

Chart of difference between Life insurance and General Insurance

Points of differences	Life Insurance	General Insurance
Meaning	Life insurance includes the element of protection as well as an element of investment which provides financial support to the family after the death of the insured person or at the time of old age.	General insurance is non-life insurance. It covers Fire insurance, Marine insurance, Motor insurance. General insurance includes the element of protection only.
Contract	The contract between the insured and the insurer on the basis of the utmost good faith.	General insurance is a contract of indemnity.
Insurable interest	Insurable interest must be present at the time of taking the life insurance policy.	Insurable interest must be present at the time of taking the insurance policy as well as at the time of loss or damage.
Premium	In a life insurance policy, the premium is fixed cannot be changed.	In the case of general insurance, the premium may be altered at the time of renewal of the policy.
Medical Examination	Medical Examination is a must for taking the life insurance policy.	No medical examination is needed in the case of general insurance.
Principle of indemnity	The principle of indemnity is not applicable to life insurance because we cannot estimate the loss due to the death of a person.	General insurance includes the principle of indemnity.
Time period	The time period for life insurance is generally 15-20 years.	Period of general insurance is basically of one year.