



# ReAssure

ReAssure Limited

## **Guardian Assurance With-Profits Fund**

Unitised With-Profits Bonus Rates & Estate Distribution

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This document is for you if you have a unitised with profits policy with either ReAssure Ltd or Countrywide Assured that is written in the Guardian Assurance With Profits Fund.



## Guardian Assurance With-Profit Fund Unitised With-Profits Bonus Rates

Bonuses are additions to the benefits payable on with-profits policies. You can find more information about how bonuses are added to different types of policy in our “A guide to how the Guardian Assurance With-Profit Fund is managed (unitised with-profits pensions and life)” document, which is available to download from our website.

We also have a more detailed guide to our with-profits management strategy called 'Guardian PPFM'. If you would like any of these documents, please ask us or download them from our website [www.reassure.co.uk](http://www.reassure.co.uk).

## Annual Bonus Rates (also known as Regular Bonus or Reversionary Bonus)

The PPFM sets out that annual bonus rates were reduced at the 31st December 2004 declaration to such a level that no further reductions are planned. We anticipate annual bonuses can be maintained at this level in the future, if investment returns are not significantly less than anticipated and mortality experience does not change significantly from that anticipated.

Current Annual Bonus Rates are as follows:

### Freedom Unitised With-Profit policies

Product	Annual Basic Interest Rate	Annual Bonus Interest Rate	Annual Total
Long Term Fund	0.00%	1.25%	1.25%
Short Term Fund	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%

### Choices Unitised With-Profit policies

Product	Annual Basic Interest Rate	Annual Bonus Interest Rate	Annual Total
Long Term Fund	0.50%	1.00%	1.50%
Short Term Fund	0.50%	0.75%	1.25%

## Terminal and Final Bonus Rates

We may pay a terminal bonus when the life assured dies or when the policy reaches its end date. We may also pay some terminal bonus if you cash-in your policy early or transfer to another provider.

We may also pay another type of terminal bonus called Final Bonus for policies that were investing regular premiums when the Fund was closed to new business in 1998.

We usually review terminal and final bonus rates every month and we do not give advance notice when we change the rates. **Terminal Bonus and Final Bonus rates may vary or be removed at any time and are therefore not guaranteed.** The rate may be zero for certain calendar years in which case no terminal bonus or final bonus will be payable.

Rates depend on the type of product, the date it commenced, the duration and the premiums paid. If you need further information on your policy call us on 0800 073 1777. If you are calling from outside the UK, please call 00-44-1952-292929. Please have your policy number to hand.

**Contributions from the Estate**

The Estate is the amount by which the fund’s investments are more than the amount we believe it will need to pay out to all the policies as they become due. The Estate exists to cover the risk of any unforeseen decrease in the value of the fund’s investments or increase in the amounts it needs to pay out to policyholders. Further information can be found in Section 12 of the “A guide to how the Guardian Assurance With-Profit Fund is managed (unitised with-profits pensions and life)” guide available to download from the ReAssure website.

If there are no unforeseen circumstances, then we intend, over time, to distribute the Estate fairly to customers who have with-profits policies.

The Estate distribution is achieved through enhancements to Asset Shares, which improves terminal and final bonuses. Since the Fund closed to new business, action has been taken to distribute the estate to the with profits policyholders. As part of the bonus setting process each year, ReAssure determines the annual amount of increase that needs to be added to Asset Shares in order to exhaust the estate. The history of increases to Asset Shares since the fund was closed in 1998 is shown below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Increase to Asset Shares</b>
1998	16.1%
1999	3.0%
2000	6.0%
2001	6.0%
2002	3.0%
2003	3.0%
2004	2.0%
2005	2.0%
2006	2.0%
2007	2.0%
2008	2.0%
2009	2.0%
2010	2.5%
2011	8.0%
2012	3.0%
2013	2.5%
2014	3.0%
2015	3.0%
2016	3.0%
2017	8.0%
2018	3.0%
2019	5.0%