

**DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO YOUR POLICY**

The words or terms below that appear in this **Policy** in initial capitals and **bold** type will have the specific meaning given to them below. These defined words or terms will, where appropriate to the context, be read so that the singular includes the plural, and the masculine includes the feminine.

1. **Age** means age of the **Insured** as of his last birthday and is as shown in the **Schedule**.
2. **Annualized Premium** means the amount stated in the **Schedule** which is equal to one full year's **Regular Premium** less loading, if any, charged by **Us**.
3. **Application** means the proposal form and any other information given to **Us** to decide whether and on what terms to issue this **Policy**.
4. **Appointee** means the person named in the **Schedule** to receive payment under this **Policy**, if the **Nominee** is a minor at the time payment becomes due under this **Policy**.
5. **Basic Sum Assured** means the amount specified in the **Schedule**.
6. **Date of Commencement of Risk** means the date on which the risk under the **Policy** comes into effect and is as specified in the **Schedule**.
7. **Date of Inception of the Policy** means the date on which this **Policy** is issued after **We** have accepted the risk under the **Application**. The **Date of Inception of Policy** is shown in the **Schedule**.
8. **Date of commencement of the Policy** is the same of the **Date of Inception of the Policy**.
9. **Death Sum Assured** means the higher of 10 times the **Annualized Premium** or the **Basic Sum Assured**.
10. **Financial Year** means the twelve month period between April and March of each calendar year.
11. **Grace Period** means a period of 15 days from the premium due date if the **Regular Premium** is payable monthly and 30 days for all other frequencies for payment of **Regular Premium**. The **Policy** shall continue to be in force with the insurance cover during the **Grace Period**.
12. **Guaranteed Surrender Value** means the minimum guaranteed amount of cash value of the **Policy** payable in the event that the **Policy** is surrendered, provided that the **Regular Premium** of this **Policy** has been paid for at least three consecutive **Policy Years** (two (2) **Policy Years** in case **Your Premium Payment Term** is 5 years) from the **Date of Commencement**. The **Guaranteed Surrender Value**, when allowable under the **Policy**, is at least equal to a certain percentage of the total amount of **Regular Premiums** paid for the **Basic Sum Assured** excluding all extra premiums paid on account of adverse health condition or occupation of the **Insured** and taxes, if any and also includes the cash value of the accrued **Simple Reversionary Bonus**. The applicable percentage, for the purpose of calculating the **Guaranteed Surrender Value**, is set out in an **Appendix** to this document.
13. **Insured** means the person insured as named in the **Schedule**.
14. **IRDA of India** means the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.
15. **Maturity Date** means the expiry date of this **Policy** as shown in the **Schedule**.

16. **Nominee** means the person named in the **Schedule** who has been nominated by **You** to receive the benefits under the **Policy**.
17. **Policy** means this contract of insurance, as evidenced by the **Policy Document**.
18. **Policy Document** means this document, any endorsements issued by **Us**, the **Schedule**, the Annexures and the **Application**.
19. **Policy Anniversary** means the period of one year from the **Date of Commencement of Policy** and every date falling one year thereafter, till the **Maturity Date**.
20. **Policy Term** means the period commencing on the **Date of Commencement of Policy** and concluding on the **Maturity Date**.
21. **Policy Year** means a period of twelve consecutive calendar months from the **Date of Commencement of Policy**.
22. **Premium Payment Term** means the period specified in the **Schedule** for which **Regular Premium** must be paid.
23. **Reduced Paid-Up Value** means the value that is calculated as follows:  
$$\{ \text{Basic Sum Assured} \times (\text{number of Regular Premiums received} / \text{number of Regular Premiums payable during the Premium Payment Term}) \} + \text{Accrued Simple Reversionary Bonuses}.$$
24. **Regular Premium** means the regular payments to be made by **You**, to keep the **Policy** in force, in accordance with the frequency of payment chosen by **You** and is the amount as specified in the **Schedule**.
25. **Revival Period** means a period of 2 years from the due date of the first unpaid **Regular Premium** during which the **Policy** may be revived.
26. **Rider** means the rider terms and conditions that are attached to and form a part of the **Policy**. The **Schedule** will specify if any **Riders** are available and in force under the **Policy**.
27. **Schedule** means the policy schedule set out above that **We** have issued, along with any Annexure, tables or endorsements attached to it from time to time.
28. **Simple Reversionary Bonus** means the amount, if any, calculated in accordance with **Part C** which is payable in accordance with the terms of the **Policy**.
29. **Special Surrender Value** means the amount calculated in accordance with **Part D**.
30. **Surrender Value** means the amount that is calculated in accordance with **Part D**.
31. **Terminal Bonus** means the amount, if any, calculated in accordance with **Part C** which is payable in accordance with the terms of the **Policy**.
32. **We, Us, or Our** means PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited.
33. **You or Your** means the **Policyholder** as named in the **Schedule**.

