
Terms and Conditions of the Declaration of Trust

WHEREAS: Central 1 Trust Company (the “Trustee”) accepts the office of trustee and carrier for the Annuitant upon application for a Central 1 Trust Retirement Income Fund (the “Fund”) upon the following terms and conditions.

1. Definitions

In these terms and conditions:

- a) “**Agent**” means the credit union, cooperative, or investment management company and its successors and assigns identified on the Fund application.
- b) “**Annuitant**” means the annuitant, as defined under subsection 146.3 (1) of the *Income Tax Act*, as named in the Application for the Fund and if the Annuitant so elects, the Spouse or Common-Law Partner of the Annuitant after the death of the Annuitant.
- c) “**Application**” means the duly executed and signed Application form that is attached to and forms part of the Declaration of Trust.
- d) “**Beneficiary**” means the individual (including an estate), or a qualified donee, that has the right to receive a distribution from the Fund after the death of the Annuitant.
- e) “**Fund**” means the retirement income fund established for the Annuitant.
- f) “**Income Tax Act**” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) as amended from time to time.
- g) “**Payments**” means the minimum amount as defined under the *Income Tax Act* that must be paid from the Fund in each year starting in the following year the Fund was opened.
- h) “**Spouse**” has the same meaning as recognized under the *Income Tax Act* and includes the term “common-law partner” as is described in the *Income Tax Act*.
- i) “**Trustee**” means Central 1 Trust Company, a Canadian trust company, in its capacity as trustee and carrier of the Fund, governed by this Trust Agreement, and its successors and assigns.

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used herein, which are defined in section 146.3 of the *Income Tax Act*, shall have the same meaning herein as in the *Income Tax Act*.

2. Registration

The Trustee shall apply for registration of the Fund as a Registered Retirement Income Fund pursuant to section 146.3 of the *Income Tax Act*.

3. Contributions

The Trustee shall accept such payments of cash and other transfers or property acceptable to it, as may be made by or on behalf of the Annuitant from time to time which, together with any income derived therefrom shall constitute a trust fund to be held, used, and invested by the Trustee subject to the provisions hereof.

The Trustees shall not accept cash or other property as consideration hereunder other than cash or other property that is transferred from

- a) a registered retirement savings plan under which the Annuitant is the Annuitant;
- b) another registered retirement income fund under which the Annuitant is the Annuitant;
- c) the Annuitant to the extent only that the amount of the consideration was an amount described in subparagraph 60(1)(v) of the *Income Tax Act*;
- d) a registered retirement income fund or registered retirement savings plan of the Annuitant’s Spouse or former Spouse under a decree, order, or judgment of a competent tribunal or under a written separation agreement, relating to a division of property between the Annuitant and the Annuitant’s Spouse or former Spouse in settlement of rights arising out of, or on the breakdown of, their marriage or common-law partnership;
- e) a registered pension plan of which the Annuitant is a member within the meaning assigned by subsection 147.1(1) of the *Income Tax Act*;
- f) a registered pension plan in accordance with subsection 147.3(5) or (7) of the *Income Tax Act*; and
- g) a specified pension plan in circumstances to which subsection 146(21) of the *Income Tax Act* applies.

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4. Investments

The assets of the Fund shall be invested and re-invested by the Trustee, on the direction of the Annuitant, in such investments as are both acceptable to the Trustee and qualified investments for trusts governed by Retirement Income Funds (including investments in, and deposits with, the Trustee) without being limited to investments authorized by law for Trustees. The Trustee may, but need not, require any investment direction to be in writing. In the absence of a direction from the Annuitant as to the investment of any cash or other property forming part of the assets of the Fund at any time, the Trustee may leave such cash or other property uninvested or may invest the same at its sole discretion (including deposits in an account in a chartered bank, trust company, or credit union, including the Trustee).

The Trustee reserves the right in its discretion to refuse to acquire, hold, or accept certain investments or property even though they may be qualified investments.

The Trustee shall exercise the care, diligence, and skill of a reasonably prudent person to minimize the possibility that the trust holds a non-qualified investment. In addition, the Trustee shall not be responsible for any costs, charges, or taxes, other than taxes and penalties that are attributable to the Trustee under the *Income Tax Act* in respect of non-qualified investments, or any foreign property, or for any loss resulting from the sale or other disposition of any investment forming part of the Fund.

