Pramerica Life Invest Shield

A Unit-Linked Non-Participating Individual Savings Life Insurance Plan

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What kind of plan is Pramerica Life Invest Shield?

You get life High Death Cover and market-linked Returns in one policy. Your premium is invested in fund options chosen by you after applicable charges. Your policy value depends on the value of units in those funds.

2. Is this plan guaranteed in nature?

No. The investment return, fund value and unit price are not guaranteed. The policy is linked to capital markets, so your fund value can increase or decrease. The life cover benefit is payable according to the policy terms.

3. Who can buy this plan and what premium options do you have?

You can buy the plan within the eligible conditions mentioned below

Basic eligibility and premium options

Parameter	What you can choose
Age at entry	0 years (90 days) to 55 years
Maturity age	25 to 80 years
Policy term	25, 30, 35 or 40 years
Premium payment term	5, 7, 10, 12 years or Regular Pay
Premium payment mode	Annual, semi-annual, quarterly or monthly
Minimum installment premium	Annual: Rs. 48,000; Semi-annual: Rs. 24,000; Quarterly: Rs. 12,000; Monthly: Rs. 4,000
Monthly mode condition	Monthly premium payment is available through credit card, direct debit and ECS

4. What are the plan options available?

You can choose one of two plan options at inception:

Plan options

Plan option	Meaning
Classic - With Allocation Charge	Premium allocation charge applies. Eligible allocation charges are added back from the beginning of the 11th policy till 17th Year.
Pro - Without Allocation Charge	No allocation charge applies on base premium or top-up premium. No allocation charge is returned because no allocation charge is deducted.

5. What life cover does this plan provide?

Your sum assured is derived from the cover multiple linked to your age, annualized premium, premium payment term and policy term. The minimum base cover multiple is 7 times annualized premium if your entry age is below 50 years and 5 times annualized premium if your entry age is 50 years or above. The maximum cover can goes up to 100 times of annualized premium subject to the company underwriting rules.

6. What happens if you die during the policy term?

If all due premiums are paid, your nominee or beneficiary receives the highest of: sum assured including top-up sum assured, if any; fund value including top-up fund value, if any; or 105% of total premiums paid including top-up premiums, if any.

If you have made partial withdrawals from the regular premium fund in the last two years before death, the sum assured is reduced to that extent. Partial withdrawals from top-up premiums are not reduced for this purpose.

7. What do you receive on maturity?

If you survive till the maturity date, you receive the fund value, including top-up fund value, if any. The policy then ends. You can receive the maturity benefit as a lump sum or choose the settlement option for structured payouts up to five years after maturity.

8. What additions can increase your fund value?

You may receive additions to your fund value if the policy is in force and all due premiums are paid. These additions are subject to the policy conditions.

Fund value additions

Addition	How it works
Persistency Booster	1% is allocated as extra units at the end of every 5th policy year, starting from the end of the 5th policy year, subject to conditions.
Maturity Addition	At maturity, 15% of total premiums paid is added for Limited Pay and 8% of total premiums paid is added for Regular Pay, subject to conditions.
Return of Mortality Charges	From the 11th policy year, 50% to 300% of mortality charges deducted prior 120^{th} Month are added back depending on the policy year, subject to conditions.
Return of Allocation Charges	For Classic option only, allocation charges deducted prior 120^{th} Month are added back from the beginning of the 11th policy year, subject to conditions.

9. Are there any charges applicable in this plan?

Yes. The policy has charges because it is a unit-linked insurance plan. Premium allocation charge, policy administration charge, mortality charge and surrender or discontinuance charges are guaranteed. Fund management charge is subject to the maximum limits stated for the funds.

Main policy charges

Charge	When it applies	How it is charged
Premium Allocation Charge	Classic option only; top-up premium under Classic also has allocation charge	Deducted from premium before units are allocated
Policy Administration Charge	From the 4th policy year	Deducted monthly by redemption of units; 0.34% of annualized premium, increasing 5% annually, up to 30 years, maximum Rs. 500 per month
Mortality Charge	For life cover and top-up sum assured cover	Deducted monthly by cancellation of units based on sum at risk
Fund Management Charge	For each fund	Adjusted in the unit price and deducted daily
Discontinuance Charge	If premium payment is discontinued during the first four policy years	Deducted from fund value before moving the amount to the Discontinued Policy Fund

Charge	When it applies	How it is charged
Switching / Premium Redirection / Partial Withdrawal	During the policy term, where allowed	No charge is stated for these facilities

Premium Allocation Charge

Plan option	Policy year	Charge
Classic	1	7% of annualized premium
Classic	2	6% of annualized premium
Classic	3	6% of annualized premium
Classic	4	3% of annualized premium
Classic	5	3% of annualized premium
Classic	6	2% of annualized premium
Classic	7	1% of annualized premium
Classic	Thereafter	Nil
Classic - Top-up premium	Any eligible top-up premium	2.0%
Pro	Base premium and top-up premium	Nil

Fund Management Charges

Fund	FMC per annum
Debt Fund	1.20%
Balanced Equilibrium Fund	1.35%
Growth Momentum Fund	1.35%
Large Cap Advantage Fund	1.35%
Flexi Cap Opportunities Fund	1.35%
Pramerica Nifty Mid Cap 50 Correlation Fund	1.25%
Pramerica Nifty Smallcap 250 Quality 50 Correlation Fund	1.25%
Pramerica A.G.A.M Ethical Equity Fund	1.35%
Pramerica Rising Bharat Fund	1.35%
Liquid Fund (for STP only)	1.20%
Discontinued Policy Fund	0.50%

Discontinuance Charge

Policy year of discontinuance	Annualized premium up to Rs. 50,000	Annualized premium above Rs. 50,000
1	Lower of 20% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 3,000	Lower of 6% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 6,000
2	Lower of 15% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 2,000	Lower of 4% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 5,000
3	Lower of 10% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 1,500	Lower of 3% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 4,000
4	Lower of 5% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 1,000	Lower of 2% of annualized premium or fund value, maximum Rs. 2,000
5 and onwards	Nil	Nil

No discontinuance charge applies to top-up fund value.

