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## Tips for Submitting a Foresters Application for Individual Life Insurance - Foresters BrightFuture

This checklist is a quick guide to help avoid processing delays. If you have questions about Foresters, Foresters BrightFuture product, or the Foresters BrightFuture application process, contact Foresters Sales Desk at 1-866-466-7166 option 1, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET.

### Things You Need To Know

- Money orders, cashier's checks, or cash are not acceptable methods for the payment of premiums. A producer cannot make premium payments (unless the proposed insured is a dependent of the producer).
- Do not use white out (liquid paper/correction fluid) on any part of the application.
- A separate certificate will be issued for each approved proposed insured listed in the application.
- The owner must be a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of the proposed insured(s). State variations may apply.
- The payer must be the owner.

### How to Avoid Delays

- Are you contracted with Foresters?
- Do you have the right application and forms for the state where the application is signed by the owner? Did you verify the product rules and state availability for the applicable state?
- Did you print legibly in English, using ink (preferably black)?
- If Pre-Authorized Check (PAC) has been requested, did you complete the payment information section in full? Did you explain PAC to the owner and are they fully aware that the PAC authorization is effective immediately?
- When choosing a preferred draft date did you select the day of the month (between the 1st and the 28th)?
- If required under the state of solicitation's replacement regulations, did you complete the applicable state replacement form(s) and include them with the application?
- If there were changes, did you and the owner, initial ALL corrections before signing the application?
- Are all sections of the application signed, including:
  - the Signature Section signed by the owner?
  - the Producer Certification signed by the producer?
  - the Acknowledgement of First Total Premium(s) signed by the producer?
- Did you leave the following pages from the application package with the owner?
  - Notices & Acknowledgement of First Total Premium(s).
  - Accelerated Death Benefit Rider (for Terminal Illness) Disclosure.
- If paying the first premium by check, is the check payable to Foresters? The check must be dated no later than the date the application was signed by the owner.
- If mailing the application and a check was provided, did you mail the application and the check together?
- If submitting the application by fax, Foresters fax number is 1-866-300-3830. When faxing, did you include a photocopy:
  - of a void check if first premium is being paid by PAC and you did not provide banking information in the application?
  - of the check that you will mail in separately if first premium is being paid by check?

### Foresters Difference

- We believe in enriching lives and building strong communities – that's our purpose. It has defined us since 1874, and it helps us continually redefine what a financial services provider can do for you and your family.
- We believe that you deserve more than a financial services provider – you deserve a partner that will help you prosper and improve your community.
- Foresters is a fraternal benefit society and as such, some aspects of our ownership and beneficiary rules are different than other carriers. Be sure to read the rules found in the Toolbox/Underwriting Resources section of Foresters producer website before taking an application for Foresters products.

**Questions?** Go to Foresters producer website ezbiz (<https://ezbiz.foresters.com>)

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## Application for Individual Whole Life Insurance

Use this Application to apply for Foresters BrightFuture Children's Whole Life Insurance

1. Owner (full legal name)			
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Street address	City	State	Zip
Type of photo I.D. used to verify identity: <input type="radio"/> Driver's license <input type="radio"/> Passport <input type="radio"/> Other government I.D.: _____			
Relationship to proposed insured(s)		E-mail	Phone #
Social security #	Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____	

2. Secondary Addressee (Optional. To designate another person to receive notification of a possible lapse in coverage).			
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Street address	City	State	Zip

3. Charity Benefit Beneficiary Designation (applies to each certificate issued, if any, as a result of this application)	
<p>The life insurance product(s) applied for will, if issued, include a Charity Benefit. The owner can designate an eligible beneficiary for that benefit for each certificate issued pursuant to this application now or at any time prior to the applicable insured's death. If an eligible beneficiary is not designated prior to the insured's death, no Charity Benefit will be paid. Eligible beneficiary means a charitable organization accredited as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and eligible to receive a charitable contribution as defined in section 170(c) of that code, or any successor provision(s) thereto.</p>	
Charitable organization name: _____	Tax I.D. #: _____
Street address: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