**POLICY FEATURES, BENEFITS & PREMIUM PAYMENT CONDITIONS****1. Policy Features**

MetLife Endowment Savings Plan is the name of the product offered by **Us**. It is a non-linked traditional, regular premium, deferred- participating endowment plan. This plan offers the benefits listed below. The benefits will be payable subject to the terms and conditions of this **Policy**, including the Premium Payment Conditions set out below.

**2. Policy Benefits****2.1. Death Benefit**

2.1.1. Upon the **Insured's** death when the **Policy** is in full force and effect, **We** will pay the **Nominee** an amount equal to the higher of:

- (i) **Death Sum Assured** together with the accrued **Simple Reversionary Bonus** and **Terminal Bonus** declared by **Us**, if any; **or**
- (ii) 105% of all **Regular Premiums** received.

2.1.2. After the date of death of the **Insured**, the **Policy** shall not be eligible to participate in the **Simple Reversionary Bonuses** and **Terminal Bonus**, if any, declared by **Us** and the **Policy** and all benefits under the **Policy** shall terminate.

**2.2. Maturity Benefits**

If the **Insured** is alive and the **Policy** is in force on the **Maturity Date**, **We** will pay an amount equal to the **Basic Sum Assured** plus accrued **Simple Reversionary Bonus** plus **Terminal Bonus** (if any) to **You** and the **Policy** and all benefits under the **Policy** shall terminate.

**2.3. Bonus**

The following 2 bonuses may be declared by **Us** under this **Policy** in **Our** sole and absolute discretion. None of these bonuses are guaranteed and declaration will depend on **Our** actual experience:

**Simple Reversionary Bonus**

- a. The **Policy** will be eligible for any **Simple Reversionary Bonus** declared by **Us**, only after the completion of the first 3 **Policy Years** and subject to the **Policy** being in force (other than a **Policy** on which the **Reduced Paid-Up Value** has become applicable in accordance with this **Part C**). At the end of each **Financial Year** **We** may declare a rate of **Simple Reversionary Bonus** expressed as a percentage of the **Basic Sum Assured**. **Simple Reversionary Bonus**, once declared, shall vest in the **Policy** and will be credited on each **Policy Anniversary** occurring immediately after the declaration of the **Simple Reversionary Bonus** provided all **Regular Premiums** until the date of accrual have been received. The **Simple Reversionary Bonus** shall be paid along with the Death Benefit, Surrender or Maturity Benefit, whichever is applicable. Once the **Simple Reversionary Bonus** has been declared, it will be guaranteed and stands attached with the **Policy**.
- b. The **Simple Reversionary Bonus** will not accrue to the **Policy** after a death claim has been settled.

**Terminal Bonus**

- a. Depending on **Our** experience, **We** may also declare a **Terminal Bonus**, starting from the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> **Policy Year**. **Terminal Bonus** is payable at the time of the **Insured's** death or as on the **Maturity Date** provided all **Regular Premiums** have been received till the date of the **Insured's** death or the **Maturity Date**.
- b. The **Terminal Bonus** will be expressed as a percentage of the accrued **Simple Reversionary Bonus**, and the same is not guaranteed to be declared.

**2.4. Suicide Exclusion**

If the **Insured's** death is due to suicide (whether sane or insane at the time of suicide) within one year from the **Date of Inception of the Policy**, **Our** liability to make payment under the **Policy** will be limited only to refunding 80% of the total **Regular Premium** received under the **Policy**. **We** shall not be liable to pay any interest on this amount.