The Trustee has no obligation to give the Annuitant investment advice in connection with the purchase, sale, or retention of any investments and is not responsible for considering whether any investments held by the Fund are suitable for the Annuitant's financial circumstances.

5. Payments

The Trustee shall, after deduction from any and all taxes payable, pay to the Annuitant or, where the Annuitant has so elected, to their Spouse after their death should they die before the Fund terminates, in each year, commencing not later than the first calendar year after the year in which the Fund is entered into, such amounts at such frequency as the Annuitant directs, provided that the aggregate of such amounts for a year is not less than the minimum defined in subsection 146.3(1) of the *Income Tax Act*, and provided that the Trustee shall make only those Payments described in paragraphs (2)(d) and (2)(e) and subsections (14) and (14.1) of subsection 146.3(2) of the *Income Tax Act*. Payments hereunder may not be assigned in whole or in part.

6. Transfers

At the direction of the Annuitant, the Trustee shall pay or transfer any of the property held under the Fund, after payment of the Minimum Amount along with the information respecting the Fund and the payment, to another issuer of a retirement savings plan or carrier of a retirement income fund under which:

- a) the Annuitant is the Annuitant, or
- b) the Spouse or former Spouse of the Annuitant, from whom the Annuitant is living separate and apart, is the Annuitant and the payment or transfer is made pursuant to a decree, order, or judgment of a competent tribunal, or a written separation agreement, relating to a division of property between the Annuitant and the Annuitant's Spouse or former Spouse in settlement of rights arising out of their marriage, or after the breakdown of the marriage or common-law partnership.

7. No Assignment

The Annuitant may not assign, pledge, or in any way alienate, in whole or in part, the retirement income or property or payments from the Fund as security. Payments under the Fund may not be assigned in whole or in part.

8. No Advantages

No advantage, other than a benefit or advantage permitted by the *Income Tax Act*, that is conditional in any way on the existence of the Fund, may be extended to the Annuitant or to any person with whom the Annuitant is not dealing at arm's length other than those advantages or benefits which may be permitted under the *Income Tax Act*.

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9. Death of Annuitant

In the event of the death of the Annuitant prior to the completion of payments as provided herein, and where the Annuitant has validly elected that after their death payments out of the Fund be made to their Spouse, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the death of the Annuitant and of such election, continue to make payments as if the Spouse were the Annuitant. If the Annuitant has not so elected then the Trustee shall, upon compliance with such reasonable requirements as the Trustee may prescribe, realize, and convert into cash all assets of the Fund (unless the person to receive the same requests *in specie* payments) and after deduction therefrom of any and all taxes payable, its fees and other charges applicable, shall pay the net proceeds thereof in a lump sum to the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries, if any, duly designated by the Annuitant, or in the absence of such designation to the legal representatives of the Annuitant.

If there is no valid successor or beneficiary designation at the time of death or if the successor or designated beneficiary(ies) all predecease the Annuitant, the Trustee will pay the Fund proceeds to the Annuitant's estate upon written instructions from the estate representative and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Trustee will be fully discharged by such payment or transfer even though any beneficiary designation made by the Annuitant may be invalid under the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where the Annuitant was domiciled at death.

10. Designation of Successor Annuitant/Beneficiary

If the Annuitant is domiciled in a jurisdiction in which a participant in a retirement income fund may validly designate their spouse or common-law partner as successor annuitant or one or more individuals as beneficiary other than by will, the Annuitant may, by instrument in writing in form and execution satisfactory to the Trustee and delivered to the Trustee prior to the Annuitant's death, designate a successor annuitant or one or more persons to be entitled to receive the net amount of the Fund upon death. The person(s) so designated by the Annuitant shall be deemed to be designated successor annuitant or beneficiary(ies) of the Annuitant unless such person(s) shall predecease the Annuitant or unless the Annuitant shall, by instrument in writing in form and execution satisfactory to the Trustee and delivered to the Trustee prior to the death of the Annuitant, revoke such designation, in which case such designation shall be regarded as null and void. If more than one form has been received, the Trustee will act on the one with the latest signature date.

The individual named as the Successor Annuitant will become the Annuitant or beneficiary of the Fund if they remain the surviving spouse or common-law partner at the time of the original Annuitant's death; otherwise, the Fund will be transferred or paid to the person(s) named as beneficiary(ies) as set out in Article 9 above.

