

Information sheet for continued insurance pursuant to art. 47a BVG

If you have reached the age of 58 and leave the compulsory pension scheme because your employment relationship has been terminated by the employer, you can demand that the insurance be continued to the previous extent. Here we summarize the most important points for you.

Which regulatory conditions apply from January 1, 2022 in the Vita Joint Foundation for the continued insurance of insured persons who have been terminated after the age of 58?

An insured person who leaves the insurance after reaching the age of 58 because the employment relationship was terminated by the employer can continue the insurance to the previous extent.

The insured person can choose to continue the insurance with the savings and risk insurance or the risk insurance alone. The corresponding declaration must be submitted to the Foundation in writing within three months of the termination of the employment relationship, together with a copy of the employer's letter of termination. The insurance and the obligation to pay contributions shall commence on the day after the termination of the employment relationship. The termination benefit remains in the Foundation, even if the savings insurance is not insured.

The total savings contributions (if the savings insurance is insured), the risk cost contributions as well as the contributions to the LOB Guarantee Fund and to the adjustment of the statutory survivors' and disability pensions to inflation are financed by the insured person. The Foundation may demand any restructuring contributions from the insured person.

The insurance ends without subsequent cover

- by termination by the insured person;
- upon joining a new pension fund, if more than two thirds of the termination benefit is required to purchase the full regulatory benefits;
- upon death of the insured person;
- in the event of outstanding contributions by termination;

- at the latest, however, when the regular retirement age is reached.

The services of the risk insurance are provided to the same extent as before. If the savings insurance is insured, the retirement credits will continue to be saved. Throughout the entire period of continued insurance coverage, the insured annual salary will be the same as at the end of the employment relationship. The interest on savings capital and the conversion rates are subject to the regulatory provisions.

The insured person can cancel the savings insurance at the end of a quarter. In this case, the risk insurance continues to run. The corresponding declaration must be received by the Foundation in writing at least one month before the end of the quarter.

The insured person can cancel the entire continued insurance at the end of a month. The corresponding declaration must be received by the Foundation in writing by the end of the previous month at the latest.

If less than two thirds of the vested benefits can be contributed when joining the new pension fund, the remaining part of the vested benefits remains in the Foundation. The previously insured annual salary is decreased at the same ratio.

If more than two thirds of the vested termination benefit can be contributed upon entry into the new pension fund, the remaining part of the termination benefit remains in the Foundation and the retirement benefits become due.

If the continuation of the insurance has lasted more than two years, the retirement benefits must be drawn in the form of an annuity and the vested termination benefit can no longer be drawn in advance or pledged for residential property for own use. The retirement pension, which replaces any disability pension, cannot be drawn in lump-sum form if the continuation of the insurance has lasted for more than two years.

Retirement will take place at the latest when the regular retirement age is reached. Partial or deferred retirement is not possible.

The Foundation terminates the continued insurance if outstanding premiums are not paid within 30 days after a single reminder.

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What is the procedure?

Within three months of the termination of the employment relationship, you must notify the Vita Joint Foundation in writing that you wish to continue your previous insurance. A copy of the employer's letter of termination must be enclosed. The declaration must also state whether you wish to continue the insurance with the savings and risk insurance or the risk insurance alone.

What applies to the payment of contributions?

The annual amount is invoiced in four quarterly installments. The premiums are due quarterly at the beginning of each calendar quarter. You are obliged to pay in advance the entire amount of the premiums invoiced by the Vita Joint Foundation.

A partial invoice is issued from the start of the insurance to the next calendar quarter. The payment period is 30 days.

What are the costs?

The entire contributions (employer and employee contributions) are to be paid by you. An indication of the costs can be found in your current certificate of insurance. If you opt for the continuation of the risk insurance only, without the savings component, your contribution will be reduced by the savings contribution shown on the certificate of insurance at the time of financing.

The contributions are recalculated at the beginning of the continued insurance and each year and for this reason they may differ slightly from those on your current certificate of insurance.

Any questions?

The person responsible for your contract will be glad to provide you with information.

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