# **STEP RATE PLUS INDEX STRATEGY**

Are you interested in growth potential with a level of protection? The Prudential FlexGuard<sup>®</sup> suite<sup>1</sup> of indexed variable annuity products provides a level of protection and innovative growth opportunities. Growth opportunities are offered through a number of index strategies and variable investment options.<sup>2</sup> This piece will focus on the Step Rate Plus Index Strategy.

## Why the Step Rate Plus Strategy

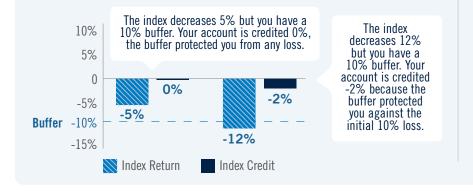
The Step Rate Plus Index Strategy provides the potential to outperform the Step Rate, with no explicit product cost.

#### **Step Rate Plus in Action**

In this hypothetical example, there is a 10% buffer, the Step Rate is 6%, and the Participation Rate is 70% over that one-year term.

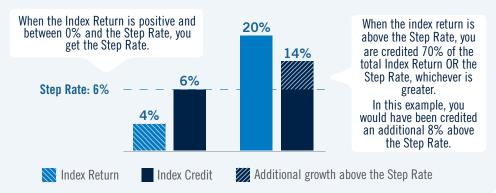
# Protection

Protection is provided through buffers, which is the amount your Account Value is protected in the case of a negative index return.



### Growth





#### Contact your financial professional for more information.

The hypothetical example assumes the contract was held to full term.

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<sup>2</sup> Variable investment options do not have protection levels available. Surrender charges and underlying fund expenses may apply in the event of an early withdrawal. Variable investment options are subject to contract and administrative fees.

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Protection Levels	Term Length
5% and 10%	1 Year

Rates can differ based on the index option and protection level vou choose. Please refer to the current rate sheet at www.prudential.com/FlexGuard-rates. Please note that it is not possible to invest directly in an index. The 5% protection level is not available in the state of Pennsylvania.

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#### Key terms to know:

**Step Rate:** The Step Rate is the declared rate that may be credited to amounts allocated to the applicable Index Strategies for any given Index, if the Index Return is between zero and the declared Step Rate. A different Step Rate may be declared for different Indices and Buffers.

Index Term: The time period allocated to each Index Strategy. The term begins on the Index Strategy Start Date and ends on the Index Strategy End Date.

**Participation Rate:** The percentage of any Index increase that will be used in calculating the Index Credit at the end of an Index Strategy Term for applicable Index Strategies. A different Participation Rate may be declared for different Indices and Buffers.

Index (Indices): The underlying Index associated with an Index Strategy and used to determine the Index Return in determining the Index Credit. You do not directly invest in an Index.

Index Credit: The amount you receive on an Index Strategy End Date based on the Index Return and the Index Strategy. The Index Credit can be negative, meaning you can lose principal and prior earnings.

**<u>Buffer</u>**: The amount of protected negative Index Return applied to the Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy at the end of an Index Strategy Term. Any negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer reduces the Account Value.

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All guarantees including the benefit payment obligations arising under the annuity contract guarantees, any index strategy crediting, or annuity payout rates are backed by the claims-paying ability of the issuing company, and do not apply to the underlying variable investment options. Those payments and the responsibility to make them are not the obligations of the third-party broker-dealer from which this annuity is purchased or any of its affiliates.

Investing in FlexGuard's Index Strategies does not represent a direct investment in an index.

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