Beneficiary designations will be void if you are a resident of Quebec at the time of death.

11. Fees and Expenses

The Trustee, unless otherwise paid the following amounts directly by the Annuitant, shall be entitled to receive and be paid out of the assets of the Fund all costs, charges, and expenses incurred by the Trustee in connection with the administration of the Fund, including without limitation any taxes paid by the Trustee in respect of non-qualified investments or foreign property (other than taxes or penalties that are attributable to the Trustee under the *Income Tax Act*), and to be paid for its services as Trustee in accordance with its fee schedule, provided that the Trustee may adjust and amend its fee schedule from time to time after giving the Annuitant not less than thirty (30) days written notice of any adjustments or amendments. For the purpose of paying the Trustee in accordance with the foregoing, the Trustee may realize and convert the assets of the Fund but only to the extent of such indebtedness. The Annuitant shall be liable to the Trustee for all such costs, penalties, expenses, and fees to the extent that the realizable value of the assets of the Fund is not sufficient to cover the same.

12. Account Statements

The Trustee shall maintain an account for the Annuitant in which will be recorded all contributions received by the Trustee for the Fund, investments held in the Fund, income earned from such investments, and payments made out of the Fund. The Trustee shall forward a statement in electronic or paper form, if requested, to the Annuitant from time to time, but at least annually, showing all contributions, investments, income, and payments therefrom since the date of the preceding statement.

13. Income Tax Information

The Trustee shall provide the Annuitant with the appropriate information slips for income tax purposes and such other information as may be required under the applicable laws.

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14. Powers of the Trustee

Subject to the right of the Annuitant to direct the Trustee as to the investments of the Fund, the Trustee shall have and shall be entitled to exercise from time to time in its sole discretion any and all rights, powers, and privileges that could be exercised by a beneficial owner of any of the property and assets of the Fund, and the Trustee may employ or engage in services of and rely and act on information or advice received from brokers, advisors, lawyers, accountants, and others and shall not be responsible or liable for the acts or omissions of such persons.

15. Trustee's Liability

The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the making, retention, or sale of any investment or reinvestment made by it as provided herein nor for any loss or diminution of the Annuitant's investment, except due to the Trustee's or Agent's negligence, wilful misconduct, or lack of good faith.

16. Use of Agents

The Trustee may from time to time appoint agents to perform certain administrative duties relating to the operation of the Fund on behalf of the Trustee, including acceptance of deposits, transfers, contributions, and investment of any related property of the Fund in agreement with the Annuitant's instructions.

The Trustee acknowledges and confirms that the ultimate responsibility for administration of each Fund will remain with the Trustee.

17. Delegation by Trustee

The Annuitant expressly authorizes the Trustee to delegate to the Agent the performance of the following duties of the Trustee under the Fund:

- a) where permitted under the *Income Tax Act*, receive contributions to the Fund from the Annuitant and/or the Annuitant's legal representative;
- b) receiving transfers of property to the Fund;
- c) investing and reinvesting the Property as directed by the Annuitant or their legal representative;
- d) registering and holding the Property in the Trustee's name or in the name of their respective nominees as determined by the Trustee or its Agents from time to time;
- e) maintaining the records of the Fund, including designation of beneficiaries, where applicable;
- f) providing to the Annuitant electronic or paper statements of account for the Fund at least annually;
- g) preparing or assisting with all government filings and forms;
- h) making payments out of the Fund pursuant to the provisions hereof; and
- i) such other duties and obligations of the Trustee under the Fund as the Trustee in its sole discretion may from time to time determine.

The Annuitant acknowledges that, to the extent the Trustee delegates any such duties, the Trustee shall thereby be discharged from performing them.

18. Discharge of Trustee

Upon payment by the Trustee of the entire amount standing to the credit of the Fund (less all proper charges, including applicable taxes) in accordance with these terms and conditions, the Trustee shall thereupon be relieved and discharged from any and all obligations and responsibilities created herein and the within trust shall thereupon cease and be of no further force and effect.

19. Resignation or Removal of Trustee

The Trustee may resign its trust and be discharged from all further duties and liabilities hereunder upon not less than thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the Annuitant, or such shorter period as the Annuitant shall accept as sufficient. In the event of such resignation or termination, the Annuitant shall appoint a successor trustee prior to the resignation of the Trustee taking effect, and if the Annuitant fails to appoint such a successor trustee within such period of time, the Trustee may appoint a successor trustee. The successor trustee shall be acceptable under the provisions of the Tax Legislation and the Trustee shall transfer the assets of the Fund to the successor trustee together with all records, books, reports, and accounts of the Fund within three (3) months of the Trustee ceasing to be trustee of the Fund.