If the **Insured's** death is due to suicide (whether sane or insane at the time of suicide) within one year from the **Date of Inception of the Policy** or from the Date of the last revival of the **Policy**, **Our** liability to make payment under the **Policy** will be only limited to the higher of the **Surrender Value** or 80% of the total **Regular Premium** received under the **Policy** till the date of death provided the **Policy** is in force. **We** shall not be liable to pay any interest on this amount.

**3. Premium Payment Conditions****3.1. Payment of Regular Premium**

**You** must pay the **Regular Premium** on or before its due date specified in the **Schedule**. **Regular Premium** is due for the entire **Premium Payment Term**. All taxes, cess, surcharge and other levies, whether existing now or introduced in the future, will be levied, as and when applicable, on the **Regular Premiums** to be paid by **You**.

**3.2. Alteration of the Regular Premium Frequency**

**You** may change the frequency of **Regular Premium** payments provided that **You** give **Us** a written request and make payment of the **Alteration Charges** listed in **Part E**. The change in frequency will be applied only from the **Policy Anniversary** following the date of **Your** request.

**3.3. Grace Period**

**Regular Premium** that is not received in full by its due date may be paid in full during the **Grace Period**. Upon the **Insured's** death during the **Grace Period**, the Death Benefit shall be payable in full.

**3.4. Premium Discontinuance during the first 3 Policy Years**

If the **Regular Premium** for the first 3 **Policy Years** has not been received and the due **Regular Premium** is not received in full during the **Grace Period**, the **Policy** will lapse and no benefits shall be payable under the **Policy** on the occurrence of the **Insured's** death or otherwise. The lapsed **Policy** can be reinstated the **Revival Period**. No benefits will be payable under the **Policy** if the **Policy** is not reinstated in accordance with the provisions stated in **Part D**.

**3.5. Premium Discontinuance after the completion of the first 3 Policy Years**

3.6 If all **Regular Premiums** have been paid for at least three (3) full **Policy Years** (two (2) **Policy Years** in case your **Premium Payment Term** is 5 years), and any subsequent **Regular Premium** is not duly paid in full after the expiry of the **Grace Period**, **You** shall have the following options.

- (i) Convert the **Policy** to a **Reduced Paid-Up Value**: The **Policy** will continue with a **Reduced Paid - Up Value** from the date of first unpaid **Regular Premium** which is calculated in accordance with the following:
- a) **Death Benefit**: If the **Insured** dies during the **Policy Term**, when the **Reduced Paid - Up Value** is applicable, a reduced Death Benefit which is equal to the **Reduced Paid - Up Value** is payable to the **Nominee**.
  - b) **Maturity Benefit**: If the **Insured** survives till the **Maturity Date**, and the **Reduced Paid - Up Value** is applicable on the **Maturity Date**, the **Reduced Paid-Up Value** will be paid to **You**.

OR

- (ii) Surrender the **Policy** in accordance with the surrender provisions in **Part D**.

**POLICY SERVICING CONDITIONS**

You are requested to refer to the Policy Servicing Conditions described below before making a request for Policy servicing to Us.

**1. Free Look Period**

If **You** have any objections to the terms and conditions of this **Policy**, **You** may cancel the **Policy** by giving a signed written notice to **Us** within 15 days from the date of receiving this **Policy** stating the reasons for **Your** objection and **You** will be entitled to a refund of the **Regular Premiums** paid subject to a deduction of proportionate risk premium for the period of cover in addition to the expenses incurred on medical examination (if any) and the stamp duty charges.

**2. Procedure for Revival of a Lapsed/Reduced Paid-up Policy**

A **Policy** that has lapsed or that has been converted to a **Policy with a Reduced Paid-Up Value** in accordance with **Part C** may be revived during the **Revival Period** by giving **Us** written notice to revive the **Policy**, provided that:

- (a) Satisfactory evidence of insurability of the **Insured** in accordance with **Our** board approved underwriting policy is provided to **Us** at **Your** expense. **We** may charge extra premium for the continuance of the **Policy** in accordance with **Our** board approved underwriting policy;
- (b) The due **Regular Premium** and interest at the rate specified by **Us** is paid to **Us** in full. **We** may change the applicable interest rate from time to time with the approval of the **IRDA of India**.
- (c) The Revival Fee specified in **Part E** is received by **Us**.

