



Target Market Determination (TMD): MLC Debt Insurance

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Target market for MLC Debt Insurance

1. Likely objectives of consumers in the target market

Death	Critical Illness	Disability	Involuntary Unemployment
<p>The consumer wants to reduce their exposure where they have (or envisage that in future they will or may have) outstanding financial or financial-in-kind commitments, and (for life cover) financial commitments of dependents or the estate that will not be satisfied in the event/s listed below.</p>		<p>The consumer wants to reduce their exposure where they have (or envisages that in future they will or may have) a need to replace their income if they are unable to earn income (or are only able to earn a lower income) due to illness or injury.</p>	<p>The consumer wants to reduce their exposure where they have (or envisages that in future they will or may have) a need to replace their income if they become involuntarily unemployed.</p>
<p>The life insured's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death; or • Terminal Illness. 	<p>The life insured suffers a critical illness.</p>		
<p>The target market excludes those contemplating self-harm.</p>			

2. Likely financial situation of consumers in the target market

The potential relevant sources of financial capacity (consumer must have at least one) are:

- Is earning income;
- Has personal savings; or
- Otherwise has financial capacity to pay premiums.

3. Demographic and eligibility requirements of consumers in the target market

Requirements	Death	Critical Illness	Disability	Involuntary Unemployment
Entry age of 18-64 (inclusive)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Australian permanent resident	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gainfully employed	-	-	✓	✓
The insured must already have a formal contract with a Lender for a home loan or personal loan.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Have received the PDS in Australia	✓	✓	✓	✓

* A consumer, who previously held an MLC Debt Insurance policy that lapsed due to non-payment of premium, who has applied to have their policy reinstated within 30 days of the lapsation and has satisfied MLCL's reinstatement requirements, will still be within the target market, irrespective of whether they otherwise fall within the target market described above.

Product description

Cover types	Type of claim payment	
MLC Debt Insurance offers cover for events listed below, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS).	Lump sum	Monthly payment/s
Death – In the event the life insured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dies; or • is diagnosed with a terminal illness. 	✓	
Critical Illness - In the event the life insured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is diagnosed with or suffers a specified critical illness (specified terms). 	✓	
Disability - In the event the life insured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is unable to work due to illness or injury on a continued basis. 		✓
Involuntary Unemployment - In the event the life insured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • becomes involuntarily unemployed on a continuous basis. 		✓

Key product attributes		Death	Critical Illness	Disability	Involuntary Unemployment
Premium structure – premiums can change over time depending on the age of the insured and balance of the loan.		✓	✓	✓	✓
The payment of premiums – if premiums are not paid when due, the policy may lapse in which case the life insured would no longer be covered and cannot make a claim.		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility criteria – certain persons may be ineligible for cover if they do not meet the eligibility criteria for this product. Eligibility criteria of the life to be insured could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the age; employment status; residency status; and must have a formal contract with a Lender which is a creditor registered with an Australian regulatory authority and as agreed by us. 		✓	✓	✓	✓
There may be exclusions such as:	Suicide or attempted suicide for Death Cover or Terminal Illness in the first 13 months of cover start date, or the date the benefit was increased (for the increased portion of the benefit).	✓	-	-	-
	Conditions pre-existing the insurance.	✓	✓	✓	-
	Involvement in criminal activity.	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Self-inflicted injury or illness.	-	✓	✓	-
	90-day exclusion/qualifying periods for certain critical conditions.	-	✓	-	-
	Any sickness, disease or symptoms contracted within the first 30 days of the Cover Start Date, or the date your Benefit was increased.	-	-	✓	-
	Insured is not gainfully employed.	-	-	✓	✓

Key product attributes		Death	Critical Illness	Disability	Involuntary Unemployment
	Becoming Involuntarily Unemployed or becoming aware that you'll be made Involuntarily Unemployed before or within 30 days of the Cover Start Date, or the date your Benefit was increased (for the increased portion of the benefit).	-	-	-	✓
	Fixed term contract or season work which has ended.	-	-	-	✓
	Resigning from employment or choosing to terminate an employment contract early.	-	-	-	✓
	Termination by instant dismissal due to serious misconduct.	-	-	-	✓
	Becoming involuntarily unemployed when self-employed or employed by family.	-	-	-	✓
	Involuntary Unemployment cannot be taken out as stand alone.	-	-	-	✓
There are customisable benefits – can choose 100% cover or partial cover of 75%, 50% or 25% for each home loan or personal loan.		✓	-	-	-

Why the product attributes will make it more likely that the consumers who acquire the product are in the target market

Death benefit

Broadly, the target market comprises those who have outstanding financial commitments in the form of a home loan or personal loan that will not be satisfied in the event of their own or another person's (i.e. the life insured's) death or terminal illness and who have the capacity to pay potentially variable premiums on an ongoing basis. As the product pays a lump sum on death or terminal illness it is therefore likely to meet the needs, or go towards meeting the needs, of those in the target market.

