death and before the next policy anniversary shall be deducted from the claim amount.

# 11. REBATES:

The rebates for Base Plan are as under:

#### Mode Rebate:

Mode Percentage

Yearly mode : 2% of tabular premium Half-vearly mode : 1% of tabular premium

Quarterly, monthly & SSS mode: NIL

# **High Basic Sum Assured Rebate:**

Basic Sum Assured (BSA) Rebate on tabular premium (Rs.)

10,00,000 to 19,00,000

Nil 20,00,000 to 49,00,000 0.30 % BSA 50,00,000 and above 0.50 % BSA

## Rebate under Corporation's Insurance Scheme (CIS):

Proposals completed under Corporation's Insurance Scheme (CIS) with regard to employees of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries/Step Down Subsidiaries/Associate Companies, as per the prevailing policy of the Corporation in this regard at the time of completion, shall be eligible for CIS rebate on tabular premium for base plan as well as the

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rider(s) premium, if opted for, at the following rates, provided policy is not taken through any intermediary such as Agent/ Corporate Agent/ Broker/ Insurance Marketing Firms etc.

Premium Paying Term	CIS rebate	
10, 12 and 14 years	5%	
16 year	10%	

Instructions in this regard, as applicable from time to time, shall be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

# 12. COMMISSION PAYABLE TO INTERMEDIARIES & CREDIT TO DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS:

a) Commission payable to Agents, Corporate Agents, Brokers and Insurance Marketing Firms (as percentage of premium excluding taxes, if any) during the premium paying term are as under:

<u>PPT</u>	1st Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4th Year to one year before PPT	Last year of PPT
10, 12 and 14 years	20%	7.5%	5%	7.5%
16 years	25%	7.5%	5%	7.5%

Bonus Commission: 40% of 1st year commission.

**b) Development Officer's Credit (D.O. Credit):** Credit (as a % of the first year premium net of taxes) are as under:

Premium Paying Term	Credit
10,12 and 14 years	60%
16 years	100%

#### 13. PAID-UP VALUE:

If, after atleast two full years' premium have been paid and any subsequent premiums be not duly paid, this policy shall not be wholly void, but shall subsist as a paid-up policy.

The Sum Assured on Death under the paid-up policy shall be reduced to such a sum, called Death Paid-up Sum Assured and shall be equal to Sum Assured on Death multiplied by the ratio of the total period for which premiums have already been paid bears to the maximum period for which premiums were originally payable. In addition to the Death Paid-up Sum Assured the Guaranteed Additions accrued upto the date of First Unpaid Premium along with Loyalty Addition, if any, shall also be payable on death.

The **Sum Assured on Maturity** under the paid-up policy shall be reduced to such a sum, called **Maturity Paid-up Sum Assured** and shall be equal to **Sum Assured on Maturity** *multiplied by* the *ratio of* the total period for which premiums have already been paid *bears to* the maximum period for which premiums were originally payable. In addition to the Maturity Paid-up Sum Assured, the Guaranteed Additions accrued upto the date of First Unpaid Premium along with Loyalty Addition, if any, shall also be payable on maturity.

The survival benefits payable under a paid-up policy shall be equal to (survival benefit payable under inforce policy) \* (Total period for which premiums have already been paid / the maximum period for which premiums were originally payable) and shall be payable on Life Assured surviving to each of the specified duration during the policy term.

However, if the option to defer the Survival Benefit(s) has been exercised and payment of such Survival Benefit(s) which were due but have not yet been made, these increased Survival Benefit(s) as mentioned in **Para 7(i)** shall be payable along with the benefit payable on termination of the policy in form of death or maturity or surrender.

Under a Paid-up policy, Loyalty Addition, if any, shall be payable for the completed policy years for which the policy was inforce, provided the premiums have been paid for atleast 5 full years and after completion of 5 policy years. This Loyalty Addition shall correspond to the completed policy years as on the date of first unpaid premiums.

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The accrued Guaranteed Additions under a paid-up policy shall include the Guaranteed Addition for the policy year during which the policy becomes paid-up on proportionate basis in proportion to the premium received for that year.

In case the premiums are not duly paid, the policy shall cease to participate in future profits irrespective of whether or not the policy has acquired paid up value.

Notwithstanding what is stated above, if atleast 3 full years' premiums have been paid in respect of this policy, and any subsequent premium be not duly paid, in the event of the death of the Life Assured within six months from the due date of first unpaid premium, "Sum Assured on Death" along with accrued Guaranteed Additions will be paid after deduction of (a) unpaid premium(s) for the base policy with interest thereon upto the date of death on the same terms as for revival of the Policy during such period, and (b) the balance premium(s) for the base policy falling due from the date of death and before the next Policy anniversary. This provision shall not apply in case of death due to suicide.

