Video transcript

All about annuities

Have you thought about what your retirement income will look like? Building a nest egg is only half the story. Setting up your nest egg for retirement is the other half.

Canadians are living longer, with the average lifespan now at 82 years - Six years longer than in 1980!

So how do you make sure you'll have enough money to last through retirement? Part of your retirement plan could include guaranteed income through an annuity.

In simple terms, an annuity is a guaranteed income investment that generates payments in exchange for a lump-sum investment.

The amount of monthly income you receive is a combination of several factors. Your age, gender, the amount invested, annuity type selected, type and length of guarantee and interest rates.

Annuity contracts can come in three different types. The first is a life annuity, where you receive payments for life based on the amount invested. The second is joint life. When one spouse passes away, payments continue to the surviving partner. The third is a term certain annuity, which makes payments for a specified amount of time.

You may be interested in an annuity if you're looking for guaranteed income that works alongside other sources of retirement income like Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan monthly payments. Or, maybe you'd like to establish an "income floor" to meet fixed expenses in retirement.

You've worked hard to build a nest egg. An annuity can be an important part of your retirement income planning. Speak to your advisor about annuities and other guaranteed income options.



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