**3. Loan**

- (a) After the commencement of the 4<sup>th</sup> **Policy Year**, and if the **Policy** is in force, then **We** may in **Our** sole and absolute discretion permit **You** to take a loan under the **Policy** provided that:
  - (i) The proposed loan amount does not exceed 90% of the **Special Surrender Value** at the end of the current **Policy Year** less any unpaid **Regular Premiums** for that **Policy Year** and loan interest (if any) accrued to the end of that **Policy Year**;
  - (ii) The **Policy** is assigned to **Us** absolutely and without any conditions. It is understood and agreed that, subject to the provisions of Section 38 and 39 of the Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time, this assignment will cancel all nominations and other assignments in force at the time, to the extent of the outstanding loan and interest.
- (b) If a loan is granted to **You**, then it is agreed and understood that:
  - (i) **You** shall re-pay the loan in the manner and in the amounts specified by **Us** at the time of disbursement of the loan;
  - (ii) **We** shall charge interest on the loan amount granted at such rates of interest prevailing at the time of disbursement of the loan;
  - (iii) Interest on the loan is due at the end of each **Policy Year**. If the interest amount is not received in full within 30 days of it becoming due, the interest amount will be added to the loan principal amount. The revised loan

principal amount (as on the due date of the interest amount) will bear interest at the same rate as the original loan principal;

- (iv) **You** may take any additional loan under the **Policy** in accordance with this provision provided that the proposed loan amount and the existing loan principal cumulatively do not exceed 90% of the **Cash Surrender Value** at the end of the current **Policy Year** less any unpaid **Regular Premiums** for that **Policy Year** and loan interest (if any) accrued to the end of that **Policy Year**;
- (v) If the **Insured** dies before all outstanding loan amounts have been received by **Us**, then **We** will deduct an amount equal to the outstanding loan amount plus the interest due thereon from the Death Benefit payable under the **Policy**.

#### 4. Surrender

- (a) **You** may surrender the **Policy** after the commencement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Policy Year** (2<sup>nd</sup> **Policy Year** in case your **Premium Payment Term** is 5 years) if all due **Regular Premium** during these years have been received in full. **We** will pay a **Surrender Value** which is equal to the higher of the **Guaranteed Surrender Value** or **Special Surrender Value** which are calculated as below.
- (b) **Guaranteed Surrender Value:**
  - (i) **Guaranteed Surrender Value** is equal to a percentage of the total **Regular Premiums** (excluding any extra premium and tax) plus the cash value of accrued **Simple Reversionary Bonus**. The applicable percentages are set out in the **Appendix** to this document.
  - (ii) The **Guaranteed Surrender Value** payable will be subject to any statutory or any other restrictions / requirements as may be applicable from time to time.
- (c) **Special Surrender Value**
  - (i) **Special Surrender Value** is the surrender value specified by **Us** on receipt of a request for surrender and shall be calculated by discounting (reducing) the **Reduced Paid-up Value** by a surrender value factor on the date of surrender.
- (d) The **Special Surrender Value** will be quoted only on receipt of a surrender request and the surrender value factor depends on the then prevailing market conditions and is not guaranteed. **We** may change the surrender value factors at any time during the **Policy Term**, at **Our** discretion, with the prior approval of the **IRDA of India**.

#### 5. Claims Procedure

**We** will not be obliged to make any payment of the Death Benefit unless and until **We** have received all of the information and documentation **We** request, including but not limited to:

- (a) The original **Policy** document;
- (b) The claim form prescribed by **Us**, duly completed;
- (c) The official death certificate issued by a competent governmental authority;
- (d) First Information Report, police inquest report and a post-mortem report where the **Insured's** death is due to an unnatural cause;
- (e) Proof of title to the **Policy** where applicable;
- (f) **Nominee/Appointee/legal heir** identification and address proof as per regulatory requirements.

**6. Maturity Benefit payout procedure:** We will not be obliged to make any payment of the Maturity Benefit unless and until We have received all of the information and documentation We request, including but not limited to:

- (a) The **Policy** document.
- (b) The claim form prescribed by **Us**, duly completed;
- (c) The discharge voucher prescribed by **Us**, duly completed.

**7. Termination of the Policy**

The **Policy** will be terminated on the earliest of the following:

- (a) The date on which the **Policy** is surrendered.
- (b) At the expiry of two years from the date of lapsation, when the **Policy** has not been reinstated and provided the said **Policy** has not acquired any **Reduced Paid-Up Value** in accordance with **Part C**.
- (c) On **Our** payment of the Death Benefit, Surrender or Maturity Benefit, whichever applicable.