Notwithstanding what is stated above, if at least 5 full years' premiums have been paid in respect of this policy, and any subsequent premium be not duly paid, in the event of death of the Life Assured within 12 months from the first unpaid premium, "Sum Assured on Death" along with accrued Guaranteed Additions and Loyalty Addition, if any, will be paid after deduction of (a) unpaid premium(s) for the base policy with interest thereon upto the date of death on the same terms as for revival of the Policy during such period, and (b) the balance premium(s) for the base policy falling due from the date of death and before the next Policy anniversary. This provision shall not apply in case of death due to suicide.

All the above mentioned Paid-up value provisions do not apply to Rider(s) as Rider(s) do not acquire any paid up value. The riders cease to apply, if the policy is in lapsed condition.

#### 14. SURRENDER VALUE:

The policy can be surrendered at any time during the policy term provided atleast two full year's premium have been paid. On surrender of the policy, the Corporation shall pay the Surrender Value equal to higher of Guaranteed Surrender Value and Special Surrender Value.

# **Guaranteed Surrender Value:**

The Guaranteed Surrender Value payable during the policy term shall be equal to the total premiums paid multiplied by the <u>Guaranteed Surrender Value factor applicable to total premiums paid</u> *less* any survival benefits already due and payable under the policy. Premiums referred above shall not include any taxes, extra and rider premiums, if any.

The Guaranteed Surrender Value factors applicable to total premiums paid will depend on the policy term and policy year in which the policy is surrendered and are enclosed as **Annexure 10**.

In addition, surrender value of accrued Guaranteed Additions, shall also be payable, which is equal to the accrued Guaranteed Additions *multiplied by* <u>Guaranteed Surrender Value factor applicable to accrued Guaranteed Additions</u>. The Guaranteed Surrender Value factors applicable to accrued Guaranteed Additions will depend on the policy term and policy year in which the policy is surrendered and are enclosed as **Annexure 11**.

# **Special Surrender Value:**

The Special Surrender Value (SSV) will be the Special Surrender Value factor *multiplied by* [(Basic Sum Assured) x (Total period for which premiums have already been paid / the maximum period for which premiums were originally payable) + accrued Guaranteed Additions] *plus* Loyalty Addition, if any, *less* any survival benefits already due and payable under the policy.

These Special Surrender Value factors shall depend on the policy term and the duration elapsed as on date of surrender since commencement of the policy. The Special Surrender Value factors are enclosed as **Annexure 12**.

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Further, if a policy is surrendered during the last policy year the surrender value payable shall be the discounted value of maturity claim.

Where the maturity claim shall be as under:

- In case of inforce policy: Sum Assured on Maturity along with accrued Guaranteed Additions and Loyalty Addition, if any. Loyalty Addition, if any, shall be corresponding to the full term of the policy.
- In case of paid-up policy: Maturity Paid-up Sum Assured as mentioned in Para 13 above and accrued Guaranteed Additions.

In case of Paid-up policy, in addition to discounted value of maturity claim, Loyalty Addition, if any, corresponding to the completed policy years as on the date of first unpaid premiums shall be payable.

Instructions regarding discounting of maturity claim alongwith applicable interest rate shall be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

The accrued Guaranteed Additions shall include Guaranteed Addition for the policy year in which the last premium is received on proportionate basis in proportion to the premium received for that year.

In addition to the payable Surrender Value, if the option to defer the Survival Benefit(s) has been exercised and payment of such Survival Benefit(s) which were due but have not yet been made, these increased Survival Benefit(s) as mentioned in **Para 7(i)** above, shall also be paid.

LIC's Accidental Death and Disability Benefit Rider, LIC's New Term Assurance Rider and LIC's New Critical Illness Benefit Rider will not acquire any surrender value. However, refund of additional rider premiums charged in respect of cover after premium paying term shall be refunded in respect of these riders and shall be as prescribed in their respective introductory circulars.

#### 15. REVIVALS:

If the premium is not paid within the days of grace, the policy lapses. The lapsed policy may be revived during the lifetime of the Life Assured, but within a period of 5 consecutive years from the date of first unpaid premium and before the date of maturity, as the case may be. The revival shall be effected on payment of all the arrears of premium(s) together with interest (compounding half yearly) at such rate as may be fixed by the Corporation from time to time and on satisfaction of Continued Insurability of the Life Assured and/or Proposer (if LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider is opted for) on the basis of information, documents and reports that are already available and any additional information in this regard if and as may be required in accordance with the Underwriting Policy of the Corporation at the time of revival, being furnished by the Policyholder/Life Assured/Proposer.

The Corporation, however, reserves the right to accept at original terms, accept at modified terms or decline the revival of a discontinued policy. The revival of discontinued policy shall take effect only after the same is approved, accepted and revival receipt is issued by the Corporation.

