Elevate Insurance

Your insurance updates Effective from 16 December 2024

Resolution Life

This update document is applicable to:

- Elevate Insurance on sale from 17 August 2009
- AMP Elevate Insurance formerly AXA/AC&L Insurance, on sale from 25 July 2005 to 16 August 2009

We've recently upgraded the Elevate Insurance product. Upgrades provide enhancements to the product which may include additional benefits, and/or updates to existing features and definitions.

The changes that are relevant to your policy will automatically apply from 16 December 2024 and are provided under the 'Upgrade of benefits' feature of your policy. **You will still retain your existing terms, conditions** and premium rates for your policy.

Any upgrades and/or changes to your plan definitions will always be reviewed at claim time, along with the original definition, to ensure you are assessed using the definitions that benefit you most. This means that if a definition or benefit from your original plan is more beneficial to you, you will still be eligible to claim under your original plan definitions.

Pre-existing condition and exclusions

If you are suffering from a 'pre-existing condition' at the time the upgrade is provided, the upgrade will not apply when assessing any claim affected by that pre-existing condition. If an exclusion(s) applies to your plan, the upgrade will not apply when assessing any claim affected by that exclusion(s).

These enhancements will only apply to claims where the medical condition, sickness or injury occurred, or symptoms first become apparent on or after the date these enhancements came into effect.

If you are on claim at the time of the upgrade, it will not apply until after the claim has ended.

Your updated terms and conditions

1. Changes to current medical definitions

We've reviewed the medical definitions to ensure they are fare and transparent and introduced some changes that may benefit you. These definitions apply to medical procedures covered under trauma insurance and total and permanent disability insurance.

This table lists the medical conditions have been updated and for what cover types. More detail for each of these conditions is provided immediately below the table.

Medical condition	Trauma insurance	Trauma insurance plus	Child Trauma Insurance Option	TPD insurance	Day 1 TPD Benefit
Angioplasty	~	~			
Benign brain tumour	V	V	~		
Deafness (permanent)	V	V	v		v
Deafness in one ear (permanent)	V	V			
Loss of use of limbs and sight (permanent)	~	v	V	V	V

Severe burns to a specified body surface area	V	V	V		
Suffers a specific loss				V	

1.1 Angioplasty

Current wording (Elevate PDS, 19 December 2022)	Updated wording (Elevate PDS, 16 December 2024)	
Angioplasty	Angioplasty	
The treatment of a coronary artery obstruction by balloon angioplasty, other catheter-based techniques, or endoscopic surgery, where at least one of the following criteria have been met:	The treatment of a coronary artery obstruction by balloon angioplasty, other catheter-based techniques, or endoscopic surgery, where at least one of the following criteria have been met:	
 the obstruction is giving rise to impairment of ventricular function 	 the obstruction is giving rise to impairment of ventricular function 	
 the obstruction is giving rise to disabling symptoms, or 	 the obstruction is giving rise to disabling symptoms, or 	
 the obstruction is associated with unstable angina pectoris or myocardial infarction. 	 the obstruction is associated with unstable angina pectoris or myocardial infarction. 	
We'll pay a benefit for angioplasty on more than one occasion provided that the procedures occur at least six months apart.	We'll pay a benefit for angioplasty on more than one occasion. Angioplasties that are the result of the same investigation which identified the need for the angioplasty will be considered to be one angioplasty and the benefit will only be paid once.	

What we've changed

We've removed the limitation for angioplasties to be at least six months apart, to be considered for multiple benefit payments.

