

Smaller scheme access to a busy market

The UK's de-risking market has grown substantially in recent years, with both the number and size of transactions increasing – a trend that looks set to continue for the foreseeable future. During this time, larger schemes have been attracting most insurer engagement, meaning it can be challenging for some schemes to secure access to market.

Aviva Clarity helps schemes look ahead with confidence by improving their access to market. We make it easy for schemes to get a quote, and our streamlined de-risking journey provides a quicker, more efficient, but fully robust process for schemes that have a less-complex benefit design.

Aviva are a whole of market provider with vast experience supporting schemes of all sizes on their journey to de-risking. That's why we believe it's vital that all schemes – no matter their size – can access the market and have the opportunity to secure de-risking.

Our pricing is based on your scheme's specific data and benefits.

Which schemes is it suitable for?

It's designed for well-prepared schemes, typically with a liability of £100m or less and a standard benefit specification. However, we can also accept larger schemes that are happy to follow our standardised de-risking process.

What you can expect

Aviva Clarity uses standard terms to provide a quicker and more efficient process, giving better access to market for more schemes. It gives:

- A simple, standardised and efficient process.
- Access to quotes for all schemes meeting our criteria.
- Use of a standard data and benefits template for all quotation requests.

Our streamlined process

Five clear and simple steps from quote to finalisation



Legal and data due diligence

Complete legal and data due diligence.

Benefit Specification must be standard.

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Fill in Aviva data template

Trustees agree to our standardised contract, and provide data in our template.

Trustees are responsible for the accuracy of all data.



Aviva review request and issue a quote

indicative quote.

If then selected as the preferred partner, we will start working towards execution.

Aviva issue an



Trustees complete data cleanse

Identified data issues are cleansed and corrected.

Any required updates to be shared using Aviva's standard form.

GMPE must be completed.



Scheme finalisation

Premium is finalised after data cleanse, with no further changes to data or benefits.

Aviva Clarity - FAQ

When should data checking and legal due diligence be completed?

We use the data and benefits supplied in our standard data template to generate an indicative quote, so we expect it to have been thoroughly prepared and checked beforehand. It doesn't need to be perfect at this stage, as there is allowance for data cleansing post-transaction – however this is only to fine tune the data, not to change it significantly.

Legal issues can completely stop a transaction from taking place, so legal due diligence should be carried out prior to getting quotes.

Once both parties have agreed the benefit specification, it cannot be amended without Aviva's agreement.

Which scheme features can our streamlined process support?

We appreciate there's no such thing as a completely standard benefits specification. Our quotation template caters for a wide range of features, but there will inevitably be some schemes that we're unable to provide a quotation for.

How is the data cleanse managed?

We ask the scheme administrator or EBC to self-check the data before sending it to us.

Data cleansing is then carried out post transaction, during the journey to finalise the transaction. We'll keep in touch regularly to check on progress and ensure the scheme is on track to meet planned milestones. It's important to complete data cleansing in a timely manner – our target is to complete the data cleanse within 12 months.

What if data changes after inception?

Data on things like postcodes, deaths and transfersout will almost always change.

With Aviva Clarity, small changes resulting in a change to the premium of up to 5% will simply result in a small premium adjustment. For material changes over 5%, we will need to re-price the transaction.

What if there are current member quotes issued?

We would encourage the scheme to process them as normal. Depending on the circumstances, these would either be reflected in the data cleanse, or if significant, we may need to amend our quote.

Does GMP reconciliation/equalisation need to be completed?

Yes, it must be completed prior to finalisation of the transaction, with the data cleanse.

Are price locks available?

Yes, price locks are available for schemes of any size.

Is exclusivity expected?

No, we're generally happy to be involved in multiinsurer processes. There may be some cases where we insist on exclusivity, for example, when looking at very small schemes. If we insist on exclusivity, we will confirm this to the advisers/trustees.

Why Aviva?



Capability

- An experienced corporate insurer with more than 15 years in the bulk annuity market.
- Over 750 BPA transactions completed and £109bn of corporate pension scheme assets under management.
- Aviva services over 1.3m UK annuities and pays around £3.2bn of annuity benefits every year.



Reliability

- Our robust and efficient processes support a smooth end-to-end journey.
- A standard template and contract for all schemes simplifies the overall process.
- ✓ Full access to expert support for you and your members from our in-house UK teams.



Stability

- A Solvency II Coverage Ratio more than double the regulatory requirement.
- ✓ Insurer Financial Strength ratings in the AA range.
- A meticulous approach to sourcing assets which match cashflows for years to come.



Sustainability

- ✓ We work closely with our in-house fund manager, Aviva Investors, who've been ranked 3rd out of a sample of 77 of the world's largest asset managers across responsible investment themes (ShareAction, Point of No Returns 2023).
- More than £17.9bn invested in UK social infrastructure (Aviva Insurance, Wealth & Retirement, December 2023).
- ✓ Financing initiatives for cleaner transport and renewable energy through financing £400m towards a new fleet of trains for East Midlands Railway, and £400m towards the construction of the Hornsea One offshore windfarm.

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