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THE FLEXIBLE TRUST (FT)

This form is suitable for use when applying for our range of onshore life assurance products, **other than those applied for online**. It is only to be used for a current application and not in connection with an existing policy.

Please note, the effect of using this trust will depend on your policy application. It is not suitable for pensions contracts or for life assurance contracts approved under pensions legislation.

If you are applying for:

- a BOND, you will be gifting the entire investment to your beneficiaries, and you will not be able to benefit from the regular withdrawal scheme.
- a SAVINGS PRODUCT, you will be gifting all benefits to your beneficiaries, including the surrender and/or maturity proceeds.
- a PROTECTION POLICY, you will be gifting all benefits except for any Terminal Illness Benefit which you may retain for yourself by ticking the relevant box in Part F of the Schedule. If the policy is a joint life, first death policy, you must tick the relevant box in Part G of the Schedule to indicate whether or not the proceeds will be held in trust for the survivor, if they are living 30 days after the death of the first of you to die.

This trust form should not be used for Business Protection purposes.

You should appoint an additional trustee at outset.

If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of this form we recommend that you obtain independent professional advice.

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Explanatory Notes

It is important to read these notes before completing this Trust Form

The advantages of writing life assurance in trust

The main advantages are:

- (i) We can pay the policy proceeds to the surviving trustees on production of a death certificate without waiting for your personal representative(s) to produce a grant of representation or confirmation.
- (ii) The death benefits will be free of inheritance tax (but see opposite).
- (iii) Use of the **correct** trust will provide flexibility in personal financial planning as well as over the timing and destination of the policy proceeds.

When will this trust form be used?

Trust form FT enables you to place a policy into trust for one or more named beneficiaries. The trustees (among whom you are included) have a discretionary power to decide which of the beneficiaries referred to in Part E of the Schedule in the trust form will receive the benefit of the policy. If the trustees do not exercise their discretionary power, the initial beneficiary(ies) will benefit.

Terminal Illness Benefit

This form enables you to choose at outset whether you wish to gift any Terminal Illness Benefit or retain it for yourself

Joint Life, First Death Applications

You must indicate, by ticking the relevant box in Part G of the Schedule, whether or not the policy proceeds will be held in trust for the survivor if still living 30 days after the first of you dies.

You must not be included as a beneficiary either on the trust form itself or in any deed of appointment completed at a later date, as mentioned in clause 3 of the trust form.

The trust form is suitable for both single and joint applications and can be used anywhere in the United Kingdom. It is not suitable for pension contracts or for life assurance contracts approved under pensions legislation.

Who are the Trustees?

You are automatically appointed as the first trustee(s). You should appoint one or more additional trustees. Provided there is at least one surviving trustee, then in the event of a death claim against the policy, we can pay the trustees as soon as proof is received. If there is no surviving trustee, payment cannot be made until probate, letters of administration or confirmation have been granted and new trustees have been appointed.

It should be noted that at least two trustees are required to make an appointment to a beneficiary.

What are the Inheritance Tax (IHT) consequences of using this Trust Form?

IHT is a complex subject and the effect of this trust should be discussed with your financial adviser.

In summary, there are four situations when inheritance tax may be charged:

- (a) **On payment of premiums**
Premiums will be gifts for the purpose of inheritance tax. Any regular premiums will normally be covered by certain exemptions, under which lump sum payments may also be either wholly or partially exempt. Any premium amount not covered by an exemption will be a potentially exempt transfer. Joint applicants each have their own exemptions.
- (b) **On your death**
The trust fund does not form part of your estate for inheritance tax purposes. However, any potentially exempt transfers made in the seven years ending with your death will be taken into account for the calculation of IHT.
- (c) **On the death of a beneficiary**
The death of a named beneficiary may result in an inheritance tax charge on the value of his or her share in the policy at the date of death. *
- (d) **If the trustees exercise the power of appointment**
If the appointment reduces an existing beneficiary's share in the trust, he or she will normally be treated as having made a gift of the share he or she has lost.* If the outgoing beneficiary dies within the following 7 years, there may be IHT implications, in certain circumstances.
* If the only asset of the trust is a term assurance policy, the value will be nil unless the life assured is in ill health at the time.