1.2 Benign brain tumour

Current wording	Updated wording	
Benign brain tumour	Benign tumour	
A non-cancerous tumour in the brain that gives rise to characteristic symptoms of increased intracranial pressure such as papilledema, mental symptoms, seizures and sensory impairment. The tumour must result in neurological deficit, where: • there is at least 25% permanent impairment of whole body	A non-cancerous tumour in the brain, cranial nerve, meninges, spinal cord or an acoustic neuroma. This must give rise to characteristic symptoms of increased intracranial pressure such as papilledema, mental symptoms, seizures and sensory impairment. The tumour must result in a permanent neurological deficit, where:	
function, orcranial surgery is required for its treatment.	 you are totally and permanently unable to perform at least one of the activities of daily living; or 	
The presence of the underlying tumour must be confirmed by imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging).	 surgical removal of the tumour to treat the symptoms. The presence of the underlying tumour must be confirmed by 	
The following are excluded:	imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and diagnosed by an appropriate medical specialist.	
• cysts • granulomas	The following are excluded:	
 malformations in or of the arteries or veins of the brain 	• cysts	
haematomas, and	• granulomas	
 tumours in the pituitary gland or spine. 	 malformations in or of the arteries or veins of the brain 	
	hamartoma, and	
	tumours in the pituitary gland	

What we've changed

We've renamed this medical condition to reflect that additional benign tumour sites are covered, and named those new sites that are covered.

1.3 Deafness (permanent) full payment

Current wording	Updated wording	
Deafness (permanent) - full payment	Deafness (permanent)	
Deafness means the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, resulting in an auditory threshold of 91 decibels or greater, averaged at frequencies 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 hertz, both natural and assisted, as a result of injury or sickness .	Deafness means the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, resulting in an auditory threshold of 91 decibels or greater, averaged at frequencies 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 hertz, both natural and assisted (other than by cochlear implant), because of injury or sickness .	
The diagnosis needs to be confirmed by an appropriate specialist medical practitioner .	The diagnosis needs to be confirmed by an appropriate specialist medical practitioner .	

1.4 Deafness (permanent) partial payment

Current wording	Updated wording
Deafness (permanent) - partial payment	Deafness in one ear (permanent)
Deafness means the total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears, resulting in an auditory threshold of 91 decibels or greater, averaged at frequencies 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 hertz, both natural and assisted, as a result of injury or sickness . The diagnosis needs to be confirmed by an appropriate specialist medical practitioner .	We will make a partial payment, once only, if deafness (permanent) occurs in one ear resulting in an auditory threshold of 91 decibels or greater, averaged at frequencies 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000 hertz, both natural and assisted (other than by cochlear implant), because of injury or sickness . The diagnosis needs to be confirmed by an appropriate specialist medical practitioner .

What we've changed

We've clarified that assisted hearing does not include cochlear implants.

1.5 Loss of the use of limbs and sight (permanent)

Current wording	Updated wording
Loss of the use of limbs and sight (permanent)	Loss of the use of limbs and sight (permanent)
The total and permanent loss of the use of:one hand and the sight in one eye, or	The total and permanent loss of the use of one hand or foot, and permanent blindness in one eye.
one foot and the sight in one eye.	Where permanent blindness in one eye means you have visual acuity that is 6/60 or less, or to the extent that visual field is reduced to 20 degrees or less of arc irrespective of corrected visual acuity in one eye.

What we've changed

We've replaced the requirement for 'total and permanent loss of sight in one eye' with 'permanent blindness in one eye'. This removes the requirement for total loss of sight.

1.6 Severe burns to a specified body surface area

Current wording	Updated wording	
Severe Burns to a specified body surface area	Severe Burns to a specified body surface area	
Severe burns to specified body surface area means full thickness burns to:	Severe burns to specified body surface area means full thickness burns to:	
 20% or more of the body surface as measured by the Lund and Browder Body Surface chart (or equivalent classification) 50% or more of the face requiring surgical debridement and/or grafting, or 50% of both hands or both feet requiring surgical debridement and/or grafting. 	 20% or more of the body surface as measured by the Lund and Browder Body Surface chart (or equivalent classification) 50% or more of the face requiring surgical debridement and/or grafting, 50% of both hands or both feet requiring surgical debridement and/or grafting, or the whole of the skin of the genitalia, requiring surgical debridement and/or grafting. 	

What we've changed

We've expanded the definition to include the whole of skin of the genitalia that requires surgical debridement and/or grafting.