4. Medical Questions (For purposes of these questions "advised", "diagnosed", "investigated", "medical care", "received", "referred", "surgical care", "tested", and "treatment" mean by a licensed physician or medical practitioner and "terminal illness" and "end-stage disease" mean an illness or disease that would reasonably be expected to cause death within 12 months.)	
<b>Consider each child proposed for insurance individually when reading these medical questions. Do not complete or submit this application on a child for whom the answer to a medical question would be "Yes", as that child would not be eligible for Foresters BrightFuture.</b>	

- Has the proposed insured ever been diagnosed with, received or been advised to receive treatment, medical care, or surgical care, or been prescribed medication, or investigated for:
  - A type of heart disease, birth defect, Down's Syndrome, autism, a mental disorder or developmental problems?
  - A form of cancer, leukemia, Cystic Fibrosis, chronic lung disease (excluding asthma), spinal atrophy, muscular dystrophy or diabetes?
  - A terminal illness or end-stage disease?
- Within the past 5 years (60 months), has the proposed insured had a diagnostic test, been advised to get surgery, a medical procedure or a lab test (excluding tests related to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)), or been referred to a doctor or medical specialist, any of which has not yet been started or completed or for which the results are not yet known?

## 5. Proposed Insured Information

I acknowledge that any proposed insured who is not a current Foresters member is applying for membership: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes

If "irrevocable" is selected as the beneficiary type, certain transactions cannot be done without the consent of each irrevocable beneficiary. The changes, requiring that consent, include revoking that beneficiary or changing their share and may also include surrendering the insurance contract, taking a loan or changing the ownership.

Proposed Insured #1 (full legal name)			
Is the answer to any of the medical questions "Yes" for this proposed insured? <input type="radio"/> Yes (does not qualify and is not applying) <input type="radio"/> No			
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Insurance amount applied for: \$ _____	Plan type: <input type="radio"/> 10 Pay <input type="radio"/> Pay to 100	
U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____			
<b>Primary Beneficiary</b> The owner will be the primary beneficiary, unless the beneficiary information is completed for the proposed insured.			
Name		Address	
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to proposed insured	Beneficiary type <input type="radio"/> Revocable <input type="radio"/> Irrevocable	Share 100%

Proposed Insured #2 (full legal name)			
Is the answer to any of the medical questions "Yes" for this proposed insured? <input type="radio"/> Yes (does not qualify and is not applying) <input type="radio"/> No			
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Insurance amount applied for: \$ _____	Plan type: <input type="radio"/> 10 Pay <input type="radio"/> Pay to 100	
U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____			
<b>Primary Beneficiary</b> Same as Proposed Insured #__ <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (complete information)			
Name		Address	
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to proposed insured	Beneficiary type <input type="radio"/> Revocable <input type="radio"/> Irrevocable	Share 100%

Proposed Insured #3 (full legal name)			
Is the answer to any of the medical questions "Yes" for this proposed insured? <input type="radio"/> Yes (does not qualify and is not applying) <input type="radio"/> No			
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Insurance amount applied for: \$ _____	Plan type: <input type="radio"/> 10 Pay <input type="radio"/> Pay to 100	
U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____			
<b>Primary Beneficiary</b> Same as Proposed Insured #__ <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (complete information)			
Name		Address	
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to proposed insured	Beneficiary type <input type="radio"/> Revocable <input type="radio"/> Irrevocable	Share 100%

**Proposed Insured #4 (full legal name)**

Is the answer to any of the medical questions "Yes" for this proposed insured?				<input type="radio"/> Yes (does not qualify and is not applying) <input type="radio"/> No	
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Insurance amount applied for: \$ _____		Plan type: <input type="radio"/> 10 Pay <input type="radio"/> Pay to 100		
U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____					
<b>Primary Beneficiary</b> Same as Proposed Insured #__ <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (complete information)					
Name		Address			
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to proposed insured	Beneficiary type <input type="radio"/> Revocable <input type="radio"/> Irrevocable		Share 100%	

**Proposed Insured #5 (full legal name)**

Is the answer to any of the medical questions "Yes" for this proposed insured?				<input type="radio"/> Yes (does not qualify and is not applying) <input type="radio"/> No	
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Insurance amount applied for: \$ _____		Plan type: <input type="radio"/> 10 Pay <input type="radio"/> Pay to 100		
U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____					
<b>Primary Beneficiary</b> Same as Proposed Insured #__ <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (complete information)					
Name		Address			
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to proposed insured	Beneficiary type <input type="radio"/> Revocable <input type="radio"/> Irrevocable		Share 100%	