**POLICY CHARGES**

The following fees/charges are applicable under this **Policy**:

1. **Alteration Charges**: This charge is payable for each request that **You** make to **Us** to change the applicable frequency for payment of the **Regular Premium** under the **Policy** in accordance with the Premium Payment Conditions in **Part C**. The Alteration Charges presently are Rs.100 for each request. This charge is subject to change with the approval of the **IRDA of India**.
2. **Revival Fee**: This fee is payable for each request that **You** make to **Us** to revive a lapsed/Reduced Paid-up Policy in accordance with the revival provisions in **Part D**. The Revival Fee is presently Rs.250 for each request. This fee is subject to change with the approval of the **IRDA of India**.
3. **Miscellaneous Fee**: This fee is payable for issuing a new **Policy Document** if the original **Policy Document** has been lost. The Miscellaneous Fee is presently Rs. 200 for each such request.

**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The following general terms and conditions are applicable to Your Policy.

If You wish to change the Nominee, assign the Policy or update Your/Nominee's address or other contact details in Our records, You should do so only through the forms prescribed by Us for these purposes. These forms are available at Our offices or may be obtained from Your financial advisor.

1. **Nomination:**

Nomination should be in accordance with provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time. A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 39 is enclosed as Annexure to this Policy for your reference. Nomination of this Policy is not applicable if the Policy has been effected under Section 6 of the Married Women's Property Act 1874.

2. **Assignment:**

Assignment should be in accordance with provisions of Section 38 of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time. A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 38 is enclosed as Annexure to this Policy for your reference. Assignment of this Policy is not applicable if the Policy has been effected under Section 6 of the Married Women's Property Act 1874.

3. **Taxation**

The tax benefits on the Policy shall be as per the prevailing tax laws in India and amendments thereto from time to time. In respect of any payment made or to be made under this Policy, We will deduct or charge or recover taxes including service tax and other levies as applicable at such rates as notified by the government or such other body authorized by the government from time to time. Tax laws are subject to change.

4. **Currency & Place of Payment**

All amounts payable either to or by Us will be paid in the currency shown in the Schedule. Such amounts will be paid by a negotiable bank draft or cheque drawn on a bank in the country in which the currency of this Policy is denominated.

5. **Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938**

1. No policy of life insurance shall be called in question on any ground whatsoever after the expiry of three years from the date of the policy i.e. from the date of commencement of the policy or the date of commencement of risk or the date of revival of the policy or the date of the rider to the policy, whichever is later.
2. A policy of life insurance may be called in question at any time within three years from the date of commencement of the policy or the date of commencement of risk or the date of revival of the policy or the date of the rider to the policy, whichever is later, on the ground of fraud; provided that the insurer shall have to communicate in writing to the insured or the legal representatives or nominees or assignees of the insured, the grounds and materials on which such decision is based. For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression 'fraud' means any of the following acts committed by the insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
  - a. the suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;

- b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
- c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
- d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.

Mere silence as to facts likely to affect the assessment of risk by the insurer is not fraud, unless the circumstances of the case are such that regard being had to them, it is the duty of the insured or his agent, keeping silence to speak, or unless his silence is, in itself, equivalent to speak.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub section 2, no insurer shall repudiate a life insurance policy on the ground of fraud if the insured can prove that the misstatement of or suppression of a material fact was true to the best of his knowledge and belief or that there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of a material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer; provided that in case of fraud, the onus of disproving lies upon the beneficiaries, in case the policyholder is not alive. A person who solicits and negotiates a contract of insurance shall be deemed for the purpose of the formation of the contract, to be the agent of the insurer.
4. A policy of life insurance may be called in question at any time within three years from the date of commencement of the policy or the date of commencement of risk or the date of revival of the policy or the date of the rider to the policy, whichever is later, on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to the expectancy of the life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document on the basis of which the policy was issued or revived or rider issued; provided that the insurer shall have to communicate in writing to the insured or the legal representatives or nominees or assignees of the insured the grounds and materials on which such decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based. In case of repudiation of the policy on the ground of misstatement or suppression of a material fact, and not on ground of fraud, the premiums collected on the policy till date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or the legal representatives or nominees or assignees of the insured within a period of ninety days from the date of such repudiation. The mis-statement of or suppression of fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer, the onus is on the insurer to show that had the insurer been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.
5. Nothing in this section shall prevent the insurer from calling for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so, and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof that the age of the life insured was incorrectly stated in the proposal.
6. **Fraud, Misrepresentation and Forfeiture:** Fraud, Misrepresentation and Forfeiture would be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time. A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 45 is enclosed in Annexure to this **Policy** for your reference.
7. **Proof of Age**
  - (a) Subject to Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, if the actual age of the **Insured** differs from the **Age** stated in the **Application** then:
    - (i) If the actual age proves to be higher than what is stated in the **Application**, the **Basic Sum Assured** will be adjusted to that which would have been purchased by the amount of premium paid, had the age been correctly stated. The **Policy** will continue to be in force;
    - (ii) If the actual age proves to be lower than what is stated in the **Application**, the premium paid in excess will be