Select Protection Plans

A Select Protection Plan can potentially consist of several different policies, some of which cannot be placed in trust e.g. income protection. Each separate policy should be placed in its own trust (if required) according to the benefits it provides.

Alterations

If you make a mistake when completing this form, please cross through the error, insert the correction and sign against it. If there are two Applicants, both of you should sign against any alterations. The Additional Trustees do not need to sign the alterations. This would also apply if you wish to delete or add to the standard wording. Please do not use correction fluid.

Warnings

Law and HM Revenue & Customs practice may change at any time. These notes are based on our understanding of both as at 1 September 2005. Friends Provident cannot take responsibility for or guarantee the legal effectiveness of any amendments.

Declaration of Trust – Flexible Trust (FT)

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In this trust form (except where the context otherwise requires) the following words shall have the following meanings:

“Additional Trustees” means the person or persons specified in Part C of the Schedule;

“the Applicant” (or “the Applicants”) means the person or persons specified in Part A of the Schedule;

A person's "Civil Partner" means the person with whom he or she is in a civil partnership within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004;

“the Initial Beneficiaries” has the meaning given in part D of the Schedule;

“the Policy” means the policy specified in Part B of the Schedule;

“the Potential Beneficiaries” has the meaning given in part E of the Schedule;

“the Schedule” means the Schedule hereto;

the "Surviving Civil Partner" of a person who has died means the person who was his or her Civil Partner immediately before the death;

“the Trustees” means the Applicant(s) and the Additional Trustees or such person or persons who may hereafter be appointed as a trustee or trustees hereunder;

“the Trust Fund” means the Policy, all monies to become payable thereunder (including bonuses) and monies received on the sale or surrender thereof, all property at any time added thereto by way of further settlement, accumulation of income, capital accretion or otherwise and all property from time to time representing the foregoing respectively;

“the Trust Period” means the period of 80 years from the date hereof which period shall be the perpetuity period for the purposes of this trust.

1.2 The Schedule forms part of this trust form.

1.3 The clause headings are included for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this trust form.

1.4 In this trust form (except where the context otherwise requires):

1.4.1. Use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

1.4.2. Use of any gender includes the other genders.

1.4.3. Any reference to an English legal term for any action, remedy, method of judicial proceeding, legal document, legal status, court, official or any legal concept or thing shall, in respect of any jurisdiction other than England, be deemed to include a reference to what most nearly approximates in that jurisdiction to the English legal term.

1.4.4. A person's children shall be taken to include his illegitimate children, his adopted children and his step children.

2. Declaration of Trust

The Applicant HEREBY DECLARES that the Trust Fund shall be held:

2.1 If Terminal Illness benefit is shown as “retained” in part F of the Schedule, as to any Terminal Illness Benefit payable under the Policy upon trust for the Applicant absolutely;

2.2 Subject thereto upon the trusts with and subject to the powers and provisions hereinafter declared and contained.

3. Discretionary Power of Appointment

3.1 Subject to Clause 4, the Trustees shall hold the income and capital of the Trust Fund upon trust for or for the benefit of such one or more of the Potential Beneficiaries at such ages and in such shares, upon such trusts and in such manner at any time or times before the expiry of the Trust Period by any deed or deeds revocable or irrevocable as the Trustees (being at least two in number) shall in their absolute discretion appoint.

3.2 The Trustees may at any time or times by deed or deeds extinguish (or restrict the future exercise of) the discretionary power of appointment in this Clause.

4. Reversion to Surviving Joint Applicant

If Part G of the Schedule shows that a 30 day wording applies, and the Policy is on the joint lives of the Applicants and the death benefit thereunder is expressed as payable on the death of the first of them to die, the Trustees shall hold the Trust Fund for the survivor of the Applicants absolutely and the interests of all other persons hereunder shall cease, if the survivor of the Applicants is living thirty days after the death of the deceased Applicant.

5. Trusts in Default of Appointment

Subject to Clause 4, and until and subject to and in default of any appointment under Clause 3, the Trustees shall hold the capital and income of the Trust Fund in trust for the Initial Beneficiaries in the shares specified in Part D of the Schedule or if no share is specified then in equal shares absolutely.

