

Unit-IV Premium ①

Premium is a amount paid periodically to the insurance company by the insured for covering ~~the~~ the risk. Premium can be paid in a lump sum amount or as a regular premium. Premium is a main source of income for the insurance company. Basically the premium depends upon the sum assured & the type of insurance plan chosen. Premiums can also be referred to as the consideration of insurance plan that is purchased by the individual. Premium is a name given to the consideration that the policy holder has to pay in order to secure the benefits offered by the insurance contract. The calculation of the premium is a complex technical process involving actuarial and statistical principles. Tables of premium rates for each plan of insurance are made available by the insurance companies for a use of agents who are required to

On the basis of an expectation as to how long persons are likely to die within a year in a age group. This is a expectation which is calculated by the actuaries on the basis of past experience and made available as mortality tables

(ii) Net premium

The premiums collected by insurance companies every year are not used for the payment of claims for various reasons only the portion of the premium is meant to ^{be} meet survival benefit _{aside} the balance premium are kept ~~assigned~~ and will be invested to earn some interest. The premium worked out after taking into account the interest likely to be earned is called net premium

(or) Pure premium.

(i) Level Premiums

The Level premium is a amount which is fixed for the entire period of the policy term. If the total policy term is for 20 years then the same premium amount is fixed for the entire term of the policy

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level premiums are charged by

for two main reasons

(i) The risk profile of an investor increases in the later years and the cost of risk to life will be high. So this would be challenging and could trigger default in payment of premiums as it would not be affordable to pay a such a high premium. Also the insurance company would have some administrative difficulties in the change of the premium. Hence the insurance company spreads the risk evenly for the whole time period and charges level premium

(ii) Adverse Selection: If a high premium amount is charged in later years would result in most of the healthy people quitting the plan. People who suffer from various diseases would be ready to continue the plan to receive the benefit. This will lead to adverse selection. This will affect the calculations of the insurance companies based on mortality tables

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10) Office Premiums: Office premium:

The major expenses of an insurance company incurred is commission salaries to employees in addition to other expenses like rent and utility and other administration expenses there

are known as office expenses. The level premium figure arrived after loading the net premium ~~on~~ or pure premium is called office premium. The premium figure printed in the promotional ~~Brochure~~ ~~Brochures~~ are office premium. They are also referred as tabular premium. The risk of death is more in a policy ^{with} ~~to~~ the long term than with the short term. Because of the promise of level premium the tabular premium is charged would be lesser for long term policy than for the short term policy or ~~Aggregate~~ Aggregate the total premium would be higher in the longer term plan than the short term plan. ~~of~~ the mode / of

If the mode of premium is nearly increases can utilize the amount for the entire year and earn more interest than the premiums paid in installment. Therefore the premium rates would slightly increase depending upon the mode of payment

Some insurers provide increases or additional amount in premium for quarterly or monthly but no adjustment for yearly mode.

4. Expression for Office Premiums.

The office premium is obtained from the following relationship :

Value of Office Premiums = Value of Benefits + Value of Expenses

We now obtain general expression for office annual premiums, P^1 , to provide for the following expense loadings :

- (a) First year (initial) expenses : I_1 per unit of premium and I_2 per unit of sum assured.
- (b) Renewal expenses relating to second and subsequent policy years : K_1 per unit of premiums and K_2 per unit of sum assured ($I_1 > K_1$ and $I_2 > K_2$).

In case of Whole Life Assurance for sum assured of S to a person aged x at entry, the expression for office annual premium, P^1 , is given by

$$P^1 \ddot{a}_x = S.A_x + I_1 P^1 + I_2.S + K_1.P^1 a_x + K_2.S a_x$$

$$= S.A_x + (I_1 - K_1) P^1 + K_1 P^1 \ddot{a}_x + (I_2 - K_2) S + K_2.S \ddot{a}_x$$

$$\therefore P^1 \{ \ddot{a}_x - (I_1 - K_1) - K_1 \ddot{a}_x \}$$

$$= S.A_x + (I_2 - K_2) S + K_2.S \ddot{a}_x$$

$$\therefore P^1 = \frac{S A_x + (I_2 - K_2) S + K_2.S \ddot{a}_x}{\ddot{a}_x - (I_1 - K_1) - K_1 \ddot{a}_x}$$

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aged x at entry and term of n years, the expression for office annual premium is

$$P_1 = \frac{S \cdot A_{x:\overline{n}|} + (I_2 - K_2)S + K_2 \cdot S \bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|} - (I_1 - K_1) - K_1 \bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}} \quad \dots (14.3)$$

$$= \frac{S \cdot P_{x:\overline{n}|} + \frac{(I_2 - K_2)S}{\bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}} + K_2 S}{1 - \frac{(I_1 - K_1)}{\bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}} - K_1} \quad \dots (14.4)$$

Office premium



With and without profit premiums :

With the phenomenal advances in medical science there has been a continuous improvement in mortality. The premiums were calculated on the basis of the past experiences. Hence the insurer earns a handsome profit. These profits tempted the insurer to offer the share with the policy holder and encourage them to go for more insurance. This leads to the profit sharing in the insurance industry. To satisfy the wishes of profit minded business people regular provision to the premium began to be made for definite scales of profits to be declared as bonus. Such premiums with definite ~~scales of profit~~ ~~provision~~ for participation in the profits of the insurer are known as with profit premium.

