

**HEADLINE NEWS**

- The Fund's death, disability and funeral benefits have been reviewed effective 1 April 2024
- The saving in the premium rates of 0.5% of pensionable salaries will be allocated to members' retirement savings in the Fund
- Investment markets continue to be volatile, but have been positive in total over the last 3 months

**DITABAKGOLO**

- Dikholego tša Sekhwama sa lehu, bogole le poloko di lekotšwe ka boswa gomme di thoma go šoma go tloga ka 1 Moranang 2024
- Poloko mo go kelo ya premiamo ya 0.5% ya mogolo wa o nago le phenšene e tla abelwa ka go Sekhwama sa dipoloko tša diphešene tša maloko
- Mebaraka ya dipeelešo e tšwelapele go fetogafetoga, eupša e bile ye e tiilego go feta dikgweding tše 3 ka palo

**IZINDABA EZINOHlonze**

- Imihlomulo yokushona, yokukhubazeka kanye neyomngcwabo ibuyekeze kusukula ngomhlaka-1 Ephreli 2024
- Ukongiwa kwezilinganiso zepremiyamu engu-0.5% wemiholo yempesheni izokwabelwa imali yokulondoloza umhlalaphansi yamalungu esiKhwama
- Izimakethe zokutshalwa kwezimali ziyaqhubeka nokuguquguquka, kodwa zibe zihle sezisionke ezinyangeni ezi-3 ezedlule

**MAHUNGUKULU**

- Mipfuno ya Nkwama ya swa rifo, vutsoniwa na mikosi swi pfluxetiwile kusukela hi siku ra 1 Dzivamisoko 2024
- Vuvekisi hi mpimo wa 0.5% ya miholo leyi phenxeni yi humaka eka yona yi ta averiwa eka vuvekisi bya swirho bya mudende eka Nkwama
- Timakete ta vuvekisi ti ya emahlweni na ku hundzukahundzuka, kambe hi ku angarhela a ti ri karhi ti tsakisa eka tin'hwetlwa ti3 leti nga hundza

**DEATH, DISABILITY AND FUNERAL BENEFITS**

The Fund's death and disability benefits, and the separate funeral benefits provided in terms of a policy in the name of the City of Johannesburg, are reviewed each year effective 1 April. For the year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025:

- The death and disability multiples and the funeral benefit amounts will remain unchanged.
- The maximum disability benefit limit will increase from R13.125 million to R14 million on 1 April 2024.
- The combined premium rate for the death, disability and funeral benefits will decrease from 4.0% to 3.5% of pensionable salaries on 1 April 2024. The saving of 0.5% of pensionable salaries will be allocated to member Fund Credits in the Fund.

*The reduced risk premium rates means more contributions will be allocated to members' retirement savings*

Attached to this Newsletter, is a Risk Benefits Counselling Document providing full information on the risk benefits. The Counselling Document may also be obtained from the Fund's administrator or accessed from the Fund's website at [ejoburgretirementfund.co.za](http://ejoburgretirementfund.co.za) or by scanning one of the following QR codes:

Fund website



Risk Benefits Counselling Document



## FUND INVESTMENTS

### Fund investment returns over the last 12 months

The returns over the 12-month period to 29 February 2024 for the three portfolios are set out in the following table.

Period	High Growth Portfolio	Medium Growth Portfolio	Money Market Portfolio
March 2023	-1.76%	-0.36%	0.72%
April 2023	2.44%	1.49%	0.68%
May 2023	-1.21%	0.71%	0.71%
June 2023	1.54%	1.12%	0.84%
July 2023	1.11%	0.60%	0.82%
August 2023	-0.08%	1.46%	0.78%
September 2023	-2.76%	-2.22%	0.73%
October 2023	-2.66%	-0.90%	0.82%
November 2023	7.45%	5.15%	0.89%
December 2023	1.89%	1.65%	0.75%
January 2024	-0.49%	0.77%	0.85%
February 2024	0.74%	1.40%	0.71%
<b>1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024</b>	<b>5.95%</b>	<b>11.25%</b>	<b>9.70%</b>

### Fund long-term investment returns

The investment returns earned on each of the portfolios for longer periods to 29 February 2024 are set out in the table below.

