

Introduction

This Member Death Benefit Programme (the Programme) is arranged by Public Service Credit Union Ltd (the Credit Union), through its insurance intermediary CMutual Services (Ireland) Limited and underwritten by Utmost PanEurope dac, the Insurer.

The Programme is being arranged by the Board of Public Service Credit Union Ltd to ensure that members' benefits are maintained well into the future. The Programme allows members to increase their Credit Union life benefits for a small annual fee. The Member Death Benefit (MDBI) programme is designed to complement existing life cover.

The Credit Union has not offered you advice or a recommendation on the suitability of the Programme for your personal circumstances.

What is the Member Death Benefit Programme?

The Programme provides life cover on each member who joins the Programme and pays the full cost of his or her cover to the Credit Union. This cover can help pay towards funeral expenses.

Who is the Policyholder?

The Credit Union is the only policyholder of the Programme. The Credit Union as the policyholder is permitted under the terms of the Programme to permit its eligible members to participate in a programme, for which this policy provides life cover.

Who is the Insurer?

This Programme is underwritten by Utmost PanEurope dac, a designated activity company registered in Ireland (No 311420) and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland with registered office at: Navan Business Park, Athlumney, Navan, Co Meath.

Who is eligible to join the Programme?

You are eligible to join the Programme if you:

- are between the age of 18 and 71
- are and continue to be a member of the Credit Union
- are the first or second-named on an account covered by the Credit Union's Life Savings Insurance.

Once you join the Programme and pay for the cost of your cover, you will remain a member of the Programme until the **earlier** of:

- you inform the Credit Union that you wish to opt out of the Programme by issuing a written cancellation instruction on the prescribed form to the Credit Union in this regard, or
- the available balance held on your Credit Union savings account is insufficient to meet the cost of your cover for a Programme period, or
- you cease to be a member of the Credit Union, or
- the Insurer opts not to renew the Programme at a renewal date, and the Programme is therefore discontinued from that date.

When does the Programme start?

This Programme will start on the 1st November 2023. Thereafter, this an annual programme, which runs from 1st January to 31st December each year, subject to its on-going renewal subject to the terms as set-out in this document.

Thereafter the Programme, if renewed by the Insurer, will run for a calendar year at a time, the ongoing Programme period.

The Programme may be renewed by the Insurer if in their opinion the Programme is sustainable for the following year. The Insurer's annual review of the programme occurs in October. **Renewal of the Programme for the following year is Not Guaranteed and is at the sole discretion of the Insurer.**

Notice of renewal will be published in the Credit Union's AGM booklet to all members and on the Credit Unions website.

Who pays the cost of the cover and when is it paid?

The premium in respect of the Member Death Benefit programme will be paid by your credit union to its insurer on your behalf, at the start of the benefit period, and the cost of your cover for a the respective annual (or part year) period will be deducted by your credit union from your credit union savings.

The first deduction for your cover will occur on 1st November, covering the remaining 2 months of the year, on a pro-rata basis. Thereafter, deductions will occur annually each January for the Programme period of 1st January to 31st December. Provided the Programme is renewed by the insurer each year and you continue to remain an eligible member of the Programme, your inclusion in this Group Programme will auto-renew on an annual basis.

Can the cost of the cover and /or benefit be changed?

The cost of your cover for a Programme period is guaranteed for that Programme period. At the end of the Programme period, the Insurer can opt to renew or not renew the Programme for the following year and can vary the cost and/or benefit upwards or downwards if it decides to renew the Programme for another year. Any proposed amendments to the Programme at a renewal date, to apply for the following year, will be communicated in advance to members of the Programme.

What happens if you want to leave the Programme?

Your participation in the Credit Union's Member Death Benefit Programme auto-renews on an annual basis, if the Programme is renewed by the Insurer. However, you can stop paying for this cover and leave the Programme at any time, by providing a written cancellation instruction to the Credit Union.

The Programme does not have a cash or surrender value. In the event of cancellation of your membership of the Programme, any payments for the cost of your Programme cover taken by your credit union from your savings account for a Programme period will be refunded to your savings account, less a pro rata charge for the time you were covered by the Programme during that Programme period.

What is the death benefit under the Programme?

The Programme pays a fixed monetary benefit on the death of a Credit Union member who is a member of the Programme at the date of death and has paid the full cost of his or her cover to the Credit Union for the Programme period in which the member's death occurs.

The benefit is €3,250. The benefit may be varied by the insurer at a subsequent renewal date; any proposed amendment to the Programme benefit at a renewal date will be communicated in advance to members of the Programme.

Who will receive the death benefit?

Where the Insurer admits a death claim on the Programme, the benefit will be paid by the Insurer to the Credit Union, for payment into your account.

Significant Features & Benefits

- **guaranteed acceptance without medical** – provided you are a member of the Credit Union, joined before your 71st birthday, are or were a member of the Credit Union's Life Savings Insurance scheme, opted to join the Programme, are a resident in the permitted Geographical Area and subject to the medical terms and conditions that apply.
- **life cover** – the fixed sum is payable on death of a member covered by the Programme at the date of his or her death, where the cause of death is not excluded under the conditions stated below in 'Significant and Unusual Exclusions & Limitations'.

