

Putting Members Interests First (PMIF)

What is PMIF?

The Putting Members' Interests First (PMIF) legislation affects the insurance cover provided by super funds.

Currently Club Plus Super provides automatic insurance cover for new members who join through an employer and have employer contributions paid to their account if they are aged between 15 and 69. This is Death (including Terminal Illness), Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD*) and Income Protection cover (*note TPD is not provided if you're aged 60 and above).

Under PMIF, trustees will no longer be able to provide insurance on an opt out basis to new members from 1 April 2020 who are either:

- under 25 years old; or
- who have a balance in their account below \$6,000.

In addition, the PMIF changes mean current members will have their cover cancelled at 1 April 2020 if their account balance is under \$6,000 and they have not elected to keep their cover.

Why was the PMIF legislation brought in?

The PMIF changes aim to prevent super accounts from being unnecessarily eroded by insurance premiums for those who were not aware and did not want cover. It is designed to make insurance inside super more transparent.

Will PMIF affect me?

If you are a current member at 31 March 2020

You will be affected if:

- you have insurance cover that is the automatic cover provided when you joined (that is, you have never made any changes to cancel, increase or decrease any of your cover);
AND
- the balance in your CPS super account was not more than \$6,000 at any time between 1 November 2019 and 31 March 2020.

If you are under age 25 you WILL NOT have your cover cancelled due to your age if your balance is above \$6,000, but your cover will cease if your balance is under \$6,000.

If you were a member at 1 November 2019, you would have received an e-mail or letter from us advising if you were impacted and what you need to do.

You can check if you're affected by calling us on 1800 680 627 or by email to member@clubplussuper.com.au.

If you join CPS on 1 April 2020 or after

Your account balance when you join will be less than \$6,000, so you will not be provided with automatic insurance cover on commencement.

Your cover would not automatically start until BOTH OF:

- your balance has reached \$6,000; and
- you have turned 25 years old.

Is this different to the Protecting Your Super (PYS) legislation?

Yes. The Protecting Your Super legislation (PYS) also brought in changes to insurance through super, however PYS cancelled insurance where members had inactive accounts (where no contribution or rollover was received for 16 months), regardless of the balance in the account. You can read more about [PYS here](#).

You may have received letters about cancellation under PYS as well as cancellation under PMIF. If you have received communications about your cover ceasing under PYS, you should be aware:

- any election you make to continue your insurance for either PYS or PMIF will apply for both; and
- if you do nothing, your cover will cease at the earlier of the dates we're required to cease your cover under either PMIF, PYS or for any other reason (such as you reach the benefit expiry age or have insufficient money in your account to cover the next premium payment).

What options do I have?

Your options are:

- continue to hold all or some of the cover you currently hold;
- increase all or some of the cover you currently hold or request new cover for the types of cover you do not currently hold (including Long-Term Income Protection); or
- cancel or reduce all or some of the cover you currently hold.

What do I need to do if I want to continue my insurance cover?

You can elect to retain your existing cover online through [MemberAccess](#) or completing and returning the [Election to Maintain Insurance Cover](#) form. Whichever you choose, we must get this from you by 31 March 2020.

Alternatively, you can ensure your account balance reaches \$6,000 before 1 April 2020 by:

- rolling over other super accounts you hold – we can help you bring your super together [here](#);
- making voluntary contributions – BPay and EFT details are shown in [MemberAccess](#); or
- having your employer make sufficient contributions.

Am I able to opt-in over the phone?

The PMIF legislation requires members to make an election in writing, so we won't be able to accept your opt-in over the phone.

How do I increase my insurance cover?

You can apply to the insurer for additional cover by:

- signing in to [MemberAccess](#) and applying for additional cover on the "Insurance Details" tab;
- requesting to [transfer insurance cover](#) you hold in other super accounts or life policies; or
- completing the [Short Personal Statement](#) or [Personal Statement](#) form as applicable.

Can I cancel or reduce my cover now?

- you can cancel some or all your cover by calling our Member Hotline on 1800 680 627; or
- you can reduce or cancel some or all of your current cover by completing our [Insurance Variation, Cancellation or Reduction](#) form.

You should be aware that cancelling your cover does not stop you from claiming on an insurable event that occurred in the past when your cover was in place.

What happens if I do nothing?

If your account balance reaches \$6,000 at any time between 1 November 2019 and 31 March 2020, your current insurance cover will not be cancelled as a result of PMIF, even if your balance at 1 April 2020 is below \$6,000.

If your account balance does not reach \$6,000 at any time before 1 April 2020, all of the insurance cover you hold at that date will be cancelled effective 1 April 2020. Your cover will re-commence from the time your account balance reaches \$6,000.

I've made an insurance claim – do I still need to opt in?

Yes, you will still be required to opt into cover if you wish to retain your cover going forward.

How much are my insurance premiums?

Your insurance premiums are based on the amount of cover you hold and your age next birthday.

Refer to the [Insurance Booklet – Industry Division](#) to view cover and premium amounts, or log into your account through [MemberAccess](#) and view your *Transaction History* to see the insurance premiums deducted from your account.

What if I change my mind about my insurance in the future?

You can make changes to your insurance cover at any time.

You should be aware that if you elected to cancel or reduce your cover and later wish to obtain or increase your cover, you will need to provide health evidence and be assessed by the insurer.

Can I talk to someone about this?

If you have any questions, please call us on 1800 680 627.

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