6. Payment of Income and Capital

6.1 Subject to the terms of any appointment under Clause 3, all **income** of the Trust Fund shall be paid to or applied for the benefit of the person(s) entitled, whether by appointment or in default of appointment at the time the income arises and in the shares in which they are so entitled.

6.2 The Trustees may pay or apply the whole or part of the **capital** of any beneficiary's share to or for the advancement, maintenance, education or benefit of such beneficiary.

7. Applicant unable to benefit

No power or discretion by this trust form or by law conferred on the Trustees or any of them or any other person shall (notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein expressed or implied) be exercised so as to cause or permit any part of the capital or income of the Trust Fund to become in any way payable to or applicable for the benefit of the Applicant (or either of the Applicants).

8. Law

If the address (or both addresses) shown in Part A of the Schedule is in Scotland this trust shall be subject to, and shall be construed in accordance with, Scots Law. If the address (or either address) shown in Part A of the Schedule is not in Scotland this trust shall be subject to, and shall be construed in accordance with, the Law of England and Wales.

9. Irrevocability

This Declaration of Trust shall be irrevocable.

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10. Powers of investment

The Trustees may apply any money to be invested in the purchase or acquisition (either alone or jointly with others) of such property, of whatever nature and wherever situate and whether of a wasting nature, involving liabilities or producing income or not, or in making such loans with or without security, as they think fit so that they shall have the same powers to apply money to be invested as if they were an absolute beneficial owner provided that any option, right of surrender or other right under any policy of assurance forming part of the Trust Fund must be exercised by all the Trustees acting together. Provided further that any right to switch investment funds under any unit-linked policy forming part of the Trust Fund may be exercised on behalf of the Trustees by the Applicant during his or her life (or by the Applicants during their joint lives and by the survivor of them during his or her life) without the consent of any other of the Trustees or being under any duty to seek advice thereon.

11. Power to borrow

The Trustees may borrow and raise money on the security of the whole or any part of the Trust Fund and to use such money to pay the premiums on any policy of assurance or for acquiring investments to be held as part of the Trust Fund or for any other purpose for which the Trust Fund may be used.

12. Power to appoint new trustees

12.1 The power of appointing new trustees shall be vested in the Applicant during his life (or in the Applicants during their joint lives and in the survivor of them during his life) or so long as the Applicant retains full legal capacity.

12.2 The Applicant hereby appoints the Additional Trustees to be Trustees to act with the Applicant in the trusts of this trust form, which office the Additional Trustees acknowledge has been accepted on execution of this trust form.

13. Power to remove trustees

The Applicant(s) (or the survivor of the Applicants) shall have the power to remove any Trustee by deed without assigning any reason therefor and without the necessity for any Trustee to concur or otherwise be party to such removal provided that this power shall only be exercised if there are at least two Trustees remaining after such removal.

14. Receipts

14.1 The receipt of any parent or legally appointed guardian of any beneficiary who shall be under the age of full legal capacity shall be a full discharge to the Trustees.

14.2 The Trustees may pay or transfer any assets comprised in, or any income of, the Trust Fund to the person who purports to be the treasurer or other appropriate officer of any charity which is entitled to such assets or income, and the receipt of such person shall be a full discharge to the Trustees.

14.3 The receipt of the Trustees shall be a good and sufficient discharge to any person for all monies payable by such person under any policy forming part of the Trust Fund.

15. Power to Charge

15.1 A Trustee (other than the Applicant) being a person engaged in any profession or business shall be entitled to charge and be paid all usual professional and other charges for business done, services rendered or time spent by such Trustee personally or by such Trustee's firm in the administration of these trusts including acts which a Trustee not being in any profession or business could have done personally.

15.2 A Trustee (other than the Applicant) shall be entitled to retain any commission which may be received personally or by such Trustee's firm in respect of any transaction carried out in relation to the Trust Fund for which such Trustee or Trustee's firm is, in the normal course of business, allowed commission, notwithstanding that the receipt of such commission was procured by an exercise by such Trustee or the Trustees of powers over the Trust Fund.

15.3 If any corporate body shall act as a Trustee hereof it shall be entitled to charge in accordance with its published terms for trust business in force from time to time and in the absence of published terms in accordance with such terms as may from time to time be agreed between the Trustee and the Applicant(s).