Period to 29.2.2024	High Growth Portfolio (inception 1.9.2005)		Medium Growth Portfolio (inception 1.5.2014)		Money Market Portfolio (inception 1.9.2005)	
	Actual per annum	Target: Inflation plus 5% per annum	Actual per annum	Target: Inflation plus 3% per annum	Actual per annum	Target: Inflation plus 1% per annum
Last 12 months	5.95%	10.32%	11.25%	8.32%	<b>9.70%</b>	<b>6.32%</b>
Last 3 years	9.11%	11.00%	<b>8.87%</b>	<b>9.00%</b>	7.27%	7.00%
Last 8 years	<b>8.27%</b>	<b>9.98%</b>	8.19%	7.98%	7.92%	5.98%
Since inception	11.74%	10.62%	8.17%	7.97%	7.92%	6.62%

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It is not intended as a substitute for specific legal, financial or other advice in considering the implications for each member's particular circumstances.

## DEATH, DISABILITY AND FUNERAL BENEFITS FROM 1 APRIL 2024

The benefits paid by the Fund on the death or disability of a member are the member's Fund Credit and an age-related multiple of the member's annual pensionable salary. The total benefit is paid to the eligible dependants and beneficiaries of a deceased member or used to provide a retirement pension to a member who is disabled. A family funeral benefit is also payable on the death of the member, the death of the member's spouse or the death of an eligible child of the member.

The benefits are reviewed effective 1 April each year, with the benefits and contributions set for the following 12 months. A full review was undertaken effective 1 April 2024. The total required premium rate in respect of the benefits decreased materially effective 1 April 2024 and the saving in the premium rates is allocated to member Fund Credits in the Fund.

The death benefits are paid directly (self-insured) by the Fund. The disability benefits are insured with Old Mutual in terms of a policy held in the name of the Fund. The funeral benefits are insured with Old Mutual in terms of a policy held in the name of the City of Johannesburg.

### DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFIT MULTIPLES

The benefit payable (in addition to the member's Fund Credit) on the death of a member contributing to the Fund at any age before age 70 or the disablement of a member before the normal retirement age is a multiple of the member's annual pensionable salary at the date of death or disablement, where the multiple depends on the member's age at the date of death or disablement, as follows:

Age at date of death or disability	Death benefit multiple	Disability benefit multiple
18	8.17	9.96
19	8.55	10.41
20	8.86	10.78
21	9.13	11.12
22	9.36	11.39
23	9.57	11.64
24	9.71	11.81
25	9.77	11.90
26	9.83	11.96
27	9.78	11.92
28	9.75	11.86
29	9.68	11.78
30	9.55	11.63
31	9.43	11.48
32	9.25	11.25
33	9.07	11.05
34	8.87	10.80
35	8.66	10.54
36	8.48	10.31
37	8.24	10.02
38	8.00	9.74
39	7.78	9.46
40	7.54	9.17
41	7.31	8.88
42	7.08	8.60
43	6.80	8.28
44	6.59	8.01

Age at date of death or disability	Death benefit multiple	Disability benefit multiple
45	6.32	7.70
46	6.05	7.36
47	5.79	7.05
48	5.52	6.72
49	5.24	6.38
50	4.99	6.05
51	4.63	5.64
52	4.36	5.32
53	4.11	5.00
54	3.84	4.67
55	3.56	4.35
56	3.33	4.06
57	3.07	3.74
58	2.85	3.48
59	2.64	3.22
60	2.43	2.95
61	2.23	2.70
62	2.05	2.49
63	1.88	-
64	1.73	-
65	1.12	-
66	1.06	-
67	0.99	-
68	0.87	-
69	0.81	-
70 or older	-	-

Death benefit: Evidence of good health requirements and maximum benefit
Until such members provide satisfactory evidence of good health to the Fund, members over the normal retirement age on joining the Fund have no death benefit cover and the cover is limited to a maximum benefit of R17 100 000 for all other members. The limits do not apply if death is due to an accident.
Disability benefit: Maximum benefit
The insured disability benefit is limited to a maximum benefit of R14 000 000.
Disability benefit: Waiting period
The disability benefit is payable after a 3 month waiting period following the date of disability. The member remains covered for the death benefit in the event of death during the disability waiting period.

## DEFINITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR A DISABILITY BENEFIT

For the payment of a disability benefit, the member must (to the satisfaction of Old Mutual) be totally and permanently incapable of performing his or her own occupation, or any alternative occupation for which he or she is suited, taking into account his or her age, education, training, knowledge, ability, income and experience, as a result of a condition that has continued for the duration of the 3 month waiting period and arose from an injury or illness.

## FUNERAL BENEFIT AMOUNTS

The funeral benefits payable on the death of the member, the member's spouse or an eligible child of the member are as follows:

On the death of:	Benefit
Member	R48 000
Spouse	R40 000
Child aged 6 to 21	R20 000
Child under age 6 or a stillborn child	R13 000

Members over the normal retirement age on joining the Fund will only qualify for a funeral benefit if death is due to an accident until such time as they provide satisfactory evidence of good health to Old Mutual. Their spouse and eligible children will qualify for the funeral benefit irrespective of the cause of death.

## DEFINITION OF AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE

For the payment of a funeral benefit in respect of the spouse of a member, the spouse:

- must be legally married to the member (including marriages in terms of the Customary Marriages Act, 1998); or
- must be party to a marriage concluded with the member (to the satisfaction of Old Mutual) in accordance with the customs and usages traditionally observed amongst the indigenous African people of South Africa and which form part of the culture of those people; or
- must be party to a union (to the satisfaction of Old Mutual) with the member validly concluded under a system of religious law; or
- must (to the satisfaction of Old Mutual) have been the partner of the member in an abiding serious relationship akin to living together in a manner resembling for all intents and purposes a monogamous relationship between husband and wife (except the relationship may be heterosexual or homosexual) for a continuous period of at least six months.

For members who have more than one spouse, only one spouse's funeral benefit will be paid in any policy year.

In the event of a claim, the relationship of the spouse to the member must be substantiated by a marriage certificate or other proof acceptable to Old Mutual.

## DEFINITION OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD

For the payment of a funeral benefit in respect of a child of the member, the child must be:

- a biological child, a stepchild, a legally adopted child or a foster child of the member; or
- a child who has been placed under the member's guardianship as contemplated in Section 18 of the Children's Act, 2005; or
- any other child who (to the satisfaction of Old Mutual) is proven to be financially dependent on the member through the member's financial contributions for the child on a regular basis.

A stillborn child is defined as a foetus that was at least 26 weeks old as at the date of termination of the pregnancy.

In the event of a claim, the relationship of the child to the member must be substantiated by a birth certificate, adoption certificate or other proof acceptable to Old Mutual.

## FUNERAL SUPPORT SERVICE

If the place of death is more than 50 kilometres away from the place of burial, the service allows for the transportation, at no cost, of the deceased member, spouse or child by road or air from anywhere in the world to the funeral home closest to the place of burial in South Africa or neighbouring countries: Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique (south of the 22nd parallel – Vilankulo), Namibia and Zimbabwe.

A relative of the deceased may accompany the body to the final funeral home and, if needed, free overnight accommodation will be provided.

The service can be accessed at any time by calling 0860 000 500.

## POLICY AND BENEFIT CONDITIONS

The death and disability benefits are subject to such maxima, restrictions and conditions as are set out in the Fund policy and the Old Mutual insurance policies, as applicable. The main conditions include:

- No insured death and disability benefit will be payable, unless the claim is accepted by the Fund or is accepted and paid by Old Mutual, as applicable.
- New members are not eligible for the death benefit cover until they actively commence work with their employer.
- New members are not eligible for the disability benefit cover during their first 12 months of membership in respect of an intentional self-inflicted injury or in respect of any illness or injury for which the member received (or would have reasonably received) medical advice, a diagnosis or treatment during the 6 months prior to joining the Fund. The member is covered for illness or injury for any other reason.
- If a member dies before the disability cover is paid by the insurance company to the Fund, a death benefit and not a disability benefit is payable.
- Members are not covered for death or disability benefits which arise out of:
  - Active participation in terrorist activities, war, warlike operations, civil war or revolt which assumes the proportion of a wide-scale uprising (other than in the course of fulfilling their duties as employees); or
  - Use of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons or any radioactive contamination arising out of them; or
  - Any attack on or sabotage of facilities and storage depots that leads to the release of radioactivity or nuclear, biological or chemical warfare agents.
- Members are not covered for the death or disability benefits:
  - If they are outside of South Africa for more than 90 days, unless this is notified to and accepted by the Fund or by Old Mutual, as applicable; or
  - If they are absent from the service of the employer for more than a month without their employer's consent.
- Claims must be submitted to the Fund or to Old Mutual within 12 months of the date of death or disability, as applicable.

