



PPS Mutual Professionals Choice

PPS Mutual prides itself as unlike any other company in Australia, as they operate entirely on a mutual model and PPS Mutual products are only offered to a defined group of Australia's professionals. This means those who have insurance with PPS Mutual are Members of the company and they share in its ownership. PPS Mutual is based on a business model that has been hugely successful throughout the world and in South Africa since the 1940s – PPS South Africa is the country's biggest Mutual – and today is available to Australians.

Built-in Features

- **Profit Share:** PPS Mutual is a unique product in the market in that they are structured as a 'mutual' meaning members (i.e. you as a policyholder) share in the profits that the PPS Mutual product generates. Profits are assigned to a Profit-Share Account annually around the end of September. The amount of Profit-Share assigned to members is based on premiums paid in that year and their existing Profit-Share balance. The balance of the Profit-Share Account is partly available to Members after 10 years' of membership, with the full balance of the Profit-Share Account able to be accessed at the earliest of 20 years of membership or age 65. Find out more at their website: <https://www.ppsmutual.com.au/profit-share/>
- **Benefit Indexation:** With other insurers, indexation of your level of cover is normally linked to inflation. PPS Mutual instead will increase your benefits each year in line with professional salaries (based on increases in PPS Mutual's uniquely created Professionals Earnings Index) or CPI, whichever is greater, with a minimum increase of 3% for lump sum benefits (Life, TPD or Trauma). You can always decline the increase or take a smaller increase.
- **Future Insurability Benefit:** On specified occasions related to personal circumstances such as marriage or birth of a child, you may increase the sum insured within guidelines, without further assessment of health.
- **Premium Freeze Benefit:** Stepped premiums increase each year. This feature allows you to keep the cost of your insurance constant each year by decreasing your sum insured.
- **Suspending Insurance Benefit:** You can suspend your insurance upon request for up to 12 months (over the life of the insurance policy).
- **Product Enhancements:** PPS Mutual will enhance their products to reflect changes in society and medical enhancements. Where enhancements do not result in an increase to premium rates, they will automatically pass them onto you. If the enhancement does result in a premium increase, you will be given the option to apply for the enhancement with a related increase to your premium.



Life Insurance Built-in Features

Here are some of the built-in features that are specific to their Life Insurance cover:

- **Terminal Illness Benefit** which advances the sum insured if the Life Insured is diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- **Funeral Advancement Benefit** which advances some of your Death Benefit (before the full death claim has been assessed) to assist with funeral costs.
- **Accidental Injury Benefit** which advances some of your Death Benefit if you suffer an accidental injury which causes specified total and permanent loss of one or more of hand, foot or the sight in an eye.
- **Financial Plan Benefit** which reimburses you up to \$10,000 for the preparation of a financial plan following your death.

TPD Insurance Built-in Features

Here are some of the built-in features that are specific to their TPD Insurance cover:

- **Life Insurance Reinstatement after One Year Benefit** which means if you have claimed on your TPD Insurance that is linked to Life Insurance you can reinstate your Life Insurance one year from the time of claim.

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- **Waiver of the Three Month Waiting Period** which means PPS Mutual will waive the three month waiting period requirement of your TPD insurance if you suffer from one of the specified medical conditions.
- **Partial & Permanent Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will pay 25% of the TPD sum insured if you suffer partial loss of limbs or partial loss of sight
- **Financial Plan Benefit** which reimburses you up to \$10,000 for the preparation of a financial plan following your death.

Trauma Insurance Built-in Features

Here are some of the built-in features that are specific to their Trauma Insurance cover:

- **Life Insurance Reinstatement after One Year Benefit** which means you have claimed on your Trauma Insurance that is linked to Life Insurance you can reinstate your Life Insurance one year from the time of claim.
- **Partial Trauma Benefit** which pays a portion of your Trauma sum insured if you suffer from one of the defined partial trauma events.
- **Financial Plan Benefit** which reimburses you up to \$10,000 for the preparation of a financial plan following your death.



