

# Income Security

Could you  
afford to  
live without  
your income?



# Your current lifestyle and plans for the future depend on your income.

You have studied hard, are working hard and have established yourself as an industry professional. You have created a lifestyle as a direct result of your endeavours – with more still to come. Your income enables your lifestyle and your ability to build wealth for the future. It is your most valuable asset – and you should protect it.

MAS Income Security provides this safeguard, ensuring you and your family can maintain a lifestyle in the event you cannot work due to sickness or injury.

## Insuring your income

MAS Income Security pays you a weekly benefit of up to 75% of your pre-disability income if you are unable to work due to sickness or injury.

This support will continue until you are able to return to work, or until the end of your selected benefit payment period, whichever happens first.

## Return to work with our support

We know your work is important to you and therefore you will want to get back to it as soon as you can. We will continue to support you financially during a gradual return to work.

# How much income cover do I need?

A professional's income is often complex. It can be earned through multiple sources, can fluctuate from year to year and can depend on other people's involvement. And not all of it may be at risk. MAS Advisers are skilled in understanding the different and often complex income structures and how to protect them efficiently. They can help you identify the correct amount of cover and structure a plan to best meet your needs using the Income Security features on the next page.

## Income Security features

### 1. Select the level of income to protect

Identify the level of income you would require if you were unable to work, considering your current and future obligations. You will need to consider any ongoing other sources of income which may be available to you if you were disabled. Income Security pays a weekly benefit based on 75% of your pre-disability income, less any ongoing and/or other income.

### 2. Select your benefit payment period

Your Income Security weekly payments are paid until you recover from your disability, or the end of the benefit period, whichever occurs first. We recommend you select a benefit payment period to provide benefits through to age 65. However, shorter benefit periods are available, such as one, two or five years, or to age 60.

### 3. Select your wait period

Your waiting period is the time between your total disablement and the number of days you have selected to wait until a benefit entitlement occurs. You can select a wait period of 15, 31, 46, 61, 91, 181 or 366 days. The longer the wait period, the lower your premium.

# Additional features

The following important features are included as part of your Income Security plan.

## **Parent leave benefit**

If your child becomes sick or is injured and you take unpaid leave to help support their care we can pay your weekly benefit for up to six months.

## **Income increase benefit**

You can apply to increase your weekly benefit, when your income increases, without the need for medical underwriting.

## **Recurrent disability**

If after recommencing work you suffer a relapse of the same condition within six months and go back on claim, we will waive your wait period. Your weekly benefit will start immediately.

If you become totally disabled within 12 months of being on a claim for a condition unrelated to your previous claim, we may also waive your wait period.

## **We pay your premiums if you are on claim**

You have enough to take care of if you are on claim. So when we pay your weekly benefit, we will take care of your Income Security premiums for you as well.

## **Hospitalisation benefit**

If you are hospitalised during the wait period for more than three consecutive days, we can help by paying you a hospitalisation benefit.

## **Rehabilitation and retraining benefit**

To help you return to work, we may provide assistance with rehabilitation and retraining costs.

## **Suspension of practising certificate**

If your profession's governing body suspends your practising certificate, a benefit may be payable.

## **Repatriation benefit**

If the insured person dies while traveling overseas we will pay \$10,000 to support the return of their body to New Zealand.

### **Inflation adjusted benefits**

If you are receiving an Income Security weekly benefit, we will automatically adjust the amount of your weekly benefit by the lesser of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5%.

### **Inflation adjusted cover**

We will offer you the option to increase the amount of your insured weekly benefit each year by the greater of 2% or the percentage change in the Consumers Price Index (CPI).

### **Suspension of premium and cover**

If you are planning time away from work for less than 12 months, such as a sabbatical or study leave, you can suspend your Income Security premiums and cover. Simply contact us to let us know when you will be away, and contact us again when you return to work to discuss restarting your cover.

### **Funeral benefit**

If you die while receiving a weekly benefit from your Income Security plan, we will pay a \$15,000 lump sum towards your funeral costs.

### **Cover extension benefit**

If you are not eligible to receive a Loss of income benefit or Business expenses benefit when you turn 65 you can continue your policy though to age 70. Special conditions will apply after age 65.

### **Tax deductible premiums**

Your Income Security premiums are tax deductible and your benefit payments are assessable for income tax. We recommend you talk to your professional tax adviser about your individual circumstances.

### **Guaranteed renewable cover**

If you decide to change jobs, suffer deteriorating health or claim under your Income Security plan, we cannot cancel or change your cover as a result.

### **Worldwide cover**

Your Income Security plan provides cover for you anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day.

# Covering your business expenses

If you are running your own business and are unable to work, you may not be able to meet your ongoing business expenses.

Income Security may also cover fixed overhead and continuing business expenses for up to one year while you are unable to work.

MAS Advisers are familiar with the business structures used in professional practices and can help you identify the correct levels of cover.

## Find out more

MAS's salaried Advisers are specialists in dealing with professional people's needs and can help you work out the best cover options to ensure financial security for you and your family.

To talk to one of our MAS Advisers today, phone us on 0800 800 627 or email [info@mas.co.nz](mailto:info@mas.co.nz).

*Important note: This brochure provides a general summary of the key features and benefits of Income Security. Full details of all policy terms and conditions are set out in the policy document.*