The Legacy Settlement Option, Explained

How the LSO lets you decide not just who receives your legacy, but how and when — in instalments, not one risky lump sum.

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When we think about leaving money to our family, we usually think hard about one question — who gets it? — and almost never about the two questions that decide whether the legacy actually does its job: how will they receive it, and when?

Here is the uncomfortable truth insurance people see up close: the most dangerous day in the life of a legacy is the day it arrives. A grieving spouse receives the largest sum of money the family has ever seen, at the worst possible moment to make financial decisions. A young adult inherits at 21 what was meant to last until 40. Relatives appear with business ideas. Within a few years, a lifetime of careful saving can simply be gone.

Malaysia's legacy problem, in numbers

We are not good at this as a country. Estate planning professionals estimate that around RM90 billion in inheritance assets sit frozen in Malaysia because of poor or absent planning. AmanahRaya reported in 2025 that some RM65 billion in assets remained unclaimed over the past decade — cash, land and property stuck in limbo. And by industry estimates, only around 5% of Malaysians have a written will. With proper planning, distribution can take two to three months; without it, years.

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estimated frozen inheritance assets in Malaysia	unclaimed assets reported by AmanahRaya (2025)	of Malaysians have a written will

What the LSO actually is

The Legacy Settlement Option (LSO) is a feature available on selected Prudential legacy plans — notably PRUWealth Enrich 2.0 — that lets you decide, while you are alive and thinking clearly, how your policy money is paid out when you are gone. Instead of one lump sum landing on one day, you can direct the benefit to be released to your loved ones in stages — structured portions over time, shaped the way a salary is shaped.

Think of it as the difference between handing your family a warehouse of food, and setting up a kitchen that serves them a meal every day. Same love. Very different outcome.

Why instalments protect people

» They match how life is actually paid for. School fees, rent, groceries — life's costs are monthly. An income-shaped legacy plugs directly into the family budget instead of sitting as a tempting pile.

» They protect the vulnerable. A young beneficiary, an elderly parent, a spouse who never handled the finances — staged payouts give them time to learn, and limit the damage of any single mistake.

» They resist outside pressure. It is much harder for a bad investment, a persuasive relative or a scam to swallow a monthly income than a lump sum.

» They carry your intention. The LSO turns your wishes into instructions that are executed exactly — not suggestions that others interpret.

LSO and nomination — a powerful pair

A properly made insurance nomination already gives policy money a huge advantage: it is paid to your nominees directly, without waiting for the probate process that can freeze other estate assets. The LSO adds the second layer: once the money reaches them, it arrives on your schedule. Who — solved by nomination. How and when — solved by the LSO.

WHERE THE LSO LIVES

PRUWealth Enrich 2.0 — grow it, then pass it on your way

PRUWealth Enrich 2.0 is Prudential's long-term wealth accumulation plan with the Legacy Settlement Option built in: you accumulate over the long term, and pre-set how the legacy is released — in stages, to the right hands, at the right pace. Structures, options and values are shown in your personal Sales Illustration and Product Disclosure Sheet, which we review together line by line.

Setting it up — and keeping it current

Setting up an LSO is a conversation, not paperwork: who depends on you, what monthly amount would hold their life steady, for how long, and at what milestones (age 25? graduation?) larger portions should be released. Then life moves — marriages, births, divorces — so we review it the same way we review your protection: whenever life changes, not “sold and forgotten”.

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