Critical Illness benefit

Broadly, the target market comprises those who have outstanding financial commitments in the form of a home loan or personal loan that will not be satisfied in the event of their own or another person's (i.e. the life insured) suffering a critical illness and who have the capacity to pay potentially variable premiums on an ongoing basis. As the product pays a lump sum upon suffering a listed critical illness it is therefore likely to meet the needs, or go towards meeting the needs, of those in the target market.

Disability benefit

Broadly, the target market comprises those who have outstanding financial commitments in the form of a home loan or personal loan that will not be satisfied in the event they become unable to work due to sickness or injury and who have the capacity to pay potentially variable premiums on an ongoing basis. As the product pays a monthly benefit upon suffering a sickness or injury it is therefore likely to meet the needs, or go towards meeting the needs, of those in the target market.

Involuntary Unemployment benefit

Broadly, the target market comprises those who have outstanding financial commitments in the form of a home loan or personal loan that will not be satisfied in the event they become involuntarily unemployed and who have the capacity to pay potentially variable premiums on an ongoing basis. As the product pays a monthly benefit upon the insured becoming involuntarily unemployed it is therefore likely to meet the needs, or go towards meeting the needs, of those in the target market.

Distribution conditions

For direct (non-advised) market

- Distributor must not sell to a customer who does not satisfy the demographic factors and eligibility requirements in the Target Market as set out above;
- Distributor must provide the customer with the PDS; and
- This product must only be distributed by the MLCL General Advice team and distribution must comply with approved call scripts and processes.

Why these distribution conditions and restrictions will make it more likely that the consumers who acquire the product are in the target market

For direct (non-advised) market

Consumers of insurance are more likely to be in the target market if distributors:

- refrain from selling to customers that do not meet the relevant demographic and eligibility requirements; and
- provide customers with a PDS.

Review triggers and information to assess whether a review trigger has occurred

Review triggers	Assessment information	Timeframe	Who is responsible
<p>1 The commencement of a significant change in law that materially affects the product design or distribution of the product or class of products that includes this product. Note: This trigger is a mandatory review. The product issuer may choose to undertake a review even if the above review trigger is not met.</p>	<p>Any relevant regulation, legislation and/or ASIC instruments relating to the change in law.</p>	<p>As new changes are introduced.</p>	<p>MLC Limited with information supplied.</p>
<p>2 Product performance is materially inconsistent with the product issuer's expectations, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. product claim ratios; b. the number of paid, denied and withdrawn claims; c. the number of policies sold; and d. policy lapse rates. 	<p>During the review period, the expected and actual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. claims ratio; b. number of paid, declined and withdrawn claims; c. number of policies sold; d. number of policies lapsed. 	<p>Aligned to TMD Review Period.</p>	<p>MLC Limited.</p>
<p>3 Significant or unexpectedly high number of complaints regarding product design, product availability, claims and distribution condition that would reasonably suggest that the TMD is no longer appropriate.</p>	<p>Complaints (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) and the nature of the complaints regarding product design, product availability, claims and distribution condition.</p>	<p>As soon as practicable, or in any event, within 10 business days after the end of each calendar quarter.</p>	<p>MLC Limited.</p>
<p>4 Material change to key product design, features, and/or fees that would reasonably suggest that this TMD is no longer appropriate.</p>	<p>Notification of proposed material change to key product design, features, and/or fees.</p>	<p>As material changes are made.</p>	<p>MLC Limited.</p>
<p>5 Significant Dealing in the product which the regulated person becomes aware is not consistent with the TMD.</p>	<p>A dealing in the product which the distributor (as the regulated person) becomes aware is not consistent with this TMD.</p>	<p>As a significant dealing is identified.</p>	<p>MLC Limited.</p>

TMD review periods

The maximum initial period before this TMD is reviewed (initial review period)

Subject to intervening review triggers, no more than 3 years.

The maximum period before this TMD is reviewed (after initial review period)

Subject to intervening review triggers, no more than 3 years.

Distributor reporting requirements

- Complaints and the nature of the complaints regarding product design, product availability, claims and distribution conditions. Complaints must be reported as soon as practicable, or in any event, within 10 business days after the end of each calendar quarter.
- A significant dealing in the product which the regulated person becomes aware of is not consistent with the TMD. These should be reported as they are identified.