

## INSURANCE SPECIAL

Catholic Super in partnership with Tower Australia will bring greatly improved insurance benefits to members from 1 December 2008. In this issue of NOW we outline the main changes and offer you the opportunity to arrange a special briefing for you and your staff throughout November.

This chart compares our existing automatic Basic cover (which applies until 15 November 2008) and the improved default cover which will apply from that date.

Benefit	Existing Basic*	New Basic (from 15/11/08)
Death and Total & Permanent Disability (TPD)	2 units of cover	2 units of cover 43% higher Death and TPD benefit for unchanged cost
Income Protection	5 units with a 90 day waiting period and a 2 year benefit payment period	5 units of IP cover with a 60 day waiting period and 5 year benefit payment period Cost per unit increases of less than 80 cents per week Members can select up to 17 units of IP automatically subject to advising salary level

*\*Basic cover is the benefit automatically made available to members upon joining Catholic Super which does not require any evidence of health. Some conditions apply e.g. employment status.*

TPD and Income Protection cover will be available to all employees including temporary and casual staff who often find it difficult to obtain insurance. Previously this cover was limited to permanent employees. After 15 November, the only employment change you will have to tell us about is termination of an employee.

Current members who have default insurance cover with Catholic Super will be automatically upgraded to the new benefits. Current members without insurance cover will have an opportunity to take up the new arrangements.

Members retain the option to apply to increase cover subject to acceptance by the Insurer. They also have the option to decrease or stop their cover by informing us in writing.

The following table compares current Death and TPD cover with the new improved benefit, for the same premium cost.

### Death only and Death & TPD Benefit Scale (1 unit)

Age next birthday	Cover prior to 15 Nov 2008	Cover from 15 Nov 2008
16 – 35	\$70,000	\$100,500
36 – 40	\$60,000	\$86,100
41 – 45	\$45,000	\$64,600
46 – 50	\$30,000	\$43,100
51 – 57	\$20,000	\$28,700
58 – 60	\$15,000	\$21,500
61 – 63	\$10,000	\$14,400
64 – 65	\$5,000	\$7,200
66 – 70	Nil	\$5,600 (Death only)

## IMPROVEMENTS TO INCOME PROTECTION (IP) COVER

All employer sponsored members, permanent and casual, as well as members of Catholic Super's Personal Plan who are in employment, will be eligible for IP cover.

The default cover is up to 17 units. (1 unit = \$585 benefit per month.) Current members can take this opportunity to increase the number of units of cover they have, up to 85% of salary, without having to provide evidence of health. This offer is available until 1 December 2008. After that, underwriting will be required if existing members wish to increase cover.

The default waiting period has decreased from 90 days to 60 days and the benefit payment period has increased to 5 years. These changes do lead to an increase in costs which varies according to the member's age.

Current members who have IP cover will automatically be moved to this default IP arrangement at 15 November 2008.

Current members who do not have IP cover can take advantage of our special offer to take up the default option by 1 December 2008.

## NEW INCOME PROTECTION CHOICES

As well as the new default IP benefit described above, Catholic Super will offer a further 3 IP options with varying waiting periods and benefit payment periods. These give members a wider range of IP options within their super fund.

Current members can choose one of the following options instead of the above default option without underwriting if done by 1 December 2008, subject to being 'at work'. Each of these options incurs an additional cost.

- 30 day waiting period with a 5 year benefit payment period
- 30 day waiting period with a benefit payment period up to age 65
- 60 day waiting period with a benefit payment period up to age 65

Members can have IP cover without Death or TPD Cover.

I have outlined only the most basic changes here. We have also negotiated a number of other improvements with Tower.

All members are receiving details of their own current insurance cover with Catholic Super, an explanation of the changes that effect them and the special offers available before 1 December 2008. These are being sent in specially marked envelopes and we would appreciate your assistance in encouraging your staff to read them and take advantage of the opportunity to make sure their cover is adequate enough to bring them peace of mind.

## WORKPLACE INSURANCE BRIEFINGS

Insurance issues are quite complex. During the rest of October and November we would be happy to come to your school or workplace to brief staff on the changes so they can understand and take up our special offers by the 1 December deadline. A briefing session would take approximately 30 minutes.

If you wish to have a workplace insurance briefing please call 1300 550 273 or email [info@csf.com.au](mailto:info@csf.com.au) leaving your name and contact details.



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