## IMPORTANT ISSUES

- a) This document contains a summary of the self-insured death benefits and the insured disability and funeral benefits and is provided for information purposes only. In the event of a difference between this summary and the terms of the insurance policies and the policies and Rules of the Fund, the insurance policies and the policies and Rules of the Fund will prevail.
- b) Members need to assess whether the death, disability and funeral cover is sufficient for them and their families. If it is insufficient, they should consider taking out further personal cover. Members should consider any aggregation clauses in individual life policies that they hold, that may limit the benefit paid by the policy in the event of a claim.
- c) Members should ensure they have completed and signed an up-to-date nomination of beneficiaries form in respect of their death benefits and their funeral benefit. If their circumstances change (e.g. marriage, divorce, birth of a child) members should update their nomination form and submit it to their HR department or to the Fund's administrator.
- d) Members should ensure that their personal contact details, and those of their next of kin, are kept updated with their employer. This will assist in communication to members and the processing of any death, disability and funeral claims.
- e) If a member, or the member's family in the event of the death of the member, has any concerns regarding a decision by Old Mutual in respect of a disability or funeral claim, they may contact Old Mutual directly on:

Disability claims: [gapdisabilityassessments@oldmutual.com](mailto:gapdisabilityassessments@oldmutual.com)

Funeral claims: [gapdeathclaims@oldmutual.com](mailto:gapdeathclaims@oldmutual.com)

## TAXATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

The employer contributions paid to the Fund on behalf of members in respect of the death and disability benefits may be offset against income in determining the net taxable income of each member. Any death and disability benefits (including the member's Fund Credit) paid by the Fund are subject to the deduction of the appropriate tax.

The employer contributions paid to Old Mutual in respect of the funeral benefit premium is added to the net taxable income of each member and is subject to tax. The funeral benefit is paid out tax free.

## CONTRIBUTION ALLOCATIONS FROM 1 APRIL 2024

The total required self-insurance and insurance premiums, expressed as a percentage of pensionable salary, in respect of the death, disability and funeral benefits reduced as follows effective 1 April 2024:

	Up to 30.3.2024	From 1.4.2024
Death benefits	2.921%	2.578%
Disability benefits	0.898%	0.760%
Funeral benefits	0.181%	0.162%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.000%</b>	<b>3.500%</b>

The allocation of contributions to the Fund will be as follows:

	Up to 30.3.2023	From 1.4.2023
Member contributions:		
Retirement savings <sup>1</sup>	7.500%	7.500%
Employer contributions:		
Retirement savings <sup>2</sup>	13.600%	14.100%
Death benefits	2.921%	2.578%
Disability benefits <sup>3</sup>	0.898%	0.760%
Funeral benefits	0.181%	0.162%
Fund expenses	0.400%	0.400%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.000%</b>	<b>18.000%</b>

Note:

- For two groups of Joburg Market employees, their member contributions are phased in on entry to the Fund with member contributions of 2.5% of pensionable salaries in the first year of membership, 5.0% of pensionable salaries in the second year of membership and 7.5% of pensionable salaries thereafter.
- For a small number of senior employees, the employer contribution is less than 18%. For these members the allocation of employer contributions to death, disability and funeral benefits and Fund expenses is as set out in the above table and the allocation to retirement savings is reduced accordingly.
- For members who are over their normal retirement age and are therefore not eligible for the disability benefit, the contribution in respect of the disability benefit is allocated to their Fund Credit in the Fund.

## PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Fund, its administrator and Old Mutual will process and protect your personal information as required by relevant laws and the constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Old Mutual may send your personal information to service providers outside of South Africa for storage or further processing on Old Mutual's behalf. Old Mutual will however not send your information to a country that does not have information protection legislation similar to that of South Africa, unless Old Mutual has a binding agreement with the service provider which ensures that it effectively adheres to the principles for processing of information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act No 4 of 2013.

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