1.7 Suffers a specific loss

Current wording	Updated wording
Suffers a specific loss	Suffers a specific loss
The insured person has suffered the total and permanent loss of the use of:	You have suffered a specific loss if you satisfy a.) or b.)
	 a.) You have suffered the total and permanent loss of use of: both hands both feet, or one hand and one foot OR b.) You have suffered: permanent blindness in both eyes total and permanent loss of use of one hand and permanent blindness in one eye, or total and permanent loss of use of one foot and permanent blindness in one eye, or total and permanent loss of use of one foot and permanent blindness in one eye, or total and permanent loss of use of one foot and permanent blindness in one eye. Where: permanent blindness in one eye means you have visual acuity that is 6/60 or less, or to the extent that visual field is reduced to 20 degrees or less of arc irrespective of corrected visual acuity in one eye
	 permanent blindness in both eyes means you have visual acuity that is 6/60 or less, or to the extent that visual field is reduced to 20 degrees or less of arc irrespective of corrected visual acuity in both eyes

What we've changed

We've replaced the requirement for 'entire sight in one eye' and 'entire sight in both eyes' and replaced that with 'permanent blindness in one eye' and 'permanent blindness in both eyes'.

This removes the requirement for total loss of sight.

2. New trauma conditions covered under trauma insurance

This table lists the new trauma conditions we have added and which trauma insurance cover they apply to.

More detail for each of these conditions is provided immediately below the table.

Medical condition	Trauma insurance	Trauma insurance plus	
Early stage benign brain tumour or spinal cord tumour		~	
Heart valve surgery other than via open heart		V	
Pituitary tumour addressed by surgical removal		~	
Pituitary tumour with impairment	<i>v</i>	 	

2.1 Early stage benign brain tumour or spinal cord tumour

Early stage benign brain tumour or spinal cord tumour

A non-cancerous tumour in the brain, cranial nerve, meninges or spinal cord or acoustic neuroma. This must give rise to characteristic symptoms of increased intracranial pressure such as papilledema, mental symptoms, seizures and sensory impairment.

The tumour must result in a permanent neurological deficit.

The presence of the underlying tumour must be confirmed by imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and diagnosed by an appropriate medical specialist.

The following are excluded:

- cysts
- granulomas
- · malformations in or of the arteries or veins of the brain
- · hamartoma, and
- tumours in the pituitary gland.

Benefit payment

This new trauma condition pays a partial benefit of 25% of the trauma insurance sum insured, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

2.2 Heart valve surgery (other than by open heart)

Heart valve surgery (other than by open heart)

The undergoing of a procedure other than by open heart surgery to replace or repair a heart valve as a consequence of a heart valve defect or abnormalities.

Benefit payment

This new trauma condition pays a partial benefit of 25% of the trauma insurance sum insured, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

2.3 Pituitary tumour addressed by surgical removal

Pituitary tumour addressed by surgical removal

A malignant tumour in the pituitary gland. This must give rise to characteristic symptoms of increased intracranial pressure such as papilledema, mental symptoms, seizures and sensory impairment.

The tumour must be treated by undergoing surgery, other than by a non-transphenoidal technique.

The presence of the underlying tumour must be confirmed by histology and imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and diagnosed by an appropriate medical specialist.

The following are excluded:

- cysts
- granulomas
- · malformations in or of the arteries or veins of the brain, and
- hamartoma.

Benefit payment

This new trauma condition pays a partial benefit of 25% of the trauma insurance sum insured, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

2.4 Pituitary tumour with impairment

Pituitary tumour with impairment

A malignant tumour in the pituitary gland. This must give rise to characteristic symptoms of increased intracranial pressure such as papilledema, mental symptoms, seizures and sensory impairment.

The presence of the underlying tumour must be confirmed by histology and imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and diagnosed by an appropriate medical specialist.

The tumour must result in you being totally and permanently unable to perform at least one of the activities of daily living.

The following are excluded:

- cysts
- granulomas
- · malformations in or of the arteries or veins of the brain, and
- hamartoma.

Benefit payment

This new trauma condition pays 100% of the trauma insurance sum insured.

3. Other changes

This table provides a summary of the changes and new features available for each cover type. More detail for each of these changes is provided immediately below the table.

