

## **Factsheet South Africa**

Unit-linked life insurance on payment of single premium

	General remarks
Duration	_ There is no minimum or maximum duration. The duration can be freely chosen (whole of life is common)
Investment	_ All investment funds authorised for public sale or asset management mandates (discretionary)
Additional contributions	_ Possible at any time
Biometric risk	_ 1% death benefit
Remarks	<ul> <li>Free choice of asset manager and depositary bank</li> <li>Transfer of portfolio is possible (cash is more common)</li> <li>Exchange control rules</li> <li>Insurance benefit not part of the estate</li> <li>Wealth planning during your lifetime and estate planning</li> <li>Unlimited choice of beneficiaries in terms of rank and share, revocable at any time</li> <li>Asset protection in the case of irrevocable beneficiary nomination or where the contract is drafted accordingly (and where contract law so stipulates)</li> </ul> Tax treatment
Insurancetax	_ None
Taxes during period of insurance	_ No income tax _ No wealth tax
Survival (capital life insurance)	_ Capital gains tax at 18% (2022)



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Survival – lump sum option (annuity insurance)	_ Annuity insurance not offered
Survival – pension coverage (annuity insurance)	_ Annuity insurance not offered
Surrender	_ see survival (capital life insurance)
Partial surrender	_ see survival (capital life insurance)
Income taxes on death	_ See survival (capital life insurance); potentially none under certain circumstances
Inheritance taxes on death	Inheritance tax payable: spouses are exempt Tax exempt amount: ZAR 3.5 Mio. Estate Duty at 20% on the first R30 million, respectively 25% above R30 million (flat rate)
Gift tax	_ Donations are taxed at 20% respectively 25%. Spouses are exempt.

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