Significant and Unusual Exclusions & Limitations

The life cover under the Programme is **not** payable if you die, while a member of the Programme, as a direct result of:

- Insurrection or any act of war, declared or undeclared, or service in the armed forces of any country, revolution, terrorism, usurped power or action taken by the governmental authority in hindering or defending against any of these.
- Nuclear reaction, radiation or radioactive contamination
- An illness or injury that occurs within the first 6 months of your cover, where you received medical advice, consultation or treatment for that illness or injury within the 6-month period prior to your commencement of cover.
- Suicide within 12 months of the commencement date of cover, whether the person who has died is sane or insane.
- The illegal use of drugs and/or alcohol or the abuse of legal drugs or drugs prescribed by a medical doctor
- Where death has occurred in the commissioning of any criminal activity; or
- Flying in an aircraft except as a passenger or crew member of a commercial airline licensed as a common carrier.

No benefit is payable if

- You misstated your age to the Credit Union and your correct age at the time you joined the Credit Union exceeded 71; or
- You die outside the Geographical Area (Western Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) unless on holiday with documented arrangements to return within 31 days.
- You stop for any reason refunding the Credit Union for the cost of your cover and your cover ceases.

Inflation may, over time, reduce the effective value of the benefit.

Meeting the cost of this Program

You should ensure that you maintain a sufficient balance of available funds in your Credit Union savings account in order to meet the cost of your cover under the Member Death Benefit Programme.

The annual cost of the Programme thereafter, if renewed by the insurer, will be notified to all members in the Programme by the Credit Union at the time of the Annual General Meeting, through the AGM annual report, and will be deducted from your savings account in January of each recurring year.

Law applicable to the policy

The law of Ireland will apply to this Programme.

How to make a Complaint

It is objective of CMutual Services (Ireland) Ltd and Utmost PanEurope dac to at all times provide you with first class service but there may be times when you feel that this has not been achieved.

You can make a complaint by:

- Phoning the CMutual Member Death Benefit Administration Team on 01 553 3570; or
- Writing to us at: 511, The Capel Building, Mary's Abbey, Dublin 7 or;
- E-mailing CMutual at insurance@cmutual.ie

If you are not satisfied with how CMutual Services (Ireland) Ltd or Utmost PanEurope dac have handled your complaint made to them, you can refer your complaint to:

Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman's Bureau,
Lincoln House,
Lincoln Place,
Dublin 2.

or email: info@fspo.ie

PH: 01 5677000

If you complain, it will not affect your statutory rights.

The Insurance Compensation Fund

Utmost PanEurope dac is covered by the Insurance Compensation Fund. You may be entitled to compensation from the programme if Utmost PanEurope dac cannot meet its obligations under the Programme.

Making a Claim

Your representative can make a claim by contacting the Credit Union. As this is a Group Programme arranged as a policy issued to the Credit Union, all claims should be forwarded to the Credit Union.

A claim must be notified to the Credit Union as soon as possible after death, but no later than 2 years after death.

Your legal representatives or your beneficiaries will need to provide the Credit Union and the Insurer with the information required to support the claim. [Because this will include sensitive information, it

cannot be processed unless a consent form in the specified format is received.]

Data Protection

For members who opt-in to the Death Benefit Programme, the 'Data Controller' for the purposes of The Data Protection Acts is Public Service Credit Union. Data is 'Processed' by CMutual Services Ireland Limited and Utmost PanEurope dac for the purposes of administering your participation in this programme and the administration of a life claim, in the event of death. You have a right to request in writing to see your personal information which is held by CMutual Services (Ireland) Ltd and Utmost PanEurope dac. For more details write to: The Data Protection Co-ordinator, CMutual Services (Ireland) Limited, Suite 511, The Capel Building, Dublin 7, and/or, the Data Protection Co-Ordinator at Utmost PanEurope dac, Navan Business Park, Athlumney, Navan, Co Meath.

Information you supply may be used for administration purposes by us and our agents. We may pass the information to regulatory organisations which will monitor whether we are keeping to regulatory rules or codes. Your data may be transferred to another country within the EEA in order to fulfil statutory actuarial monitoring responsibility requirements under solvency II.

Preventing fraud

We may make the information that you have provided at the time of applying for this Programme available to other insurers for claims purposes. Insurers, lenders and their agents may also share information you have provided to them and may carry out checks against publicly available information as necessary. We will use information provided in support of a claim to assess whether you are eligible to claim. This information may be disclosed to third parties to assess the claim on our behalf.

If information provided turns out to be false, the information may be shared with fraud prevention agencies and databases and other insurance industry bodies in order to prevent fraud. We may also use this information for underwriting purposes that is to say for assessing the claims history of Utmost PanEurope dac policyholders generally and for setting the price of this insurance in the future.

Definitions

As used in this policy document these words shall have the following meanings:

- **Benefit** – the total amount of benefit payable under the Programme following a successful claim;
- **Credit Union** – Public Service Credit Union
- **Geographic Area** – Western Europe (i.e. Ireland, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway), North America (i.e. United States of America and Canada), Australia and New Zealand;
- **Holiday** – an event where you leave the Geographic Area with documented arrangements to return within thirty one (31) calendar days;
- **Member** – a natural person who is a member of the Credit Union and who is first or second-named on an account covered by the Credit Union's Life Savings Insurance.
- **Policy** – the Member Death Benefit policy issued to the Credit Union by Utmost PanEurope dac;
- **Premium** – the amount the Credit Union must pay for the cover provided for members by the Program;
- **Programme** – the Member Death Benefit Programme;
- **Insurer** – Utmost PanEurope dac;
- **You or your** – the person who has opted to join the Programme.