Income Protection Insurance Built-in Features

Here are some of the built-in features that are specific to their Income Protection Insurance cover:

- **Partial Disability** which pays a monthly benefit if you are Partially Disabled.
- **Death Benefit** which pays a benefit of 6 times your monthly sum insured as a lump sum if you die.
- **Future Increases Benefit** which means if your income increases, and you provide PPS Mutual with appropriate financial evidence, you may increase your sum insured by up to 15% each year without providing further medical evidence.
- **Premiums Waived while on Claim Benefit** which means whilst PPS Mutual is paying you an Income Protection benefit, they will waive all premiums.
- **Relapse Benefit** which means if you return to work on a full time basis after receiving a Total Disability or Partial Disability benefit and you suffer a relapse of the same or related illness or injury, the waiting period will be waived and the disability claim will be treated as a continuation of the original claim.

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- **Agreed Value Premium Saver Benefit** which means if you have an Agreed Value or Endorsed Agreed Value Income Protection Plan you will automatically receive a discount to the premium at the commencement of the Plan. If you then provide us with satisfactory financial evidence every 3 years, the discount will continue being applied.
- **Expiry Age Extension Benefit** which means if your Income Protection Insurance expires at age 65 you may request PPS Mutual to extend your insurance until age 70.
- **Waiting Period Reduction Benefit** which means if you have a 2 year waiting period and a benefit period to age 65 or 70, and you have an existing group income protection / salary continuance plan (GSC) with a 2 year benefit period, you can apply without medical evidence, to reduce your PPS Mutual Income Protection waiting period to 1 year, 180 days or 90 days, if cover under that GSC (inc any Continuation Option) terminates.
- **Career Break Benefit** which means if you take a break from full-time employment PPS Mutual will allow you to continue your insurance at a reduced sum insured, and then return your cover to the level you held before the break if you return to work within 5 years.
- **Caring for your Child Benefit** which pays a monthly benefit if you cease full-time employment to provide full-time care for your dependent child who is incapacitated.
- **Rehabilitation Return to Work Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will pay you a benefit in addition to any disability benefit if you participate in a vocational rehabilitation program

- **Rehabilitation Expenses Benefit** which means while you are Totally Disabled we will reimburse the costs of any equipment, vocational rehabilitation program or works which you may need to aid in your rehabilitation, in addition to any disability payments
- **Elective Surgery Benefit** which pays a monthly benefit if you are totally disabled or partially disabled and unable to work because you have had elective surgery performed on the advice of a doctor
- **Medical Professionals Benefit** which pays the monthly benefit if due to HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C status, you are required to cease performing exposure prone procedures.

Business Expenses Insurance Built-in Features

Here are some of the built-in features that are specific to their Business Expenses Insurance cover:

- **Total Disability** which pays a monthly benefit if you are Totally Disabled after the waiting period as a result of illness or injury for up to 12 months.
- **Partial Disability** which pays a monthly benefit if you are Partially Disabled after the waiting period as a result of illness or injury for up to 12 months.
- **Death Benefit** which pays a benefit of 6 times your monthly sum insured as a lump sum if you die.
- **Indexation for Professionals Benefit** which means your sum insured will automatically increase by the higher of the increase in the Professionals Earning Index, the increase in CPI or 0% each year.
- **Premiums Waived while on Claim Benefit** which means whilst PPS Mutual are paying you a monthly benefit, PPS Mutual will waive all premiums.
- **Relapse Benefit** which means if you return to work on a full time basis after receiving a Total or Partial Disability benefit and you suffer a relapse of the same or related illness or injury, the waiting period will be waived and the disability claim will be treated as a continuation of the original claim.
- **Future Increases Benefit** which means if your share of business expenses increases, and you provide us with appropriate financial evidence, you may increase your sum insured by up to 15% each year without providing further medical evidence.



