

# Application for Needlestick cover option

**This form is to be completed only on request by Zurich Underwriting. To be completed by the life insured. To avoid delays, please check that all questions have been answered fully. Please use BLOCK LETTERS.**

Policy number/s



**Policy type:**  Wealth Protection  Active  FutureWise

## The duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation

When applying for insurance, there is a legal duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to the insurer before the contract of insurance is entered into. To meet this duty, each person whose life is to be insured must also take reasonable care not to make such a misrepresentation.

A misrepresentation is a false answer, an answer that is only partially true, or an answer which does not fairly reflect the truth.

This duty also applies when extending or making changes to existing insurance, and reinstating insurance.

### If you do not meet your duty

Not meeting your legal duty can have serious impacts on your insurance. Your cover could be avoided (treated as if it never existed), or its terms may be changed. This may also result in a claim being declined or a benefit being reduced.

Please note that there may be circumstances where we later investigate whether the information given to us was true. For example, we may do this when a claim is made.

### About this application

When you apply for life insurance, we conduct a process called underwriting. It's how we decide whether we can provide cover, and if so on what terms and at what cost.

We will ask questions we need to know the answers to. These will be about personal circumstances, such as health and medical history, occupation, income, lifestyle, pastimes, and current and past insurance of each life to be insured. The information given to us in response to our questions is vital to our decision.

When you apply for insurance benefits through a superannuation fund or ask to extend or make changes to existing insurance benefits, the fund trustee passes on your personal information to us. You also therefore need to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation when providing this information to the fund trustee.

### Guidance for answering our questions

You are responsible for the information provided to us. Each person answering our questions should:

- think carefully about each question before answering. If you are unsure of the meaning of any question, please ask us before you respond
- answer every question
- answer truthfully, accurately and completely. If you are unsure about whether you should include information, please include it. Please don't assume we will ask others such as your doctor
- review your application carefully. If someone else helped prepare your application (for example, your adviser), please check every answer (and if necessary, make any corrections).

### Changes before your cover starts

Before your cover starts, please tell us about any changes that mean you and each person who answered our questions would now answer differently. It could save time if you let us know about any changes as and when they happen. This is because any changes might require further assessment or investigation.

### Notifying the insurer

If, after the cover starts, you think you may not have met your duty, please tell us immediately and we'll let you know whether it has any impact on the cover.

### Telephone contact

After you submit your application, we may contact you by phone to collect any information missing from your application. The information you provide will be recorded and used in the assessment of your application for insurance cover. The need for you to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to the insurer before the contract of insurance is entered into also applies during any phone contact with us.

## If you need help

It's important that you and every person answering our questions understands this information and the questions we ask. Ask us or your adviser for help if you have difficulty answering our questions or understanding the application process.

If you're having difficulty due to a disability, understanding English or for any other reason, we're here to help and can provide additional support for anyone who might need it. You can have a support person you trust with you.

## What can we do if the duty is not met?

If a person who answers our questions does not take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation, there are different remedies that may be available to us. These are set out in the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth). They are intended to put us in the position we would have been in if the duty had been met.

For example, we may do one of the following:

- avoid the cover (treat it as if it never existed)
- vary the amount of the cover
- vary the terms of the cover.

Whether we can exercise one of these remedies depends on a number of factors, including all of the following:

- whether the person who answered our questions took reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation. This depends on all of the relevant circumstances. This includes how clear and specific our questions were and how clear the information we provided on the duty was
- what we would have done if the duty had been met – for example, whether we would have offered cover, and if so, on what terms
- whether the misrepresentation was fraudulent
- in some cases, how long it has been since the cover started.

Before we exercise any of these remedies, we will explain our reasons, how to respond and provide further information, and what you can do if you disagree.

## Privacy

Zurich is bound by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). In completing the forms or questions herein you will be providing us with your personal and, perhaps, sensitive information. The collection and management of this information is governed by the Privacy Act 1988. For a more detailed explanation of Zurich's Privacy Policy please visit our website at [www.zurich.com.au](http://www.zurich.com.au) or contact the Zurich Privacy Officer on 132 687 or email us at [privacy.officer@zurich.com.au](mailto:privacy.officer@zurich.com.au).

## 1 Life insured details

Title	Surname			
Given names		Date of birth	/	/
Address			State	Postcode
Contact details	Work ( )	Home ( )		
	Mobile	Email		

## 2 Occupation

(a) What is your occupation? If more than one, state ALL occupations and the number of hours worked in each

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(b) Provide a brief description of the nature of work performed

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(c) Do you now or do you intend to in the future, practice your occupation outside of Australia or New Zealand?  
If 'Yes', provide details

Yes  No

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### 3 Needlestick cover option

Needlestick cover option required: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The maximum benefit available with Zurich is \$1,000,000. The total amount of cover for occupationally acquired HIV and occupationally acquired hepatitis B or C with Zurich and other insurers cannot exceed \$2,000,000.

### 4 Life insured to answer

(a) Have you used, shared needles, or injected yourself with any drug not prescribed by a medical practitioner? Yes  No   
If 'Yes', provide details

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(b) Have you ever had a needlestick injury? Yes  No   
If Yes, provide details of the date of the injury, cause of injury, date and results of initial blood tests done, date and results of follow up tests done

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(c) Have you been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B or C, or suffer from AIDS? Yes  No   
If 'Yes', provide details

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### 5 Declaration

I have read and understood my duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation and declare that the statements and answers provided in this application are true, accurate and complete.

I have read and understood my duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation and the consequences of not meeting the legal duty and answering all questions truthfully and completely.

Name of life insured \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of life insured**

Date

X

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Name of policy owner insured \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of policy owner**

Date

X

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Any questions? Call 131 551

Please return the completed form to us:

By post, to **Zurich Australia Limited, Underwriting Department, Locked Bag 994, North Sydney NSW 2059**, or

By email, as a scanned attachment, to **life.newbusiness@zurich.com.au**

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