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Privacy Statement

Your privacy and our information handling practices

We understand that the privacy of your information is important to you and we respect the confidentiality of the information that you provide to us.

In this Privacy Statement, all references to “We/Us/Our” means Asteron Life & Superannuation Limited ABN 87 073 979 530, AFSL 229880 (Asteron) and its related bodies corporate. Asteron is part of the TAL Dai-ichi Life Australia Pty Limited ABN 97 150 070 483 (TAL) group of companies.

The way in which we collect, use and disclose your personal and sensitive information (together ‘personal information’) is explained in our Australian Privacy Principle Privacy Policy (APP Privacy Policy) available using this link <https://www.tal.com.au/privacy-policy>. Alternatively, we would be pleased to provide a copy of this free of charge on request.

Our APP Privacy Policy contains details about the following:

- the kinds of personal information that we collect and hold;
- how we collect and hold personal information (including sensitive information such as health and lifestyle information);
- the purposes for which we collect, hold, use and disclose personal information (including sensitive information);
- how our customers may access personal information about them which is held by us and how they can correct that information;
- our approach to direct marketing and how you can opt out of receiving direct marketing communications; and
- how we deal with any complaints that our customers may have regarding privacy issues.

Our information handling practices are based on relevant privacy laws and regulations, including, but not limited to the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the 13 Australian Privacy Principles.

Additional information about relevant privacy laws and regulations and your privacy rights can be found at the website of the Australian Privacy Commissioner at <http://www.oaic.gov.au> including how to make a privacy related complaint and sensible steps that you can take to protect your information when dealing with organisations and when using modern technology.

If you would like a copy of our APP Privacy Policy or if you have any questions about the way in which we manage your information, or wish to make privacy related complaint, please contact us using the details below:

Telephone: 1300 209 088

Email: customerservice@tal.com.au

Post: GPO Box 5380 Sydney NSW 2001.

Collection, use and disclosure of information when providing our products and services

Your personal information will be collected, used and disclosed to enable us to provide or arrange for the provision of our insurance products and services. Examples of why your personal information will be collected, used and disclosed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- to confirm your identification, for example when making payments and changes to your policy;
- to process new insurance policies, including underwriting and claims assessments;
- to carry out administrative and processing functions including pre-sales, sales and ongoing customer service and support;
- to assess claims against the policy terms;
- to meet legal and regulatory requirements; and
- to review and develop our products and services, including research and surveys to meet ongoing customer expectations.

We may collect your information from and disclose your information to (and receive information from) third parties (including related bodies corporate) such as:

- affiliated product and service providers, or distributors of our products or services, including other businesses with whom we have a business, distribution or branding arrangement, or where otherwise permitted or authorised by law; and
- organisations that are involved in a corporate re-organisation or are involved in a transfer of all or part of the assets or business of their organisation and/or a TAL organisation.

Typically, in providing our products and services to you we may collect and disclose information using online and paper forms, electronic transmission of data, telephone and other available technologies. We obtain your consent for the collection, use and disclosure of information including, but not limited to, your consent to liaise with relevant healthcare providers, financial advisers and professionals such as your accountant and doctors.

If you do not supply the required information, we may not be able to provide the requested product or service or pay a claim.

Your personal information will be managed and held securely and we have measures in place to protect your information. In processing and administering our products and services (including at the time of underwriting and claims assessment) we may need to disclose your personal information to other organisations and individuals. Examples of why your personal information will be disclosed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- to organisations assisting us in providing our products and services such as those providing mailing and information technology services;
- to organisations assisting us in promoting, marketing and distributing our products and obtaining feedback such as surveys and research;
- to our related bodies corporate and organisations with which we have a business alliance or contractual arrangement;
- in response to enquiries, complaints and litigation, for example, disclosure to external complaints resolution bodies and lawyers;
- to meet our legal and regulatory requirements; and
- to respond to a request from a government agency or law enforcement body.

We may also disclose your personal information to other bodies such as reinsurers, your financial adviser, healthcare and rehabilitation providers and claims investigators.

In administering your insurance benefits and in operating this product, your personal information may be disclosed to service providers in another country.

Our Privacy Policies provide information regarding relevant offshore locations where we have service providers.

Generally, we do not use or disclose any customer information for a purpose other than providing our products and services unless:

- our customer consents to the use or disclosure of the customer information; or
- the use or disclosure is required or authorised under an Australian law or a court/tribunal order; or
- the purpose is related to improving our products and services and seeking customer input such as market research; or
- the use or disclosure of the information is reasonably necessary for one or more enforcement related activities conducted by, or on behalf of, a law enforcement body e.g. the police.

Your personal information and our marketing practices

Every now and then, we, or, our related bodies corporate, or organisations with which we have a business arrangement may wish to contact you to provide you with information about special offers and information about products and services that we think will be of interest to you. These direct marketing communications may be through any available technologies including mail, email, SMS, telephone and online. Detailed information about our marketing practices, including data matching and analytics, is available in our APP Privacy Policy referenced above.

We will engage in marketing unless you tell us otherwise. If you prefer not to receive direct marketing communications from us, you can contact us at any time using the contact details above. When you contact us to opt out of receiving direct marketing communications going forward, you will be given a choice of ongoing marketing preferences.

Accuracy of information and access to information we hold

We rely on the accuracy of the information you provide. If you think that we hold information about you that is incorrect, incomplete or out of date, please let us know using the communication methods above.

Under current privacy laws and regulations, you are generally entitled to access the personal information we hold about you. To access that information, simply make a request in writing. This process enables us to confirm your identity for security reasons and to protect your personal information from being sought by a person other than yourself. There are some limited exemptions where we would be unable to provide the personal information that we hold about you in response to your request.

If, for any reason, we decline your request to access and/or update your information, we will provide you with details of the reasons and where appropriate, a list of the documents that are not being provided directly to you. In some circumstances it may be appropriate to provide you with access to information that you've requested via an intermediary, such as providing medical information to a treating GP rather than directly to yourself. If this is the case, we will let you know.