refunded to **You** without interest or may be adjusted towards future premium at **Our** sole discretion. The **Policy** will continue to be in force.

- (b) If the **Insured's** actual age is such that it would have made him/her ineligible for the insurance cover stated in the **Policy**, **We** reserve the right at **Our** sole discretion to take such action as may be deemed appropriate including cancellation of the **Policy** upon payment of the **Surrender Value**.

8. **Loss of the Policy Document**

If the **Policy** is lost or destroyed, **You** may make a written request for a duplicate **Policy** which **We** will issue duly endorsed to show that it is in place of the original document, as long as **You** first pay **Us** the Miscellaneous Fee specified in **Part E**. Upon the issue of a duplicate **Policy**, the original will cease to have any legal force or effect.

9. **Travel, Residence & Occupation**

This **Policy** does not impose any restrictions as to travel, residence or occupation.

10. **Governing Law & Jurisdiction**

11. The terms and conditions of the **Policy** shall be governed by and be interpreted in accordance with Indian law and all disputes and differences arising under or in relation to the **Policy** shall be subject to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the courts situated in Mumbai. **Our Address for Communications**

All notices and communications in respect of this **Policy** shall be addressed to **Us** at the following address:

**PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd.,**

**Registered office:** Unit No. 701, 702 & 703, 7th Floor, West Wing, Raheja Towers, 26/27 M G Road, Bangalore – 560001, Karnataka. IRDA of India Registration number 117, CI No.: U66010KA2001PLC028883.

**Call us** Toll-free at 1-800-425-6969,

**Website:** [www.pnbmetlife.com](http://www.pnbmetlife.com),

**Email:** [indiaservice@pnbmetlife.co.in](mailto:indiaservice@pnbmetlife.co.in) or

**Write to us:** PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd., 1st Floor, Techniplex -1, Techniplex Complex, Off Veer Savarkar Flyover, Goregaon (West), Mumbai – 400062. Phone: +91-22-41790000, Fax: +91-22-41790203

**GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM & OMBUDSMAN DETAILS****Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

In case **You** have any query or complaint or grievance, **You** may approach **Our** office at the following address:

**PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd.,**

**Registered office:** Unit No. 701, 702 & 703, 7th Floor, West Wing, Raheja Towers, 26/27 M G Road, Bangalore – 560001, Karnataka. IRDA of India Registration number 117, CI No.: U66010KA2001PLC028883.

**Call us** Toll-free at 1-800-425-6969,

**Website:** [www.pnbmetlife.com](http://www.pnbmetlife.com),

**Email:** [indiaservice@pnbmetlife.co.in](mailto:indiaservice@pnbmetlife.co.in) or

**Write to us:** PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd., 1st Floor, Techniplex -1, Techniplex Complex, Off Veer Savarkar Flyover, Goregaon (West), Mumbai – 400062. Phone: +91-22-41790000, Fax: +91-22-41790203

Please address **Your** queries or complaints to **Our** customer services department, and **Your** grievances to **Our** grievance redressal officer, who are authorized to review **Your** queries or complaints or grievances and address the same. Please note that only an officer duly authorized by **Us** has the authority to resolve **Your** queries or complaints or grievances. **We** shall in no way be responsible, or liable, or bound by, any replies or communications or undertakings, given by or received from, any financial advisor or any employee who was involved in selling **You** this **Policy**.