10. What fund options are available?

You can choose from nine main investment funds under the Defined Portfolio Strategy. The Liquid Fund is available only through the Systematic Transfer Plan. The Discontinued Policy Fund is used when the policy is discontinued during the lock-in period. NAV or unit price is published on the company website.

Fund options and risk profile

Fund option	Risk profile
Debt Fund	Low
Balanced Equilibrium Fund	Medium
Growth Momentum Fund	High
Large Cap Advantage Fund	High
Flexi Cap Opportunities Fund	High
Pramerica Nifty Mid Cap 50 Correlation Fund	High
Pramerica Nifty Smallcap 250 Quality 50 Correlation Fund	High
Pramerica A.G.A.M Ethical Equity Fund	High
Pramerica Rising Bharat Fund	High
Liquid Fund	Low - available only through STP
Discontinued Policy Fund	Low - used for discontinued policies

11. What investment strategies can you choose?

You can choose any one of the below investment strategy at inception. Once selected, you cannot switch from one investment strategy to another during the policy term.

Investment strategies

Strategy	How it works
Defined Portfolio Strategy	You choose the available funds and the allocation proportion. You can switch money among available funds using the switch option, where allowed.
Life Stage Portfolio Strategy	Your investment is allocated between Large Cap Advantage Fund and Debt Fund based on your age band. The allocation is reviewed and rebalanced quarterly, except during the last 12 months.

12. How can you manage market volatility?

You can use the available investment features to manage how your money is invested. These features do not remove market risk and do not guarantee returns.

Market-linked investment management features

Feature	How it can help
Systematic Transfer Plan	You invest through monthly transfers from the Liquid Fund to your chosen funds over 12 months, which can help average purchase cost over time.
Life Stage Portfolio Strategy	Your allocation gradually changes by age band between equity-oriented and debt-oriented funds.
Switching Option	Under Defined Portfolio Strategy, you can move investments among available funds based on your priorities and investment decision.
Premium Redirection	Under Defined Portfolio Strategy, you can change the future premium allocation among available funds.

13. Can you withdraw money from your policy if you need it?

Yes, but only after completion of the five-year lock-in period. You can make partial withdrawals from your investment account subject to the policy conditions.

Partial withdrawals are first allowed from eligible top-up fund value. For regular premium fund value, total partial withdrawals in a policy year cannot exceed 20% of the fund value at the beginning of that policy year. The minimum partial withdrawal is Rs. 10,000. For Systematic Withdrawal Option, the minimum is Rs. 2,000 per instalment.

Partial withdrawals are free of cost. They are not allowed if they would result in termination of the policy. For minor life insured, partial withdrawals are not allowed until the life insured attains age 18.

14. What is the Systematic Withdrawal Option?

Systematic Withdrawal Option is an automated partial withdrawal facility. You can choose it from the 10th policy year onwards if you need regular cash flow from your fund value.

You can choose a withdrawal percentage from 0.25% to 1% of fund value and a payout frequency of yearly, half-yearly, quarterly or monthly. The option follows the conditions applicable to partial withdrawals. You can opt out by giving written notice.

15. Can you pay extra money as top-up premium?

Yes. You can pay top-up premiums over and above regular premium if all due premiums till that date have been paid. Top-up premiums are allowed anytime during the policy term except during the last five years.

Each top-up premium has a five-year lock-in from the payment date, except in case of full surrender. The minimum top-up premium is Rs. 10,000. Each top-up premium carries additional life cover based on your age at the time of top-up.

16. What happens if you discontinue paying premiums?

You get a grace period of 30 days for non-monthly modes and 15 days for monthly mode. During the grace period, the policy remains in force.

If premiums are discontinued during the first five policy years, the fund value after discontinuance charge is moved to the Discontinued Policy Fund. Risk cover and rider cover, if any, stop. The discontinued fund proceeds are paid at the end of the lock-in period or revival period, whichever is later.

If premiums are discontinued after the first five policy years, the policy becomes a reduced paid-up policy. Life cover is reduced according to premiums already paid, and charges continue as applicable. At the end of the revival period the proceeds of the policy fund shall be paid to the policyholder and the policy shall terminate

17. What are the options to exit from the policy?

You have the following exit options:

- Free-look cancellation: You can return the policy within 30 days from receipt of the policy document if you disagree with the terms and conditions. The refund is made as per the policy terms after applicable deductions.
- Surrender during the first five policy years: Fund Value after applicable discontinuance charges is moved to the Discontinued Policy Fund. The proceeds are paid at the end of the lock-in period as per policy terms.
- Surrender after completion of the fifth policy year: The Fund Value is paid.

18. Are loans available under this plan?

No loans are available under this plan.