Different types of insurance



SHORT TERM INSURANCE



Hospital cash plan

This is a policy that starts paying you a daily cash amount for every day spent in hospital. These plans are designed to assist with the costs you incur should you be away from work or the home. You receive a payout and it is your responsibility to settle your medical bills. These are not medical aid plans and don't cover the costs of GP visits, chronic medication, dentistry and optometry.



Short-term insurance

This is an insurance policy that pays out because of unexpected events like if your home is robbed or your car is damaged in an accident. You have to pay a monthly fee to get this type of insurance cover. You may have to pay in a small amount (called an excess) before you can claim. The insurance may not pay out the full cost of replacing or for fixing the item.



LONG TERM INSURANCE



Funeral policy

A funeral policy will help cover the costs of a funeral if you have a death in the family. You make monthly contributions and the money is only paid out on the death of a loved one. Funeral policies can't be used as security for a loan. You will need to select the beneficiaries when taking out the insurance.



Life insurance

A life policy pays out for the remaining family members when a policyholder dies. You nominate the beneficiaries and then make monthly contributions. You need to complete medical tests and see a doctor before getting life insurance.



Credit life insurance cover

This is an insurance policy that pays off the debt of an item you bought on credit if you die or become disabled. This means your family won't have to pay for the debt.



Accidental death insurance

This is a limited life insurance that covers you for death – but only due to an accident. This includes anything from car accidents to fatal injuries, but generally don't cover any deaths resulting from health problems or suicide.