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Bonus are generally declared in our country as additions to sum assured for each year's premium paid. The cost of bonus at the particular age is much less at young ages and for policies with short unexpired terms.

Rate of bonus provided is b

$b(IA)_x \div \ddot{a}_x$ = sum assured per addition for bonuses in each premium

Thus, b gives the addition to each premium for an anticipated annual rate of bonus b per unit sum assured. This addition for definite bonus is called bonus loading in the premium.

The expression for office premium (annual) for with profit whole life insurance is

$$P' = \frac{S a_x + S b (IA)_x + (I_2 - k_2) S + k_2 S \ddot{a}_x}{\ddot{a}_x - (I_1 - k_1) - k_1 \ddot{a}_x}$$

In case of with profit Endowment assurance

$$P' = \frac{S A_{x:\overline{n}|} + S b IA_{x:\overline{n}|} + (I_2 - k_2) S + k_2 S \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|} (I_1 - k_1) - k_1 \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}}$$

It is clear that the payment of with profit premium entitles the life assured only to participate in the profit of the insurer.

If there are no profits in the particular period because of unfavourable situation the life assured have no right to demand any bonus

At the time of prosperity when the good profits are earned there is every possibility to get the profit.

The contribution of various sources of profit to the workings of insurer is analyzed as (i) mortality experience - (ii) interest experience (iii) expense experience

Under above circumstances the insurer will incur losses and under opposite circumstances the insurer will make profit i) margin in premium:

A constant addition to the premium is made to meet any unexpected circumstances under normal conditions there will be no need for utilizing these margins

without profit policy holder have no right to share the profit of the insurer but margins are provided in non profit premiums when normal conditions prevail and when margins are not used up will increase the profit of the insurer All these profit are distributed among with profit policy holders

with profit policy holders are having privilege of sharing in the profit contributed by others. on the other hand they have the responsibility of sharing in the losses of the insurer

the expressions for without profit plans with C per unit sum assured

Whole life assurance

$$P' = \frac{SA_x + (I_2 - k_2 + c) S + k_2 S a_x}{a_x - (I_1 - k_1) - k_1 a_x}$$

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$$P' = \frac{SA_x \cdot \overline{n} + (I_2 - k_2 + c) S + k_2 S a_{x:\overline{n}}}{a_{x:\overline{n}} - (I_1 - k_1) - k_1 a_{x:\overline{n}}}$$

Adequacy of premiums

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- (i) Mortality rates of a standard table which reflect mortality of persons insure
- (ii) Rate of interest which is likely to earn depending upon current market
- (iii) Expenses ^{which} should be taken into account

6. **Adequacy of Premiums** : When an insurer requires premium rates for starting the business of insurance, he does not have his own experience. Premiums have therefore to be calculated assuming : (1) mortality rates of a standard table already prepared which may reasonably reflect the mortality of persons who are likely to be insured, (2) rate of interest which it is likely to earn depending upon current market conditions and (3) expenses which should take into account the proposed method of its working.

While preparing the table of premium rates, assumptions have necessarily to be made. The profitable working of the insurer depends upon the adequacy or sufficiency of the premium rates and his ability to manage the business well. Premiums are said to be adequate if actual experience regarding mortality, interest and expenses follows reasonably close to the assumptions made in their calculations.

There can never be an exact identity between actuals and assumptions. But variation should be within reasonable limits. If the variations are very wide there is a case for revision of premiums. Revision is essential when the variation is unfavourable and premiums charged are lower than are actually required on the basis of actual experience.

But when variation is favourable to the insurer and he is charging higher premiums than are required on experience basis, it is not the usual practice to make a downward revision of premium rates. This of course depends upon the actual circumstances of the case. If a major portion of insurer's business is on with-profit basis, the favourable experience may generate a higher rate of a bonus to policy holders than originally contemplated. If, on the other hand, the bulk of policyholders are holders of non-profit policies, it will be unfair to charge heavier rates of premiums than are required as they cannot have any share in the profits of the insurer and the premium rates may have to be reduced.

If the variations are very wide, a revision is always necessary even though it may be favourable for the simple reason that cost of insurance should not be unusually heavy and beyond the reach of the common man.

It is, therefore, necessary to make a periodical comparison of the

actual experience with the expectation and no time should be lost in revising the premiums if their adequacy is upset. This test for adequacy is more important in insurance business as the real effect of inadequacy cannot become apparent as long as the fund is increasing. Insurance contracts are essentially long term contracts involving accumulation of funds which always increase with increasing flow of business and may make a lay man believe that increasing funds are always an indication of the growth and prosperity of the insurer. It is unfortunately not the increase that is the index of prosperity but it is the rate of increase that gives the real position of the insurer. If the rate of increase is not as anticipated and if the premiums are not adequate, then in spite of increasing funds the insurer may be heading towards a disaster.