



Persatuan Insurans Hayat Malaysia
Life Insurance Association of Malaysia



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Life insurance companies and family takaful operators extend 3-month deferment premium/ contribution payment support to 30 June 2021

Kuala Lumpur, 26 March 2021 – The Life Insurance Association of Malaysia (LIAM) and the Malaysian Takaful Association (MTA) are pleased to announce that all life insurance companies and family takaful operators have extended the 3-month deferment premium / contribution payment initiative for policy/certificate holders who are financially affected by the pandemic to 30 June 2021.

During this period, life insurers and family takaful operators will continue to provide insurance and takaful protection to the affected policy/certificate holders including those who are unable to earn an income to have a grace period of three months (or 90 days) to pay premium/ contribution due.

The extension is in response to the need of affected policy/certificate holders who may continue to face financial difficulties during this recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, policy/certificate holders are advised to check with their life insurers or takaful operators on their eligibility for this initiative.

“The impact of this COVID-19 is huge and prolonged. As such, we need to continue to safeguard the customers’ interest. The intended outcome is to enable policy/certificate holders to maintain their insurance/takaful protection coverage during this challenging period, “ said Loh Guat Lan, LIAM President.

“If the application by the policy/certificate holder is approved, the policy/certificate will remain in force during the deferment period. Once the deferment period ends, contractual provisions regarding premium/contribution payment will resume as usual. This deferral is a one-time exercise only although insurers or takaful operators can allow more liberal deferral at their discretion,” Loh elaborated.

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The premium/contribution deferment option is applicable for annual, half-yearly, quarterly and monthly premium/ contribution modes of payment. This flexibility may be provided by life insurers and family takaful operators through a no-lapse guarantee, an extension of grace period or any other means that maintain the policy/ certificate intact during the deferment period.

Additionally, life insurers and family takaful operators will also provide the following assistance to the policyholders and takaful participants affected by COVID-19 to reinstate or preserve their life insurance and family takaful protection:

- i. Extend the period during which a policyholder and takaful participant affected by COVID-19 can reinstate a policy/certificate that has lapsed;
- ii. Provide options to enable policyholders and takaful participants affected by COVID-19 to continue to meet their premium/contribution payments and maintain their policies/certificates. This may include changes in the sum assured/covered, adjustments to the premium/contribution structure and conversion into a paid up policy; and
- iii. Waive fees and charges imposed for changes made to policies/certificates.

As the flexibilities provided for vary from company to company, policyholders and certificate holders affected by COVID-19 are advised to check with their respective life insurance companies/takaful operators for more details. Refer to Appendix A for Contact details.

For FAQ on the Deferment of payment of life insurance premiums and family takaful contributions, kindly visit www.liam.org.my or www.malaysiantakaful.com.my

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ABOUT (LIAM)

LIAM is a trade association registered under the Societies Act 1966. LIAM has a total of 16 members, of which 14 are life insurance companies and 2 life reinsurance companies. More information on LIAM can be obtained at www.liam.org.my.

ABOUT (MTA)

MTA is a trade association for the Takaful industry in Malaysia. MTA has a total of 18 members and is dedicated in promoting the interest of its members and to supervise the exercise of self-regulation within the Takaful industry. More information on MTA can be obtained at www.malaysiantakaful.com.my



APPENDIX A

Details of Life Insurance Companies

No.	Company	Contact Details
1.	AIA Bhd.	Hotline: 1300 88 1899 my.customer@aia.com my.assist@aia.com www.aia.com.my
2.	Allianz Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad	Hotline: 1 300 22 5542 customer.service@allianz.com.my www.allianz.com.my
3.	AmMetLife Insurance Berhad	Hotline: 1 300 88 8800 customercare@ammetlife.com www.ammetlife.com
4.	AXA Affin Life Insurance Berhad	Hotline: 1 300 88 1616 customer.care@axa-life.com.my www.axa.com.my
5.	Etiqa Life Insurance Berhad	Live chat: http://www.eti.qa/livechat Hotline: 1-800-88-9998 (Healthcare) info@etiqa.com.my www.etiqa.com.my
6.	Gibraltar BSN Life Berhad	Hotline: 1 300 22 6262 customerservice@gibraltarbsn.com https://www.gibraltarbsn.com/
7.	Great Eastern Life Assurance (M) Berhad	Hotline: 1300-1300 88 wecare-my@greateasternlife.com www.greateasternlife.com

