

Group Whole Life Insurance

# Understanding your dividend options

The whole life insurance coverage for which you are applying is participating, which means certificateowners are eligible to receive an equitable portion of MassMutual’s surplus, called divisible surplus, as a dividend each year beginning on the certificate’s second anniversary. Dividends are not guaranteed.

## How dividends are determined

Each year, MassMutual’s board of directors votes to approve the amount of divisible surplus and how it will be allocated among participating policyowners.

Divisible surplus is primarily the result of MassMutual’s favorable operating experience with respect to claim payments, investment results and expenses.

It is allocated among participating policyowners as dividend payments in the same proportion that they contributed to it.

Dividends are declared and paid annually. However, since we cannot guarantee that divisible surplus will be achieved each year, we cannot guarantee the payment of dividends.

### THE WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OFFERS FOUR BASIC DIVIDEND OPTIONS:



#### Cash

Dividends will be paid in cash to the certificateowner.



#### Dividend accumulations

Dividends will be held by MassMutual, and interest will be credited at the end of each certificate year. Interest will be at an annual rate determined by MassMutual (but not less than 1½%) and will be compounded annually. Dividend accumulations may be surrendered, as long as they are not being used as collateral for certificate debt.

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### Paid-up additions

Dividends will be used as premiums to buy additional level paid-up life insurance. This additional life insurance will be payable when the death benefit is payable. Paid-up means that no further premiums are required on the additional life insurance. This insurance is participating, as well. Paid-up additions may be surrendered for their value as long as they are not being used as collateral for certificate debt.



### Reduced premiums

Dividends will be used to reduce premium payments. If the dividend is not enough to pay the full premium due, the balance must be paid by the end of the grace period described in the certificate. While not available at time of application, this option may be elected once a certificate is on a direct bill payment method.

A dividend option may be elected in this application. It may be changed by the certificateowner up to 31 days after the dividend becomes payable. If no dividend option is elected in this application, MassMutual will apply any dividends payable under the paid-up additions dividend option.



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