



Savings plans for anyone involved in transport





# Saving with the Transport Friendly Society can offer you more

Saving for the future is one of those ideas that has always been a good one. In these days of instant everything there is no substitute for putting some money away each month towards paying for a specific event such as a wedding, holiday, special birthday or retirement celebration. The peace of mind knowing that you have made plans is a good feeling.

Once you've decided you're going to start a savings plan, the next decision is where to save. These days there is a bewildering array of choices. Do you, for example, choose a big household name, or the bank you've been with for years or opt for somewhere different?

You may not have come across the Transport Friendly Society (TFS) before but we've been around longer than many of the so called household names

TFS started in 1885, though it had a different and much longer name in those days. It began by providing peace of mind to bus drivers who, in exchange for a penny or two per week, knew that if they died while working on the buses, their loved ones would have some money to help them pay for essentials.

In 2015 the Transport Friendly Society had around 21,000 members with over £59 million assets under management and is still providing that peace of mind.

Membership is open to anyone associated with passenger transport their family and friends.

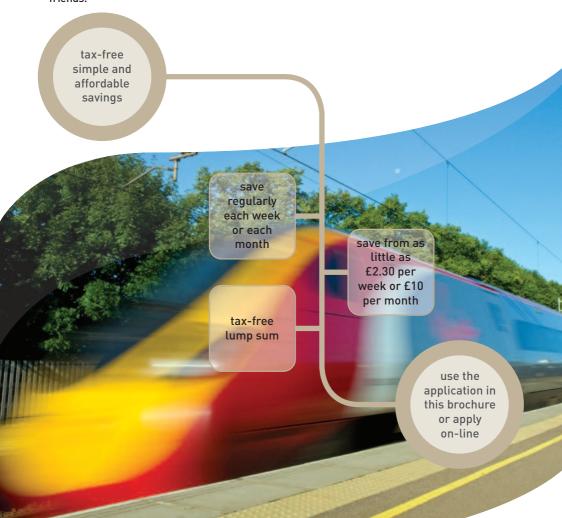
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"I was really pleased with the payout on my savings plan, so pleased I've taken out another one."

## Benefits of the Transport Friendly Society Savings Plan

- Tax-Free Lump Sum
- · Valuable Life Cover
- Help with Dental, Optical & Osteopathic bills after 12 months membership
- Affordable start saving from as little as £2.30 per week
- Designed especially for anyone associated with the passenger transport industry, their spouses, partners, other family and friends.





## What makes the Transport Friendly Society different?

- Only people involved with the passenger transport industry, their family and friends can become members – it's almost like an exclusive club
- We are a mutual organisation which means we are owned by our members and run by passenger transport people for the benefit of passenger transport people.
- Regardless of how investments perform, we guarantee a minimum amount you can expect to receive (the Sum assured) providing you keep contributing to your savings plan for the full term
- When you have saved with us for 12 months you become entitled to additional and valuable discretionary benefits – you can read about these on the next page.

- You may nominate a person or persons to receive any money that is due to be paid on your death up to £5,000. This can be paid out immediately without the need to obtain Probate. You can change the beneficiaries at any time but it is automatically revoked upon re-marriage. Nomination forms are available on request from our office.
- The TFS plan is a qualifying policy so proceeds are tax free. As a friendly Society, we enjoy additional concessions and the fund in which all money is invested is tax free (except for tax deducted from dividends on shares). Plans must run for at least ten years. These concessions are available to everyone and are in addition to other allowances granted by the government, including ISA's (Individual Savings Account).

#### Qualifying policies

A qualifying policy is a life assurance policy with a special tax status. It is usually an endowment policy provided by an insurance company or friendly society. Generally, a qualifying policy pays a tax free lump sum to a beneficiary provided that the terms of the policy have been kept. A qualifying policy is usually taken out with fixed premiums, payable for a period 10 years or more and would pay out on a chosen date in the future or upon the earlier death of the life assured.

The Government now limits the amount that can be paid into a qualifying policy to £3,600 per year per beneficiary. (This does NOT include any amounts paid into an ISA)

In order to comply with H M Revenue & Customs (HMRC) rules, when you apply to take out a plan with us you must tell us if the person who will receive the proceeds from this plan on maturity (the beneficiary) has any other qualifying policies. If so, you must declare that the beneficiary will not exceed the £3,600 limit when the plan is taken out. If the limit is exceeded you cannot take out the plan. TFS is required by law to provide the HMRC with this information.

If you are not sure about whether the beneficiary has a qualifying policy you should check with the insurance company who issued it. If you need help on the tax situation you should seek independent financial advice

## How does the TFS savings plan work?

The aim of the Plan is to grow the value each year by adding a bonus to the guaranteed sum assured – the amount of that bonus will depend on how the Society's investments have performed during the previous year. Once a bonus has been added it will not be taken away providing the policy runs for its full term.