If the revival period falls beyond the premium paying term and the policy is revived after the due date of survival benefit, then the difference between full Survival Benefit payable under inforce policy and Survival Benefit already paid considering paid-up policy shall be paid to the policyholder.

Revival of Rider(s), if opted for, will be considered only along with revival of the Base Policy, and not in isolation.

Instructions regarding the applicable interest rate shall be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

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#### 16. ALTERATIONS:

The following alterations shall be allowed:

- Any change not involving change in Base premium rates and corresponding benefit
- Reduction in Term of the policy subject to restrictions as per Para 2(c) above
- Inclusion of LIC's Accidental Death & Disability Benefit Rider / LIC's Accident Benefit Rider and/or LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider.

Condition regarding alternation shall be as per instructions issued by CRM department from time to time.

## 17. LOAN:

Loan facility is available under this plan, after payment of premiums for at least two full years, subject to following conditions:

- a) The maximum loan that can be granted as a percentage of surrender value are as under:
  - For inforce policies upto 90%
  - For paid-up policies upto 80%
- b) The rate of interest to be charged for the loan amount would be determined from time to time by the Corporation.
- c) The loan during the minority of Life Assured can be availed by the proposer provided the loan is raised for the benefit of the minor Life Assured.
- d) In the event of default in payment of loan interest on the due dates and when the outstanding loan amount along with interest is to exceed the surrender value, the Corporation would be entitled to foreclose such policies. Such policies when being foreclosed shall be entitled to payment of the difference of surrender value and the outstanding loan amount along with interest, if any.
- e) In case the policy shall mature or become due for survival benefits or surrendered or becomes a claim by death, the amount of outstanding Loan together with all interest shall be recovered from the claim benefit payment.

Further conditions regarding loan shall be as per instructions issued by CRM department from time to time.

Instructions regarding the applicable interest rate shall be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office.

#### 18. TERMINATION OF POLICY:

The policy shall immediately and automatically terminate on the earliest occurrence of any of the following events:

- a) The date on which lumpsum death benefit/final instalment of death benefit is paid; or
- b) The date on which surrender benefits are settled under the policy; or
- c) The date of maturity if settlement option is not exercised; or
- d) On payment of final instalments under Settlement Option; or
- e) In the event of default in payment of loan interest as specified in Para 17(d); or
- f) On expiry of Revival Period if the policy, which has not acquired paid up status, has not been revived within the revival period; or
- g) On payment of free look cancellation amount; or
- h) In the event of forfeiture as specified in Para 21 below.

# 19. UNDERWRITING, AGE PROOF AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

NB & R department will issue instructions in this regard.

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#### 20. SUICIDE CLAUSE:

Notwithstanding the provision of benefits payable on death mentioned anywhere in this Circular, the provisions related to claim payment in case of death due to Suicide shall be subject to the conditions as specified herein under:

- If the Life Assured (whether sane or insane) commits suicide at any time within 12 months
  from the date of commencement of risk, the Corporation will not entertain any claim under
  this policy except for 80% of the total premiums paid excluding any taxes, extra premium
  and Rider premiums other than term assurance rider, if any, provided the policy is in-force.
- II. If the Life Assured (whether sane or insane) commits suicide within 12 months from date of revival, an amount which is higher of 80% of the total premiums paid (excluding any taxes, extra premium and Rider premiums other than term assurance rider, if any) till the date of death or surrender value available as on date of death shall be payable. The Corporation will not entertain any other claim under this policy.

This clause shall not be applicable for a policy lapsed without acquiring paid up value and nothing shall be payable under such policy.

The relaxation (claim concession) mentioned above under Paid-up Value provisions (Para.13) shall not be applicable in case of death due to suicide.

# 21. FORFEITURE IN CERTAIN EVENTS:

In case it is found that any untrue or incorrect statement is contained in the proposal, personal statement, declaration and connected documents or any material information is withheld, then and in every such case the policy shall be void and all claims to any benefit by virtue thereof shall be subject to the provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

#### 22. TAXES:

Statutory Taxes, if any, imposed on such insurance plans by the Government of India or any other constitutional tax Authority of India shall be as per the Tax laws and the rate of tax as applicable from time to time.

The amount of applicable taxes as per the prevailing rates, shall be payable by the policyholder on premiums (for base policy and Rider(s), if any) including extra premiums, which shall be collected separately over and above in addition to the premiums payable by the policyholder. The amount of tax paid shall not be considered for the calculation of benefits payable under the plan.

The instructions regarding issues related to taxes will be issued by Finance & Accounts Department, Central office, separately, as applicable from time to time.

