



Metropolitan Smoothed Bonus declaration **2024** fact sheet

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024



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1. Taxable individual & institutional endowments

This business consists mostly of Dynamic Life endowment policies, along with some older smoothed bonus type business. It also consists of FutureChoice Investment Options and FutureChoice Investment Plan endowment policies invested in the Smoothed Bonus fund.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 0.40% | 1.00% |
| 30 June 2021 | 2.50% | 7.00% |
| 30 June 2022 | 1.50% | 4.50% |
| 30 June 2023 | 4.09% | 8.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 4.16% | 9.00% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 5.72% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 6.42% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 3.20% |

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2. Non-taxable institutional endowments & retirement annuities

This business consists mostly of Dynamic Life retirement annuities, along with some older smoothed bonus type retirement annuities. It also consists of FutureChoice Investment Options and FutureChoice Investment Plan retirement annuities invested in the Smoothed Bonus fund.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 0.50% | 1.50% |
| 30 June 2021 | 4.50% | 8.50% |
| 30 June 2022 | 3.00% | 6.00% |
| 30 June 2023 | 5.31% | 9.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 6.05% | 11.75% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 6.86% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 7.34% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 3.70% |

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3. Property fund – taxable

The assets backing this fund predominantly consist of direct property. This includes FutureChoice Investment Options and FutureChoice Investment Plan policies invested in the property fund.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 0.75% | 2.00% |
| 30 June 2021 | 0.40% | 1.00% |
| 30 June 2022 | 0.50% | 1.00% |
| 30 June 2023 | 0.42% | 1.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 0.52% | 1.50% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 4.55% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 5.32% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 1.25% |

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4. Property fund – non-taxable

The assets backing this fund predominantly consist of direct property. This includes FutureChoice Investment Options policies invested in the property fund.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 1.50% | 2.75% |
| 30 June 2021 | 0.75% | 1.50% |
| 30 June 2022 | 2.25% | 4.50% |
| 30 June 2023 | 2.00% | 3.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 4.66% | 8.75% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 6.46% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 6.60% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 3.10% |

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5. Voluntary group retirement savings

This fund consists of several Voluntary Group savings schemes.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 0.70% | 1.50% |
| 30 June 2021 | 6.00% | 10.00% |
| 30 June 2022 | 6.00% | 8.00% |
| 30 June 2023 | 8.15% | 13.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 10.05% | 15.00% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 8.19% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 8.08% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 5.00% |

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6. Preservation plans

This fund consists of Preservation Plan policies.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 1.00% | 2.50% |
| 30 June 2021 | 5.00% | 13.00% |
| 30 June 2022 | 3.00% | 7.50% |
| 30 June 2023 | 7.58% | 15.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 8.22% | 14.00% |
| | | |
| 5-year annualised bonus rate* | | 10.30% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 4.40% |

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7. Ultimate Retirement Option

This is smoothed bonus living annuity business. All bonus rates are declared as vested.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 2.00% | 2.00% |
| 30 June 2021 | 10.00% | 10.00% |
| 30 June 2022 | 7.00% | 7.00% |
| 30 June 2023 | 12.00% | 12.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 12.00% | 12.00% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 8.46% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 9.19% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 4.10% |

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8. Recurring cash benefit

On these policies, cash can be withdrawn from the policy at the discretion of the client, without the charges that apply on a normal partial surrender.

| Declaration period ended: | Final bonus rate | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2020 | 3.50% | 3.50% |
| 30 June 2021 | 10.00% | 10.00% |
| 30 June 2022 | 7.50% | 7.50% |
| 30 June 2023 | 12.00% | 12.00% |
| 30 June 2024 | 10.00% | 10.00% |
| | | |
| 10-year annualised bonus rate* | | 7.77% |
| 15-year annualised bonus rate* | | 7.37% |
| | | |
| Declaration period ending: | Interim bonus rate | |
| | Vested | Total |
| 30 June 2025 | 0.00% | 2.30% |

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Frequently asked questions

What is a smoothed bonus portfolio?

A smoothed bonus portfolio is an investment in which your money is pooled with other policyholders' money. The returns to policyholders are 'evened' out, or smoothed, over a number of years. This means that the bonuses paid in one year may be higher or lower than the actual returns in the stock market. For further information, please refer to the Principles and Practices of Financial Management available on the [Metropolitan website](#).

What is the difference between vested and non-vested bonuses?

Vested

The vested bonus is added to the client's investment and will not be taken away unless all or part of the policy is surrendered. The vested bonus will, however, not be reduced or removed when the investment matures or the client passes away.

Non-vested

The non-vested bonus is the difference between the total bonus and the vested bonus. The non-vested bonus may be reduced or removed when the client alters the nature of the original contract, or as a result of poor investment returns.

The non-vested bonus is usually paid out in full if a death claim is made or when a claim is made at the end of the investment period. On partial or full surrender (when a client withdraws from or ends the investment before the investment period is over), the client will only get a portion of the non-vested bonus.

Notes

- All the figures are based on declared bonus rates until 30 June 2024.
- Past performance cannot be used to estimate future values and it is not necessarily an indication of future performance.
- The bonus rates are net of fund management fees and tax on investment returns.
- The 10-year and 15-year annualised bonus rates shown above include half of the relevant bonus rate declared in 2014 and 2009, respectively. This approach ensures consistency in the calculation following the change in bonus rate declaration cycles from 31 December to 30 June, starting from 30 June 2017 when another half of the relevant bonus rate was declared, effectively changing from a calendar-year to a financial-year basis.
- For FutureChoice Investment Option endowments and Retirement Annuities, the bonus rates are 1% higher for policies written before 2009 and 1.25% higher for policies written after 2009.
- The total bonus rate is applied to the total account and from 30 June 2023, the vested bonus rate is applied to the vested account.
- The value of an investment may be reduced or increased depending on the value of the underlying assets upon surrender of a policy.
- Always contact your financial adviser for a complete financial needs analysis before making any decisions regarding an investment.



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