8.	Hong Leong Assurance Berhad	Hotline: 03-7650 1288 customerservice@hla.hongleong.com.my www.hla.com.my
9.	Manulife Insurance Berhad	Hotline: 1300-13-2323/03-27199112 MYLIFE_CustomerService@manulife.com www.manulife.com
10.	MCIS Insurance Berhad	Hotline: 03-7652 3388 customerservice@mcis.my www.mcis.my
11.	Prudential Assurance Malaysia Berhad	Hotline: 03 2771 0228 customer.mys@prudential.com.my www.prudential.com.my
12.	Sun Life Malaysia Assurance Berhad	Hotline: 1300 88 5055 wecare@sunlifemalaysia.com www.sunlifemalaysia.com
13.	Tokio Marine Life Insurance Malaysia Bhd.	Hotline: 03 2603 3999 customercare@tokiomarinelife.com www.tokiomarine.com
14.	Zurich Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad	Hotline: 1300 888 622 callcentre@zurich.com.my www.zurich.com.my

Details of Takaful Operators

No.	Company	Contact Details
1.	AIA PUBLIC Takaful Bhd	Tel: 1300-88-8922 my.customer@aiapublic.com.my
2.	AmMetLife Takaful Berhad	Toll Free: 1-300-22-9777 Fax: +603 2272 3229 Email: customercare@ammetlifetakaful.com Type AMT message and SMS to 33911
3.	Etiqa Family Takaful Berhad	Local GL Request: 1-800-88-9988 Claims enquiry: 1300-13-8888
4.	Etiqa General Takaful Berhad	Travel & Medical Assistance: 03 2785 6565 Claims Careline: 1300-88-1007
5.	FWD Takaful Berhad	Tel: 1-300-13-7988 (within Malaysia) or +603-2771 7771 (outside Malaysia) contact.my@fwd.com
6.	Great Eastern Takaful Berhad	Tel: 1-300-13-8338 / 03-4259 8338 i-greatcare@greateasterntakaful.com
7.	Hong Leong MSIG Takaful Berhad	Tel: 03-7650 1800 ReachUs@takaful.hongleong.com.my
8.	Prudential BSN Takaful Berhad	Call Center: +603 2053 7188 customer@prubsn.com.my
9.	Sun Life Malaysia Takaful Berhad	Tel: 1 300-88-5055 wecare@sunlifemalaysia.com
10.	Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Am Berhad	Tel: 1-300-88-252 385 Fax: +603 2274 0237 csu@takaful-malaysia.com.my

11.	Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga Berhad	Tel: 1-300-88-252 385 Fax: +603 2274 0237 csu@takaful-malaysia.com.my
12.	Takaful Ikhlas Family Berhad	Tel: 03-2723 9696 ikhlascare@takaful-ikhlas.com.my
13.	Takaful Ikhlas General Berhad	Tel: 03-2723 9696 ikhlascare@takaful-ikhlas.com.my
14.	Zurich General Takaful Malaysia Berhad	Tel: 1-300-888-622 (within Malaysia) or +603-2109 7999 (outside Malaysia) callcentre@zurich.com.my
15.	Zurich Takaful Malaysia Berhad	Tel: 1-300-888-622 (within Malaysia) or +603-2109 7999 (outside Malaysia) callcentre@zurich.com.my



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Deferment of Premium/ Contribution Payment for Life Insurance/ Family Takaful due to COVID-19

Soalan-soalan Lazim mengenai Penangguhan Bayaran Premium / Sumbangan untuk Insurans Hayat / Takaful Keluarga akibat COVID-19

