

6 key upgrades



1. We've upgraded our heart attack definition

We've upgraded our wording to align with the language customers will hear from their cardiologist. This means it's easier for you and your customers to know if they're covered.

We've also replicated the upgraded heart attack definition across covers to remove any confusion and improve consistency.



2. We've upgraded our cancer definition

We've upgraded our wording so that it's clear which cancers are covered. This includes extending the definition to include melanomas from 1 mm in size, and the addition of a new full payment definition for carcinoma in situ.

We've also made it easier to understand when and how customers will be paid in the event of a claim. This includes splitting partial cancer payments into separate definitions and aligning the payments.



3. We've upgraded pre-disability income treatment wording

Our pre-disability income treatment for Indemnity Income Protection is unique in the market – and we've upgraded the wording so it's easier for you and your customers to understand.



4. We've upgraded Trauma Multi wording

We've clarified our Trauma Multi wording to make it clear that we'll allow multiple claims for the same trauma condition where it is unrelated to their original claim.



5. We've upgraded our Special Events Benefit

We've upgraded our Special Events Benefit by applying the same events to all lump sum covers, making it easier for your customers to access.

We've also removed the one month notification requirement and extended the exercising period to include the policy anniversary. This reduces admin and means you can consider Special Events as part of your annual customer reviews.



6. We've added a new Terminal Illness Partial Benefit

Recognising that some conditions are considered terminal, yet still have a life expectancy of greater than 12 months, we have added a new Terminal Illness Partial Benefit. This allows for a partial payment to help affected customers enjoy a better quality of life than they might have otherwise expected.

WHY CHOOSE FIDELITY LIFE



Life UPGRADED

For more information contact your BDM or visit fidelitylife.co.nz/advisers/lifeupgraded (live from 28 May 2018).

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¹ Upgrades apply to Platinum Plus, Platinum Plus Level Term and Mortgage Protector issued from 28 May 2018, and to existing Platinum Plus, Platinum Plus Level Term, Mortgage Protector, Lumley and Protection plan policies sold on or after 1 April 2001, provided the customer was not suffering from a pre-existing condition from 28 May 2018.



LIFE UPGRADED

We've listened to your feedback and taken action. The result is 40+ upgrades across our product range, delivering improved clarity, consistency and outcomes for you and your customers.¹

CLARITY

We've upgraded our policy wordings, including cancer and heart attack definitions, to make them clearer to read and easier to understand.

CONSISTENCY

We've upgraded our definitions and benefits so, wherever possible, they're now consistent across different covers, making it easier for you to remember and explain to your customers.

OUTCOMES

We've upgraded our approach to your customers' significant life events, delivering them better outcomes.



Life upgraded in detail

ACROSS ALL COVERS

Policy wording upgrades	Simplification of process at time of claim for new policies issued from 28 May 2018.
Restructured policy wording	Improved structure of policy wording to improve clarity and where possible ensure consistency of benefits across covers.

LIFE ASSURANCE

Terminal illness partial benefit	Paid on diagnosis of one of the specified terminal illnesses.
Special events	Renaming of benefit and extension of timeframe for exercising increases along with increase in events. There are now no differences in the events under Platinum Plus, Platinum Plus Level Term and Mortgage Protector.

TRAUMA

	NEW Full Payment Definitions
Carcinoma in situ – with major treatment	Carcinoma in situ treated by removal of the entire organ or through chemotherapy/radiotherapy.
Peripheral neuropathy	Damage to nerves resulting in either at least 25% permanent impairment of whole person function or need for assistance with activities of daily living.
Severe diabetes	Suffering at least two of the listed severe complications as a result of diabetes.
Severe inflammatory bowel disease	Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis requiring either permanent immunosuppressive therapy or removal of the entire large bowel.

	NEW Partial Payment Definitions
Aneurysm	Cerebral aneurysm treated by the specified surgical procedures or an aortic aneurysm that has ruptured or is of a specific size.
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	Diagnosis of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia of Rai Stage 0.
Colostomy or ileostomy	Creation of a permanent non-reversible opening linking the colon or ileum to the external surface of the body.
Hydrocephalus	Insertion of a shunt to remove excess cerebrospinal fluid or pressure in the cranium.
Major burns	Third degree burns to at least 9% of the body, or 50% of either hand or combined over both hands.
Systemic lupus erythematosus	Diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus with evidence of lupus nephritis to the level set out in the policy.

	Enhanced Full Payment Definitions
Alzheimer's disease	Alignment in wording with other cognitive impairment definitions.
Angioplasty – triple vessel	Covers triple vessel angioplasty completed over more than one procedure within a two month period.
Aorta surgery	Addition of wording to make it clear that we cover minimally invasive surgery.
Benign brain tumour / benign spinal tumour	Extension to cover pituitary gland tumours that meet the requirements of the policy wording.
Cancer	Clarification of wording and extension to melanoma definition.
Cognitive impairment	Alignment in wording with other cognitive impairment definitions.
Dementia	Alignment in wording with other cognitive impairment definitions.
Heart attack	Aligning policy wording to current medical practices.
Heart valve surgery	Addition of wording to make it clear that we cover minimally invasive surgery.
Loss of sight in both eyes	Addition of measure to make it clear to a customer the level of vision loss required.
Major head trauma	Aligning policy wording to current medical practices.
Major organ transplant	Extension to cover live liver donors and remove the requirement for a human donor.
Muscular dystrophy	Removal of the impairment criteria and pay the full benefit on diagnosis.
Paralysis	Extension to cover for paralysis of one limb.
Parkinson's disease	Aligning policy wording to current medical terminology.

	Enhanced Partial Payment Definitions
Malignant melanoma diagnosis	Increase in partial payment to align with other partial cancer benefits.
	Enhancement to Buy Back Option
	Increase in entry age and expiry age.
	Enhancement to Special Events
	Renaming of benefit and extension of timeframe for exercising increases along with increase in events to align with Life Assurance. There are now no differences in the events under Platinum Plus, Platinum Plus Level Term and Mortgage Protector.

TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY

Cover after age 70	Extension in criteria for a claim after age 70.
NEW Waiver of Wait Period	Waiver of the 3 month wait period for total and permanent disability caused by one of the specified conditions.
Removal of Inactive Employment Restriction	Removal of the restriction that if a customer with Own Occupation TPD has been unemployed for more than 12 months, the definition changes to Any Occupation.
Enhancement to Special Events	Renaming of benefit and extension of timeframe for exercising increases along with increase in events to align with Life Assurance. There are now no differences in the events under Platinum Plus, Platinum Plus Level Term and Mortgage Protector.

INCOME PROTECTION

NEW Partial Disability Benefit calculation for Agreed Value	Choice of calculation method applying to claim – continue as agreed value calculation or move to an indemnity calculation.
NEW Reduction in Waiting Period Benefit	Allow the customer to reduce a long wait period without health evidence under certain circumstances. Formalising in policy wording some existing practice in underwriting as an inbuilt benefit.
Enhanced Future Insurability	Extension in timeframe for exercising benefit.
Enhanced Death Benefit	We will now pay the benefit for death at any stage.
Enhanced Rehabilitation Benefit	Enhancement including an increase in financial assistance which is paid once the customer returns to paid work.
Enhanced Specific Injury Benefit	Enhanced wording around fracture definition.
Enhanced Specified Medical Condition Benefit	Align wording with Trauma Definitions.

KEY PERSON

NEW 2 year Benefit Period	Addition of a new benefit period.
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