In case **You** are not satisfied with the decision of the above office, or have not received any response within 10 days, **You** may contact the **IRDA of India** by any of the following means for resolution:

**IRDA of India Grievance Call Centre (IGCC)**

**Toll Free No.: 155255**

You can register your complaint online at <http://www.igms.irda.gov.in>

You can write or fax your complaints to

**Consumer Affairs Department**

**Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India**

**9<sup>th</sup> Floor, United India Towers, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad – 500 029, Andhra Pradesh**

**Fax No.: +91-40- 6678 9768**

**E-mail ID: [complaints@irda.gov.in](mailto:complaints@irda.gov.in)**

In case **You** are not satisfied with **Our** decision/resolution, **You** may approach the insurance ombudsman at the address in the list of ombudsman below, if **Your** grievance pertains to:

- (a) Insurance claim that has been rejected or dispute of a claim on legal construction of the **Policy**;
- (b) Delay in settlement of claim;
- (c) Dispute with regard to premium; or
- (d) Non-receipt of **Your Policy Document**.

The complaint should be made in writing duly signed by the **You**, **Nominee** or by **Your** legal heirs with full details of the complaint and the contact information of complainant

As per Rule 13(3) of the Redress of Public Grievances Rules 1998, the complaint to the insurance ombudsman can be made:

- (a) Only if the grievance has been rejected by the grievance redress machinery of the Insurer;
- (b) Within a period of one year from the date of rejection by the insurer; and
- (c) If it is not simultaneously under any litigation.

**List of Insurance Ombudsman**

CONTACT LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	JURISDICTION
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**Annex 1**

**A. Section 38 - Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies**

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance dtd 26.12.2014. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

01. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
2. An Assignment may be effected in a policy by an endorsement upon the policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
3. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
4. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
5. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy there of certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorised agents have been delivered to the insurer.
06. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
7. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
8. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only at the place where the policy is being serviced.
9. The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is
  - a. not bonafide or
  - b. not in the interest of the policyholder or
  - c. not in public interest or
  - d. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
10. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
11. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
12. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
13. Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except

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- a. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
  - b. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
    - i. the proceeds under the policy shall become payable to policyholder or nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
    - ii. the insured surviving the term of the policySuch conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a loan on policy or surrender the policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position.
14. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
- a. shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and
  - b. may institute any proceedings in relation to the policy
  - c. obtain loan under the policy or surrender the policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
15. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance policy under an assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 shall not be affected by this section.

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## **B. Section 39 - Nomination by policyholder**

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance dtd 26.12.2014. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. The policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
2. Where the nominee is a minor, the policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of policyholder's death during the minority of the nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
03. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the policy itself or may be endorsed on the policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the policy.
5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
8. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the loan.
10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
11. In case of nomination by policyholder whose life is insured, if the nominees die before the policyholder, the proceeds are payable to policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.
12. In case nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
13. Where the policyholder whose life is insured nominates his
  - a. parents or
  - b. spouse or
  - c. children or
  - d. spouse and children
  - e. or any of them

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the nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the policyholder unless it is proved that policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the nominee having regard to the nature of his title.

14. If nominee(s) die after the policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the policy is paid, the share of the expired nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the nominee or holder of succession certificate of such nominee(s).
15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 (i.e 26.12.2014).
16. If policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the policy.
17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where before or after Insurance Laws (Ordinance) 2014, a nomination is made in favour of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

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**C. Section 45 – Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years**

Provisions regarding policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance dtd 26.12.2014 are as follows:

1. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question **on any ground whatsoever** after expiry of 3 yrs from
  - a. the date of issuance of policy or
  - b. the date of commencement of risk or
  - c. the date of revival of policy or
  - d. the date of rider to the policy

whichever is later.

2. On the ground of fraud, a policy of Life Insurance may be called in question within 3 years from
  - a. the date of issuance of policy or
  - b. the date of commencement of risk or
  - c. the date of revival of policy or
  - d. the date of rider to the policy

whichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.

3. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
  - a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
  - b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
  - c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
  - d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
4. Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak.
5. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured / beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or

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suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.

6. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which policy was issued or revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based.
7. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.
8. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.
9. The insurer can call for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof of age of life insured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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