	Question	Answer
1.	<p>What is deferment of premium/ contribution payment for Life Insurance/ Family Takaful due to COVID-19?</p> <p><i>Apakah yang dimaksudkan penangguhan bayaran premium pelan Insuran Hayat / sumbangan pelan Takaful Keluarga akibat COVID-19?</i></p>	<p>It is a grace period of 90 days granted by Life Insurers and Family Takaful Operators to pay any premium or contribution subject to terms and conditions by each Life Insurer or Family Takaful Operator.</p> <p><i>Penangguhan bayaran Premium Pelan Insuran Hayat / Sumbangan Pelan Takaful Keluarga bermaksud penangguhan untuk membayar premium / sumbangan untuk tempoh 90 hari tertakluk kepada terma dan syarat-syarat syarikat insurans atau pengendali Takaful Keluarga.</i></p>
2.	<p>Who are entitled for this deferment of premium/ contribution payment due to COVID-19?</p> <p><i>Siapakah yang akan diberikan penangguhan bayaran premium / sumbangan akibat COVID-19 ini?</i></p>	<p>Policyholders / Certificate holders who are affected¹ directly by the COVID-19 are entitled for the deferment of premium/ contribution payment. This applies to all policies/ certificates where premium/ contribution is due on 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2021. Policyholders / Certificate holders must directly contact your respective Life Insurer or Family Takaful Operator for further details on your eligibility for the deferment of premium/ contribution payment.</p>

Question	Answer
	<p><i>¹ Refers to individuals who have been infected, home quarantined (mandatory) or suffered a loss of income; and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) which have suffered a loss of income, as a result of the economic impact of the COVID-19 situation. Examples of events that lead to such loss of income include retrenchment, shorter working hours and salary or commission reductions for individuals; and loss of business income for self-employed and SMEs</i></p> <p>Pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil yang terjejas¹ secara langsung akibat COVID-19 akan diberikan penangguhan bayaran premium / sumbangan. Penangguhan ini boleh diguna pakai bagi pembayaran premium/ sumbangan untuk polisi/ sijil pada 18 Mac 2020 sehingga 30 Jun 2021. Pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil diminta untuk menghubungi terus syarikat insurans atau pengendali Takaful Keluarga masing-masing untuk maklumat lanjut tentang kelayakan penangguhan pembayaran premium insurans / sumbangan Takaful.</p> <p><i>¹ Merujuk kepada individu yang telah dijangkiti, rumah dikuarantin atau mengalami kehilangan pendapatan; dan perusahaan kecil dan sederhana (PKS) yang mengalami kehilangan pendapatan, akibat daripada kesan ekonomi situasi COVID-19. Contoh-contoh peristiwa yang menyebabkan kehilangan pendapatan termasuk pemberhentian pekerja, waktu kerja yang lebih pendek dan pengurangan gaji atau komisen bagi individu; dan kehilangan pendapatan perniagaan untuk bekerja sendiri dan PKS.</i></p>
<p>3. Do I need to apply? <i>Adakah saya perlu untuk memohon?</i></p>	<p>Yes. Policyholders / Certificate holders need to apply for the deferment from your respective Life Insurer or Family Takaful Operator. You can start to apply for the deferment of premium contribution / payment from now to 30 June 2021.</p>

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		<p><i>Pemegang polisi / Peserta Takaful perlu membuat permohonan penangguhan daripada syarikat insurans atau pengendali Takaful Keluarga mereka. Anda boleh buat permohonan untuk penangguhan bayaran premium / sumbangan mulai dari sekarang hingga 30 Jun 2021.</i></p>
4.	<p>When is the deferment period? <i>Bilakah tempoh penangguhan bayaran?</i></p>	<p>The deferment of premium/ contribution payment of 90 days will be given from the last premium / contribution due date once approved by the insurer/takaful operator.</p> <p><i>Penangguhan bayaran premium / sumbangan 90 hari akan diberikan dari tarikh akhir premium/ sumbangan perlu dibayar setelah mendapat kelulusan oleh syarikat insurans / pengendali takaful.</i></p>
5.	<p>How will this benefit policyholders / certificate holders? <i>Bagaimana ianya boleh memberi manfaat kepada pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil?</i></p>	<p>Policyholders / Certificate holders are entitled for this deferment of premium/ contribution payment due to COVID-19 through mechanism such as no-lapse guarantee, an extension of grace period or any other means that maintain the policy/certificate intact during the deferment period.</p> <p><i>Pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil diberikan penangguhan dari membayar premium / sumbangan akibat COVID-19 melalui mekanisme seperti jaminan polisi / sijil tidak luput, lanjutan tempoh tangguh atau apa-apa cara lain yang boleh mengekalkan polisi/ sijil sentiasa berkuatkuasa sepanjang tempoh penangguhan.</i></p>