You agree to pay a regular amount each week or each month for a fixed term – minimum 10 years. Whatever the term you choose, the plan must end before your 75th birthday. In return we will pay you a tax free lump sum at the end of the term you chose. In addition, although nobody likes to think about such things, this is the minimum amount we would pay out if you died before the plan had ended.

All plans have a guaranteed sum assured which is the minimum guaranteed amount you will receive at the end of the policy or your dependants will receive upon your death if it should occur whilst the plan is still in force. Legislation requires different rules to be applied for the death of children under the age of 10. See the Key Facts and further information leaflet for more details

## What are the valuable discretionary benefits?

After you have been a member for 12 months you become entitled to discretionary benefits. In essence, they offer financial assistance towards dental, optical and osteopathic treatment.

After you have had treatment and paid the bill you send the receipt to TFS and we reimburse part of the cost. The limits are as follows:

- **Dental treatment** 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £75 per year.
- Optical treatment (including sight test) 50% of the cost of treatment up to a maximum of £75 every two years.
- Osteopathic treatment 100% of the cost of treatment up to a maximum of £150 per year.

Discretionary benefits have been paid by TFS for over 30 years and we intend to continue to pay these in the future. However, it is important to point out that they are not guaranteed and could be reduced or taken away at any time.

Children are not eligible for Discretionary



## Who can take out a TFS Savings Plan?

Anyone under age 65, currently employed in the passenger transport industry, their spouses, partners, other family and friends can take out a plan.

Children can also have a Plan; there is no minimum age but plans must run for at least 10 years. A Child's Plan must mature at age 18 or after 10 years. Plans can be taken out by parents, step parents, grandparents or godparents on behalf of the child.

#### Can I cash in my policy early?

It is important you remember that the TFS Savings Plan is a long term contract. However, after one year you would be entitled to a refund of one third of what you have paid. After you have paid for two years or more you would have the choice of one of the two options below:-

- Leave the money you had already paid to carry on growing with a correspondingly lower sum assured or
- 2. Surrender the plan and receive a refund. If you surrender the plan, particularly in the early years, you may well get back less than you paid in.

#### What should I do next?

Please make sure you have read the latest TFS Savings Plan Key Facts leaflet that accompanies this brochure. If you do not have a copy and would like to request one or if you have any additional questions about the plan please contact the TFS on 020 7833 2616.

If you are happy to proceed there are several easy ways for you to make an application - by post, by telephone, and on-line. More information about these options are shown opposite.

"It's great to know you'll get a sum of money to help pay for that special event."

'I've taken out savings plans for each of my kids, when the plans mature they'll be glad I did."

#### How to apply for the TFS Savings Plan

Complete and return the application form opposite, including the standing order and/or payroll sections as necessary. Then, simply detach the application and seal together by moistening the gummed strips along the edges. Drop the sealed application in the post and it's done - you dont even need a stamp!

Alternativley you can telephone **020 7833 2616** for a personalised application form which will give you details of the sum assured.

You can also apply online at **www.tfs.uk.com** or hand the completed application to the TFS Introducer if there is one in your workplace.







## TFS Savings Plan for Adults and Children Application Form

#### Please complete as applicable in BLOCK CAPITALS

Title (please select)	Mr Mrs Miss Other Marital Status
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	Surname
	(The child is the Applicant for the Children's Savings Plan)
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## Employees Payroll Deduction Mandate **or** Direct Debit Mandate

Please complete either the Payroll Mandate or Direct Debit Mandate using BLOCK CAPITALS

#### **Employees Payroll Deduction Mandate** Marital Status Mrs Miss Ms Other Full Name Garage / Depot Grade Company Employee Number National Insurance Number FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Total to be Pay Frequency 4 weekly monthly deducted I hereby authorise my Employer to deduct from my pay, until further notice in writing from me, the contributions payable by me each pay day, as provided in the Rules of the Transport Friendly Society Limited and to pay the amounts so deducted to the Society. Signature Date Note - The Pay Clerk will commence deductions as soon as possible after receipt of this mandate from the Society. Please check your pay advice to ensure that this request has been correctly applied. Instruction to your Bank or transport Building Society to pay by Direct Debit Please fill in the form and send to: Transport Friendly Society Limited, Service User Number 3rd Floor Derbyshire House, St Chad's Street, London, WCH1 8AG 5 1 Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society Reference To: the Manager Bank/Building Society Instruction to your Bank or Building Society Please pay Transport Friendly Society Limited Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Postcode Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. Name(s) of Account Holder(s) I understand that this Instruction may remain with the Transport Friendly Society Limited and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society. Branch Sort Code Signatures(s) Bank/Building Society account number Date



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