Whole Life vs. Universal Life



CASH VALUE



DEATH BENEFIT

- cost of coverage is not disclosed; death benefit can increase through credit of dividends
- paid-up additions is the most popular dividend option for tax-deferred accumulation
- annual costs are not disclosed but embedded in the dividend
- guaranteed minimums cash value and death benefit (contractual)
- no transparency



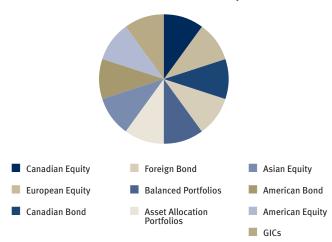
INSURANCE INVESTMENT Tax-Free Payout at Death

ACTIVE APPROACH

Tax-Deferred

- non-participating insurance coverage
- yearly renewable or level cost of insurance
- increasing, level, or minimized death benefit
- annual costs are fully disclosed and include:
 - MER that is between 1% and 4%
 - provincial premium tax that varies between 2% and 4% depending on province
- flexible product consumer can determine both insurance and investment components
- relatively transparent

Possible "UL" Investment Options



There are several differences in the mechanics of these two products, but the end result is the same:

Tax-deferred accumulation of wealth and a tax-free benefit payable to your heirs.



UNIVERSAL LIFE (UL)

- UL combines basic insurance coverage with a taxsheltered investment component that is managed by the policyholder to achieve long-term estate growth.
- UL focuses on investment capabilities within the product and the opportunities they bring to the policyholder.

UL is designed for individuals who:

- are comfortable managing their own investments
- understand the inherent risks of investing in the markets
- require flexibility to meet changing needs
- have a need to see how their product operates and grows

WHOLE LIFE (WL)

- WL generates its long-term growth by crediting policy dividends, which are largely created by the performance of the PAR fund, a diversified investment portfolio that is managed by the insurer's professional money managers.
- It focuses on slow, steady growth to create as large an estate benefit as possible.
- Investments within the PAR fund are regulated by OSFI (Office of Superintendent of Financial Institutions).

WL is designed for individuals who:

- are more risk averse
- don't necessarily require control of their investments
- are more comfortable with guaranteed products
- have predictable long-term needs
- have a stable cash flow
- prefer stable, balanced returns

Note: The chart on the reverse only shows the Paid-Up Additions (PUA) dividend option. PUAs are additional amounts of tax-exempt coverage that have their own cash values and which can earn dividends themselves. They are the dividend option most likely to create a significant accumulated benefit.

SUMMARY

Selecting the insurance solution that is right for your clients will depend on their objectives and investment styles:

- WL offers minimal contractual guarantees with little flexibility and no decision-making on the part of the individual.
- UL is a highly flexible product with the freedom to choose the various product features.



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