

Premium finance guidelines

Premium financing offers high-net-worth individuals, who don't want to liquidate assets tied up in a business or other profitable investments, the opportunity to leverage life insurance for legacy and business planning. These underwriting guidelines apply to most premium financing arrangements made with traditional commercial banks and their affiliates.

General guidelines for premium finance

Products available	All fixed permanent products				
Issue age limits	70				
Minimum net worth and annual income	Ages 30-70	Net worth \$5M and up	Annual income \$250,000 and up	Annual income or liquid net worth must support the minimum annualized premium; generally, the minimum premium should not exceed 40% of annual income.	
Minimum face amount	\$2,000,000				
U.S. citizenship required	No – See the following section: Premium finance guidelines for foreign national clients.				
U.S. ownership required	Yes				
Interest payments	 Generally, interest must be paid as incurred, annually or more frequently. Domestic clients exhibiting net worth of \$10 million or greater may accrue, accumulate or defer interest for up to 10 years. 				
Early cash value rider	The following riders are available on certain products: • Lincoln Enhanced Value® Rider (LEVR) • Surrender Value Enhancement Endorsement (SVEE) Note that additional guidelines pertain to 1035 exchanges.				
Full recourse required	Yes – For policies owned by U.S. LLC or in a U.S. trust, Lincoln will accept loan arrangements that are fully secured and collateralized without the insured's personal guaranty.				
Maximum loan spread requirement	Not to exceed U.S. Treasury CMT or SOFR + 3.5% or Prime + 2.5%				
Use of MEC	MEC cases will be evaluated on an individual basis if the producer provides complete details regarding the need for the MEC situation. If accepted, the client will need to sign a disclosure/disclaimer letter provided by Lincoln.				
Minimum loan duration	3 years – Shorter durations may be considered for an insured exhibiting net worth of \$10 million or greater.				
Table Reduction Program	Table Reduction Program is available for premium financing on insureds up to age 60.				

Insurance products issued by: The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York

Premium finance guidelines for foreign national clients

Foreign nationals	 Premium finance is available for foreign national clients, if all the following apply: Verifiable \$10 million or more in net worth, and verifiable \$250,000 or more in annual income (U.S. equivalency)
	 Premium financing must be with a U.Sbased lender bank Interest must be paid annually, or more frequently, and no accrual of interest is allowed Signed premium finance disclosure and acknowledgement provided to Lincoln Lincoln's premium financing guidelines apply
Reference	Foreign national guidelines

Premium finance guidelines for MultiLife cases

Issue criteria	 Employer/employee relationship must exist U.S. citizens or those with permanent resident status only Insureds must be active at-work white-collar executives earning \$75,000 or more per year
Age limits	Issue ages 20 to 70Average age of eligible group should be 55 or younger
Maximum issue limit	 Maximum issue limit on participant (including all increases) cannot exceed \$5 million Subsequent increases must be planned at the time of original underwriting; maximum increase of 20% per year
Face amounts	Face amounts for the most highly insured individual must not be greater than three times the average face amount of the carve-out group. Additionally, the maximum face amount must not be greater than five times the minimum face amount of the carve-out group.
Guaranteed Issue limits	 Available on 10 or more lives Face amounts determined by: Set amount (title/position/percentage or ownership) or Formula (salary multiple/defined premium or defined benefit)
Simplified Issue limits	 Available on 5 or more lives Face amounts determined by: Set amount (title/position/percentage or ownership) or Formula (salary multiple/defined premium or defined benefit)
Reference	MultiLife financial professional guide

Suggested practices for premium financing cases prior to application submission

This is how you can expedite underwriting and the processing of applications to be paid with funds from commercial lenders.

- Obtain a medical underwriting offer via trial submission
 Obtain a loan commitment, an offer letter or a term to provide premium classification information to lender.
- Gather financial information to confirm insured's income and net worth. Business financial statements are needed as well if a business is the borrower or owner.
- Identify the proposed policyowner and borrower if other than the insured, such as a trustee or employer. There must be an insurable interest between the owner and proposed insured.
- Establish the loan exit strategy with the insured and owner. Gather any additional financial information that may help the underwriter understand the loan exit strategy. We will not accept the death of the insured as a viable exit strategy.

- sheet from the proposed lender, including:
 - Names of borrower, lender and lender's primary contact person
 - Total loan amount and duration
 - Interest rate, including an explanation of any variable rate calculations along with any origination and prepayment fees and expenses
 - Security, collateral and guaranty requirements
 - Indication that the loan arrangement requires interest to be paid at least annually, or if accumulation of interest is permitted

Formal application submission criteria

In addition to the usual age and amount requirements and any other state forms, premium financed cases will require:

Information	Documentation required	Form for submission
General information	 Source of loan interest payments Exit strategy or source of loan principal payments when the loan matures or becomes unavailable or undesirable Identification of assets that will be used as collateral Identity of proposed policyowner and borrower (if other than the insured), such as a trustee or employer, their relationship to the insured Financial need for life insurance 	Cover memo
Lender information	Lender name and contact personAnswers to all questions and signatures of both insured and owner	(LFF06369 or state variation)
	Lender name, contact information, signature and date	LFG Premium Financing Lender Certification (LF06657)
	Loan terms	Lender proposal, offer letter or term sheet
Policyowner information	 Trust and trustee identification Partnership or LLC agreement or articles of formation, organization or incorporation of the proposed policyowner and borrower if other than the insured. 	LFG Certification of Trustee Powers form AN07086 or organizational documents

Information	Documentation required	Form for submission
	 Insured's financial information Detailed amounts of assets, liabilities and income, particularly liquid assets, and descriptions of large or complex assets and liabilities Business financial statements (income statement, balance sheet, statement of cash flows) for any business borrower situation 	LFG Financial Supplement form LFF10007 for personal insurance or LFF10006 for business insurance or state variation signed by insured and CPA or attorney (or financial statements, providing similar information and signed by the preparer)
	Tax returns for two years. This is required even if a business will be the borrower or owner.	IRS Form 4506-C Authorizing Lincoln to obtain the insured's federal income tax returns for the two most recent years
	Additional acknowledgments may be required on certain cases	Disclosure and Acknowledgement Form

Additional guidelines apply to lenders that are not traditional banks or their affiliates. Contact your Lincoln representative or underwriter for more information.

If an application does not comply with the guidelines, Lincoln may not offer coverage with premium financing. Please contact your Lincoln representative or underwriter for more details or other options.

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Not guaranteed by any bank or savings association

May go down in value

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