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<p>6. What happens if policyholder / certificate holder dies within the deferment of 90 days? <i>Apa yang berlaku jika pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil meninggal dunia dalam tempoh 90 hari penangguhan?</i></p>	<p>In the event of death occurs within the deferment period, the claim payable will be deducted by the total outstanding premium / contribution including the amount due within the deferment period (plus any other deductible based on the terms of the policies / certificates). <i>Sekiranya berlaku kematian dalam tempoh penangguhan, tuntutan yang perlu dibayar akan ditolak oleh jumlah premium / sumbangan tertunggak termasuk amaun yang kena dibayar dalam tempoh penangguhan (termasuk sebarang potongan yang lain tertakluk kepada terma polisi / sijil).</i></p>
<p>7. If I am currently using automatic deduction from my salary or via direct debit, do I need to cancel them? <i>Sekiranya, saya menggunakan khidmat potongan gaji atau debit langsung, adakah saya perlu membuat pembatalan?</i></p>	<p>Yes, the automatic deduction will continue as usual. If Policyholders / Certificate holders wish to cancel them, they must directly contact their respective Life Insurer or Family Takaful Operator. <i>Ya, kaedah potongan secara automatik akan diteruskan jika tidak dibatalkan. Jika pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil berhasrat untuk membatalkannya, sila hubungi terus syarikat insurans atau pengendali Takaful Keluarga masing-masing.</i></p>
<p>8. Will the term of my policy / certificate be extended from this deferment measure? <i>Adakah tempoh polisi / sijil saya akan dilanjutkan kesan dari penangguhan ini?</i></p>	<p>It is advisable for Policyholders / Certificate holders to contact their respective Life Insurer or Family Takaful Operator for further details. <i>Pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil dinasihatkan untuk menghubungi syarikat insurans atau pengendali Takaful Keluarga masing-masing.</i></p>
<p>9. Can the 90 days grace period be applied to policyholders / certificate</p>	<p>The grace period of 90 days is applicable to policyholders / certificate holders who do not have outstanding premiums /</p>

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<p>holders who have outstanding premiums before the commencement of the deferment period?</p> <p><i>Adakah tempoh penangguhan 90 hari ini boleh diaplikasikan kepada pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil yang mempunyai tunggakan premium/ sumbangan sebelum tempoh penangguhan dilaksanakan?</i></p>	<p>contributions at the time of application and the insurance policy / Takaful certificate has not lapsed. For investment-linked policies / certificates, the affected policyholders / certificate holders who have been granted the deferment measure will receive a 90 days no lapse guarantee if the policy / certificate account value is insufficient to pay cost of insurance / tabarru' and other charges.</p> <p><i>Tempoh penangguhan 90 hari ini adalah terpakai kepada pemegang polisi / pemegang sijil yang tidak mempunyai tunggakan premium / sumbangan semasa permohonan dibuat dalam masa penangguhan dan polisi / sijil tidak luput. Bagi pelan berkaitan pelaburan, pemegang polisi / peserta Takaful yang berkenaan yang akan diberikan langkah penangguhan ini akan menerima jaminan polisi / sijil tidak luput selama 90 hari jika nilai akaun tidak mencukupi untuk membayar kos insurans / tabarru' dan caj-caj lain.</i></p>
<p>10. Will there be any administrative charges or interest charges be imposed during the deferment period?</p> <p><i>Adakah kos pentadbiran dikenakan sepanjang tempoh penangguhan bayaran premium / sumbangan tersebut?</i></p>	<p>No. Administrative charges or interest charges will not be imposed throughout the deferment period.</p> <p><i>Tidak. Kos pentadbiran atau kadar faedah tidak akan dikenakan sepanjang tempoh penangguhan.</i></p>