Feature	Life insurance	TPD insurance	Trauma insurance	Income insurance	Business expenses insurance
NEW Premium and Cover Pause Benefit	<i>٧</i>	v	V	V	V
Binding (non-lapsing nomination)	✓ Life Insurance Superannuation Plan only				
Future Insurability Benefit	V	V	V		
Increase to lifetime maximum total					
Future Insurability Benefit	✓ Life Insurance Superannuation				
NEW event added	Plan and Life Insurance				
You cease to have any financial dependants	SMSF Plan only				
Accommodation Benefit	V	V	v		
Daily limit increased from \$150 to \$250					
Death Benefit		~			
Limited death benefit now available on TPD plans outside of superannuation					
Income Insurance Senior Plan				All income insurance plans	
Entry age reduced to 60					

3.1 Premium and Cover Pause Benefit

This new benefit allows you to suspend your cover and premiums for up to 12 months. Refer to the policy wording below for full details.

Premium and Cover Pause Benefit

You may suspend all benefits under your policy and premiums associated with them for 3, 6 or 12 months.

During this period and in the future, you will be unable to claim under your policy in respect of any medical condition, **injury** or **sickness** that occurs during the premium and cover pause period or for which you had symptoms of during that period, unless you were not aware of, and a reasonable person in the circumstances could not have expected to have been aware of the medical condition, **injury**, or **sickness** at the time.

To exercise this benefit, you must notify us at least 30 days prior to the relevant premium due date for which you wish to suspend your cover. Cover will then be suspended from your next premium due date.

At the end of the premium and cover pause period, we will continue your cover and your premium payments will resume.

Limitations

Your policy must have been in place for at least 12 consecutive months before you can exercise the Premium and Cover Pause Benefit. If the paused cover is linked or flexi-linked to other cover, that other cover must also be paused at the same time.

Your premiums must be paid up to date at the time you request this benefit to apply.

Cover may be paused under this benefit for a maximum of 12 months in total over the life of the policy.

You cannot cancel the Premium and Cover Pause Benefit once it has been exercised. For example, if you have requested to pause your premium and cover for six months, you cannot cancel the pause within that six month period.

3.2 Future Insurability Benefit

The total increases you can make to your sum insured under this benefit, has been increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

New personal event added which allows you to increase your sum insured without having to provide any health evidence – If you cease to have any financial dependants. This event is only available for life or TPD Insurance held through superannuation.

Current wording	Updated wording
For all increases under the Future Insurability Benefit, the maximum amount you can increase the sum insured over the life of the plan and/or option for each cover type is the lesser of:	For all increases under the Future Insurability Benefit, the maximum amount you can increase the sum insured over the life of the plan and/or option for each cover type is the lesser of:
 the original sum insured at plan commencement, and \$1,000,000. 	 the original sum insured at plan commencement, and \$2,000,000
The premium for the increased sum insured will be based on your age at the time of the increase.	The premium for the increased sum insured will be based on your age at the time of the increase.

3.3 Accommodation Benefit

The daily maximum has been increased from \$150 per day to \$250 under this benefit.

Current wording	Updated wording
We'll pay up to a maximum of \$150 per day for each day that	We'll pay up to a maximum of \$250 per day for each day that
you remain confined to bed and your immediate family member	you remain confined to bed and your immediate family member
remains away from their home, for a maximum of 14 days.	remains away from their home, for a maximum of 14 days.

3.4 Death Benefit

Death Benefit

This benefit only applies if you have a standalone TPD Insurance Plan. If you die, while this cover is in place, and no TPD Benefit has been paid or is payable, we'll pay a benefit of \$10,000.

Limitations

The Death Benefit is only available if you do not have life insurance cover under any other plan where Resolution Life is the insurer.

3.5 Income Insurance Senior Plan – reduced entry age

Income Insurance Senior Plan – reduced entry age.

If immediately prior to the expiry of this plan, or after you turn 60 you are still gainfully employed, you can apply for an Income Insurance Senior Plan, without having to provide us with any health or other evidence.

Contact us

If you would like any more information on these enhancements or anything to do with your policy, please speak to your financial adviser (if applicable) or contact us.

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