## 23. FREE LOOK PERIOD:

If a Policyholder is not satisfied with the "Terms and Conditions" of the policy, he/she may return the policy to the Corporation stating the reasons of objections, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the policy.

The refund of premium to the Policyholder shall be subject to following deductions:

- 1. Stamp duty on policy;
- 2. Actual cost of medical examination and special reports, if any;
- 3. Proportionate risk premium (in respect of Base policy and Rider, if opted for) for the period of cover as per C.O. Circular Ref: CO/ PD/ 39 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 and Circular Ref: CO/ PD/ 90 dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

#### 24. BACK-DATING INTEREST:

The policies can be dated back within the same financial year. Back-dating interest as applicable at the time of completion of the policy (at the rate as fixed by the Corporation from

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time to time) will be charged for the period in excess of one month. However, if the policy is back dated to lean months, viz. April, May, July & August, interest is to be charged for period in excess of three months. The period upto 14 days is to be ignored and 15 days or more is to be rounded to a month for this calculation.

Any further instructions shall be issued by Actuarial Department, Central Office, as applicable from time to time.

# 25. POLICY STAMPING:

For Base Plan, policy stamping charges will be at the rate by 20 paise per thousand of **Sum Assured on Death.** 

For Rider, policy stamping charges will be at the rate of 20 paise per thousand Rider Sum Assured, if opted for.

Any updates in this regard shall be issued by Legal Department, Central Office.

## 26. REINSURANCE:

Normal procedure for Reinsurance shall apply as per applicable Reinsurance Treaty.

# 27. ASSIGNMENTS/NOMINATIONS:

- a) Assignments: Assignment is allowed under this plan as per Section 38 of Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.
  The notice of assignment should be submitted for registration to the office of the Corporation, where the policy is serviced.
- b) Nominations: Nomination by the holder of a policy of life assurance on his/her own life is required as per Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The notice of nomination or change of nomination should be submitted for registration to any Branch/Satellite office of the Corporation. In registering nomination the Corporation does not accept any responsibility or express any opinion as to its validity or legal effect.

# 28. NORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIM:

a) Death Claim: The normal documents which the claimant shall submit while lodging the claim in case of death of the Life Assured or proposer (applicable if LIC's Premium Waiver Benefit Rider is opted for) shall be claim forms, as prescribed by the Corporation, accompanied with original policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account, proof of title, proof of death, medical treatment prior to the death (if any), school/college/employer's certificate, whichever is applicable, to the satisfaction of the Corporation. If the age is not admitted under the policy, the proof of age of the Life assured shall also be submitted.

Within 90 days from the date of death, intimation of death along with death certificate must be notified in writing to the office of the Corporation where the policy is serviced for any claim to be admissible. However delay in intimation of the genuine claim by the claimant, if any, may be condoned by the Corporation on merit and where delay is proved to be for reasons beyond his/her control.

- b) <u>Survival Benefit / Maturity / Surrender Claim</u>: In case of survival benefit /maturity/surrender of the policy, the Life Assured/Proposer shall submit the discharge form along with the original policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account besides proof of age, if the age is not admitted earlier.
- c) <u>Claim under Rider(s)</u>: In case of claim under Rider(s), the respective rider circular may be referred to.

In addition to above, any requirement mandated under any statutory provision or as may be

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required as per law or any instructions issued by CRM department in this regard shall also be required to be submitted.

# 29. ACCOUNTING OF INCOME AND OUTGO:

Instructions regarding the accounting procedure to be followed under the plan shall be issued separately by Finance & Accounts Department, Central office.

# 30. PROPOSAL FORM:

Proposal Form No. 300, 340 & 360 as issued by NB&R Department shall be used under this plan.

# 31. POLICY DOCUMENT AND SALES BROCHURE:

The specimen Policy Document and Sales Brochure will be sent by the Corporate Communications Department, Central Office.

This Circular has to be read in conjunction with the Policy Document and Sales Brochure.

## 32. DISCLOSURES:

At the time of sale, a customized Benefit Illustration shall be provided to the prospective Policyholder. Such Benefit Illustration shall be signed by both the prospective policyholder and intermediary and shall form part of the policy document.

Suitability information to be collected, including recommendations to be made, shall be a part of the policy records.

Separate instructions on the above shall be issued by Marketing Department, Central Office.

# 33. ADDRESS OF OMBUDSMAN:

At the stage of issuance of policy the address and contact details of the nearest Insurance Ombudsman is to be mentioned in the Policy Document. In case of any change in address by policyholder, the address and contact details of the nearest Insurance Ombudsman from the transferring in branch has to be informed to the policyholder along with confirmation of change in address.

Further instructions in this regard to be issued by CRM Department, Central office.

Executive Director (Marketing / Product Development / SBA)

Encl - Annexure 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

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