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20. Amendments

These terms and conditions may be amended by the Trustee in its discretion at any time and from time to time, provided that such amendments will not disqualify the Fund as a registered retirement income fund. The Trustee will provide the Annuitant with written notice of any amendment unless it is made for the purpose of satisfying a requirement imposed by the *Income Tax Act*.

In the event of changes to the *Income Tax Act* or any pension legislation governing the Fund, the Fund will be deemed to have been amended to conform to such changes effective the date such changes come into force, without notice to the Annuitant to ensure the Fund remains in compliance with the *Income Tax Act*.

21. Notices

Any notice to be given to the Trustee hereunder shall be valid and effective if given by registered mail at its registered office or such other address as the Trustee may permit and shall be deemed to have been effectively given on the day on which it is received by the Trustee. Any notice to the Annuitant under the provisions hereof shall be valid and effective if contained in a letter, circular newsletter, or other publication sent through the ordinary post addressed to the Annuitant at the Annuitant's address set out in the Annuitant's Application form for the Fund, or such other address as the Annuitant may in writing advise the Trustee, and shall be deemed to have been effectively given on the day next following the date upon which it is posted.

22. Contributions from Pension Plans

If, as a condition of receiving the transfer to the Fund of a pension benefit from a pension or superannuation fund or plan, the Trustee is required to enter into a locking-in addendum or supplementary agreement to the Declaration of Trust with the Annuitant to provide limitation on withdrawals from the Fund, transfer to other issuers and/or the earliest date upon which a retirement income may commence, the rights and responsibilities of the Annuitant and the Trustee shall be modified accordingly.

23. Binding Effect

This Declaration of Trust shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Annuitant and the Annuitant's heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives and upon the successors and assigns of the Trustee.

24. Governing Law

This agreement is governed by the laws of the province of the Fund, or if more than one Account, then the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Agent and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein, excluding any rules of private international law or the conflict of laws which would lead to the application of any other laws.

25. Proceeds of Crime Legislation

The Annuitant acknowledges that the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* and *Regulations* apply to the operation of the Fund and that the Agent will from time to time adopt policies and procedures to address the reporting, record-keeping, and client identification requirements of that legislation. The Annuitant agrees to abide by and comply with all such laws and procedures.

26. Remote Instructions

The Annuitant may provide remote instructions to any office of the Agent, as permitted by the Agent. The remote instructions may concern the account maintained at that office or concern other transactions and arrangements conducted at or with that office.

The Agent may, but will not be obliged to, act on remote instructions received in the name of the Annuitant along with any requisite personal access code and/or personal identification word, if any, to the same extent as if the remote instructions were written instructions delivered to the Agent by mail signed by the Annuitant authorized to operate the Plan. Any such remote instructions are deemed genuine.

The Agent may, in its sole discretion, acting reasonably, delay acting on or refuse to act on any remote instruction.

A remote instruction is deemed received by the Agent only when actually received and brought to the attention of an authorized officer of the Agent capable of acting upon and implementing the remote instruction.

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Remote instructions can be transmitted to the Agent at the telephone or fax number, email address, or secure portal provided by the Agent, or at such other telephone or fax number or email address as the Agent may advise the Annuitant by notice in writing or online through the Agent's secure web portal. The Agent, acting reasonably, is entitled to assume that any person identifying themselves as the Annuitant is in fact the Annuitant, and can rely upon such, and the Agent may act on the remote instructions provided by any such person. All remote instructions given to the Agent in the name of the Annuitant will bind the Annuitant.

27. Electronic Execution

The Annuitant hereby authorizes the Agent and the Trustee to rely on all documents executed by the Annuitant electronically, including the electronic signature on this Application. Use of the Fund shall be deemed to be in acceptance of these terms and conditions as of the date of first use, or in the case of a modification of this agreement, acceptance of the modified terms and conditions.

28. Choice of Language

It is the express wish of the parties that this agreement and any related documents be drawn up and if execution is required, to be executed in English. Les parties conviennent que la présente convention et tous les documents s'y rattachant soient rédigés et signés en anglais.