Additional Features

Here are some of the additional features that can be added across their range of insurance products, which do come at an additional cost.

Life Insurance Only

- **Premium Waiver Option** which means if you meet the definition of Totally Disabled the premiums of the Plan will be waived.
- **Business Increases Option** which means you can increase your sum insured after specified business events without having to provide further medical, pastimes and occupational evidence.

TPD Insurance Only

- **Premium Waiver Option** which means if you meet the definition of Totally Disabled the premiums of the Plan will be waived.
- **Business Increases Option** which means you can increase your sum insured after specified business events without having to provide further medical, pastimes and occupational evidence.
- **Life Insurance Reinstatement after 14 days with Premiums Waived Option** which means if you have claimed on your TPD Insurance that is linked to Life Insurance PPS Mutual will reinstate your Life Insurance 14 days from the time of claim and we will waive the Life Insurance premiums until age 65.

Trauma Insurance Only

- **Premium Waiver Option** which means if you meet the definition of Totally Disabled the premiums of the Plan will be waived.
- **Business Increases Option** which means you can increase your sum insured after specified business events without having to provide further medical, pastimes and occupational evidence.
- **Life Insurance Reinstatement after 14 days with Premiums Waived Option** which means if you have claimed on your Trauma Insurance that is linked to Life Insurance PPS Mutual will reinstate your Life Insurance 14 days from the time of claim and we will waive the Life Insurance premiums until age 65.
- **Trauma Re-Instatement Option** which means after claiming a Trauma Benefit or a Partial Trauma Benefit PPS Mutual will allow you to reinstate your Trauma Insurance without the need to provide medical evidence

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- **Extras Package Options** is an optional package of additional benefits including:
 - **Specific Injuries Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will pay your monthly benefit for a specified period of time regardless of whether you are working or not, if you suffer any of the defined specified injuries.



- **Trauma Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will pay a monthly benefit for a 6 month period if you suffer any of the defined Trauma events regardless of whether you are working or not.
- **Bed Confinement Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will pay a benefit if you are Totally Disabled and confined to bed for at least 3 consecutive days during the waiting period.
- **Child Care Support Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will reimburse the monthly costs of child care fees incurred if you are Totally Disabled and as a result you require additional child care assistance that cannot be recovered from another source.
- **Home Care Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will pay you a benefit if you are Totally Disabled and totally dependent on a paid professional housekeeper for essential everyday home care.
- **Overseas Assistance Benefit** which means PPS Mutual will reimburse you the cost of an economy or a business class airfare to Australia if you become Totally Disabled for at least one month while outside Australia and you would like to return to Australia.
- **Family Support Benefit** which means if you are Totally Disabled at the end of the waiting period, and because of this disability you are completely dependent on an immediate family member for your care, we will pay a benefit as compensation for their loss of income from caring for you.
- **Day 1 Accident Option** which means PPS Mutual will pay a portion of your monthly benefit during the waiting period if you are Totally Disabled as a result of an accident.
- **Indexed Benefit while on Claim** which means for each year PPS Mutual pays you a monthly benefit, PPS Mutual will increase your monthly benefit in line with CPI to ensure your benefit keeps up with inflation.
- **Superannuation Contribution Option** which means you can insure 100% of the super contributions made by you or your employer in the 12 months preceding application, subject to a maximum of 15% of your regular income. PPS Mutual will pay a portion of your monthly benefit to your nominated complying Super Fund as a personal contribution whilst you are Totally Disabled or Partially Disabled.
- **TPD Commutation Option** which means you have the choice to take a lump sum in lieu of regular monthly payments if you have been paid at least 24 continuous months of Total Disability benefits and become Totally and Permanently Disabled by meeting the Any Occupation TPD definition.

For more information regarding PPS Mutual Professionals Choice, please refer to their Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Document dated 1 April 2020 and associated supplementary documents where relevant.



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