16. Power of Appropriation

The Trustees may appropriate any part of the Trust Fund in or towards satisfaction of the interest of any beneficiary and may for such purpose place such value on any property as they think fit.

17. Power to Vary Administrative Provisions

The Trustees may by deed amend or add to the administrative provisions of this trust.

18. Liability for Breach of Trust

The liability of a Trustee for breaches of trust shall be limited to breaches arising from the Trustee's own fraud, wilful misconduct or gross negligence except in the case of a Trustee entitled to charge under Clause 15.

Schedule - Flexible Trust (FT)

In Part A insert your name(s) and address(es).	A	Applicant(s): _____ Address: _____ _____
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In Part B insert the type of policy, or, for select protection plans, the type of cover. (Please refer to the application form for descriptions of the types of cover). Please insert the date of application, and if applicable, the sum assured.	B	Type of Policy/Cover *: _____ Sum Assured: _____ Date of Application: _____ * For Select Protection Plans, insert the type of cover (please refer to the types of cover in the application form). For other plans, insert the type of policy.
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In Part C insert the full names and addresses of the persons who are to be Additional Trustees. At least one additional trustee must be appointed. If this is not done the trust may not be valid. Note: the trust fund may be subject to tax in any territory where a trustee is resident. Friends Provident cannot advise on non-UK tax issues.	C	Additional Trustees: (1) Full Name: _____ Address: _____ (2) Full Name: _____ Address: _____ (3) Full Name: _____ Address: _____
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The names of the person(s) who you initially wish to benefit should be entered together with the share you wish each to receive. At least one beneficiary must be named.	D	The "Initial Beneficiaries" shall mean: Name _____ Share % _____ Name _____ Share % _____ Name _____ Share % _____ Name _____ Share % _____ Name _____ Share % _____
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The Trustees may appoint anyone in this list to receive benefits from the trust Please see the definitions of Civil Partner and Surviving Civil Partner in part 1.1 of the Declaration of Trust. You may extend the class further at (7) should you wish to do so.	E	The "Potential Beneficiaries" shall mean any one or more of: (1) the Initial Beneficiaries; (2) the children and other direct descendants of the Applicant or either of the Applicants; (3) the parents, brothers and sisters of the Applicant (or either of the Applicants) and the children and other direct descendants of such brothers and sisters; (4) the spouse, Civil Partner, widow, widower or Surviving Civil Partner of the Applicant (or either of the Applicants) or of any person within (1), (2) or (3) above; (5) any person entitled under the will or intestacy of the Applicant, or either of the Applicants; (6) any person(s) or charity other than the Applicant(s) nominated as a beneficiary hereunder by the Applicant(s) (or the survivor of the Applicants) by notice in writing to the Trustees; (7) _____
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If you are applying for a policy which includes Terminal Illness Benefit please tick the relevant box in Part F to indicate whether you wish to gift or retain this benefit.	F	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Illness Benefit gifted <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Illness Benefit retained
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If you are applying for a policy which is on a joint life, first death basis, please tick the relevant box in Part G to indicate whether you wish a 30 day wording to apply. (See Explanatory Notes for further details.)	G	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 day wording applies <input type="checkbox"/> 30 day wording does not apply
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents consisting of this and the two preceding pages are executed by the Applicant (s) and the Additional Trustees in acceptance of their appointment on the date shown in Part B and if executed in Scotland before the witnesses hereto subscribing.

The trust form should then be signed by you and the Additional Trustees. If the trust is declared in Scotland, each should sign in the presence of an independent witness whose signature and details should be included where indicated. * If the trust is declared in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, witnesses are not required	H	SIGNED: Signature(s) of Applicant(s): _____ *Witness: Signature: _____ Full Name: _____ Address: _____
		SIGNED: Signature of First Additional Trustee: _____ *Witness: Signature: _____ Full Name: _____ Address: _____
		SIGNED: Signature of Second Additional Trustee: _____ *Witness: Signature: _____ Full Name: _____ Address: _____
		SIGNED: Signature of Third Additional Trustee: _____ *Witness: Signature: _____ Full Name: _____ Address: _____