

## Ministry of Finance

# Office of the Tax Commissioner **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A LIFE INSURANCE SCHEME**

(For the purposes of Section 23 of the Payroll Tax Act 1995)

## A. ALL SCHEMES

1.	Name of Employer:
2.	Payroll Tax Identification #:
3.	Business Address of Employer:
4.	Number of participating employees:
5.	Date of employer's first contribution under the scheme:
6.	Frequency of contributions by employer:
7.	Amount of contributions by employer:
8.	Does the scheme provide for a benefit of more than twice any individual annual salary rounded up to the next \$1,000?
9.	What are the conditions of eligibility to membership of the scheme?
10.	How frequently are employees notified of their rights and obligations under the scheme:
В.	(Complete parts B or C as applicable) SCHEMES OPERATED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES
1.	Name of Insurance Company:
2.	Number of Policy or Contract:
3.	Effective date of the Policy:
4.	Designation as "Group" Scheme by Insurer: YES or NO
C. <u>SEI</u>	F-ADMINISTERED SCHEME
1.	Name of Scheme:
2.	Date of Registration of funds under the Pension Trust Fund Act 1966:
I de	CLARATION  eclare that the particulars contained above are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I furthe clare that I am aware that it is an offence to commit any fraud or act of contrivance whatever or to evade or attemp evade payment of Payroll Tax.
Pri	nt Name:
Sig	gnature:
Da	te:
Co	ntact No.:



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### **GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF LIFE INSURANCE SCHEMES**

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- 1. Membership will be confined to employees of the employer and contributions will be approved in respect of employees only.
- 2. Membership shall be of a group scheme.
- 3. The scheme shall be open to all eligible employees under the plan.
- 4. Approval is not appropriate in respect of contributions made on behalf of persons who report notional remuneration assessed under Section 12 of the Payroll Tax Act 1995.
- 5. If a scheme is operated by an insurance company which is independent of the employer, there must exist a formal contract between the employer and the insurance company.
- 6. If contributions under the scheme are made to funds created by the employer or a subsidiary of the employer (i.e. the scheme is self- administered), the funds must be trust funds set up in accordance with the provisions of the Pensions Trust Funds Act 1966.
- 7. Whether the scheme is operated by an insurance company or is self-administered, a formal plan must be drawn up for each scheme and each employee who is a member of the scheme must be notified of his rights and obligations under the scheme and any changes to the scheme as they occur. A copy of the plan must be available at all times for inspection by any participating employee.
- 8. A scheme will not be approved which allows employers to contribute towards a benefit of more than twice an individual employee's salary rounded up to the next \$1,000.
- 9. On completion, this form should be returned to the Office of the Tax Commissioner, P.O. Box HM 1374, Hamilton Bermuda HM FX. A copy of the group policy or scheme must be forwarded to the Tax Commissioner in support of this application.
- 10. Employers unable to complete either B or C should submit details of the scheme (if not already submitted) with a letter of application to the Tax Commissioner.