

Talking about lifetime annuities

What is a lifetime annuity?

A lifetime annuity is a secure financial product that pays you a regular income in exchange for a lump sum investment. Using a part of your money from savings or super, you can invest in a lifetime annuity and receive regular, guaranteed income payments for life.

Complement your existing retirement income

A lifetime annuity can work alongside other income sources, like from your super or the Age Pension. As the foundation of your retirement plan, they can be used to help maintain your standard of living.

Regular income you can rely on

A lifetime annuity provides guaranteed income payments for the rest of your life. Even if you live longer than you expect to, you'll have no concerns about your payments stopping.

Challenger lifetime annuity features at a glance



Make your money last a lifetime

Challenger lifetime annuities give you an additional layer of protection in retirement by providing guaranteed income payments. They act as a safety net ensuring that you will receive income for life.



Protection from market risks

Unlike most other investments, our payments are guaranteed for life and are protected from market downturns.



Inflation linked income to help protect your lifestyle

You can choose to have your lifetime annuity payments linked to yearly changes to inflation, helping you to continue to afford tomorrow what you can afford today.



Flexibility to withdraw if your circumstances change

While Challenger lifetime annuities are designed to be held for life, there is a long period where you can access a lump sum if your circumstances change (unless you ask for this feature to be removed).



“With a Challenger lifetime annuity and the Age Pension, I can live very comfortably. It gives me that constant monthly income and I’m very happy with that.”

Graham, Challenger lifetime annuity customer

Frequently asked questions

I need flexibility with my finances. Why would I lock my money into a lifetime annuity?

Lifetime annuities are just one source of income in retirement. By having some of your income guaranteed, it can help you plan and budget for the future.

What if things change and I need access to my investment?

While Challenger lifetime annuities are designed to be held for life, you have the flexibility to access a lump sum within a defined period if your circumstances changeⁱ.

Will I lose all my money if I die earlier than expected?

Challenger lifetime annuities pays a guaranteed death benefit within a long death benefit periodⁱ. The death benefit is up to 100% of the amount you invest and is payable to the beneficiaries you nominate or to your estate. This gives you certainty and control over your estate planning outcomes.

How much do I need to invest?

You don't need to invest all your retirement savings into an annuity. You can invest as little as \$10,000.

How safe is my investment?

The Challenger Life company and our annuities are regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).

They actively monitor our investments with the aim of ensuring we can secure income payments for your lifetime. The money we receive from your investment is held separately in a statutory fund. This statutory fund is required to hold enough capital to withstand a one in 200-year investment market shock event.

Seeking financial advice can help you make informed decisions about your money and retirement

By discovering the options available for investing and managing your income in retirement, you can start to understand which choices will suit you best, and why. A financial adviser with expertise in retirement planning is the ideal partner to guide you towards the right mix of income options for your plans and lifestyle in retirement.

Who is Challenger?

Established in 1985, Challenger is Australia's largest provider of annuities. We're a multi-award-winning Life Company providing reliable income to around 60,000 customers through management of more than \$18 billion in assets (as at 31 December 2018).

Our purpose is to provide customers with financial security for retirement. We do this by offering investment strategies that exhibit consistently superior performance, and by helping customers in retirement with safe and reliable income streams.

For more about Challenger lifetime annuities, speak to your financial adviser, visit challenger.com.au or call 13 35 66 (from 8am to 6pm AEST, Monday to Friday).

ⁱ Unless you ask for this feature to be removed in exchange for higher starting payments.