**Proposed Insured #6 (full legal name)**

Is the answer to any of the medical questions "Yes" for this proposed insured?				<input type="radio"/> Yes (does not qualify and is not applying) <input type="radio"/> No	
First name	Middle initial	Last name	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Insurance amount applied for: \$ _____		Plan type: <input type="radio"/> 10 Pay <input type="radio"/> Pay to 100		
U.S. Citizen? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No. If "No" then immigration status: <input type="radio"/> Permanent resident (Green Card) <input type="radio"/> Other (provide visa type): _____					
<b>Primary Beneficiary</b> Same as Proposed Insured #__ <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (complete information)					
Name		Address			
Date of birth (mmm/dd/yyyy)	Relationship to proposed insured	Beneficiary type <input type="radio"/> Revocable <input type="radio"/> Irrevocable		Share 100%	

**6. Other Insurance**

Proposed Insured	Does the proposed insured currently have any life insurance or an annuity in force?	If there is life insurance or an annuity in force, indicate the total amount in force.	Will insurance applied for in this application replace, reduce coverage or modify premiums paid for any existing life insurance or an annuity in force?
#1	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
#2	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
#3	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
#4	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
#5	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
#6	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	\$ _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**7. Payment Information** (applies to each certificate issued, if any, as a result of this application)

**Payer is the Owner**

First premium payment provided by:       Pre-Authorized Check (PAC)       Check  
Subsequent premium payments made by:     Pre-Authorized Check (PAC)       Direct bill  
Payment mode (select one):       Monthly (PAC only)       Quarterly       Semi-annually       Annually

**Requesting a specific draft day?**

No (draft first premium payment immediately upon Foresters application approval)  
 Yes, draft on the \_\_\_\_\_ day (choose between 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) of the month

For monthly PAC, I understand premiums will be drafted on the day I requested, with the exception of the initial premium which may occur on a day other than specified on this application. If no day was requested, the premium will be drafted in accordance with the certificate issue date.

**8. Banking Information**

**PAC Banking information to be taken from:**

Void check (attach here)     Information completed below (if no check available)     Check submitted with the application

Type of Account:  Checking     Savings

Name of financial institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Transit # (9 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Account # (maximum 17 digits): \_\_\_\_\_

**PAC Authorization**

The payer, by signing this application, verifies that the payer is the account holder of the account identified in the PAC banking information section (above) and is permitted to provide this authorization, and agrees that: 1) Foresters is authorized to electronically draft deductions, for premiums and/or other payments related to insurance contract(s) issued, if any, as a result of this application, from that account or another account later identified or substituted by, or on behalf of, the payer, such as for additional coverage, loan repayment(s) or for premium deposit funds. 2) The financial institution from which deductions are to be drafted is authorized to treat each draft by Foresters as though it was made personally by the payer. 3) Foresters reserves the right to determine when the first deduction and each subsequent deduction, if any, will be made and the amount of each deduction. 4) If a deduction request is not honored when submitted to the financial institution Foresters may, at its sole discretion, do further resubmits for the deduction. 5) This authorization is effective immediately and will continue until terminated, which either the payer or Foresters may do at any time by written notice to the other.

**Conversion Notification:** Foresters can process a check provided for payment as a check transaction or instead take the information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from the account that the check relates to.

**9. Automatic Premium Loan** (applies to each certificate issued, if any, as a result of this application)

Automatic premium loan provision elected? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes     No

If "Yes", overdue premium on each certificate issued will be paid through a loan against, and for as long as there is, available cash value, if any, on that applicable certificate.

If "No", or if an election is not made, a certificate's Nonforfeiture provisions will automatically apply, if premium is overdue at the end of the Grace Period.

## 10. Agreements

I, the owner, declare that I have reviewed all of the statements and answers as they pertain to this application and each of the proposed insureds and that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. The statements and answers in this application are the basis for insurance contract(s) (defined as a certificate and each rider attached to that certificate), if any, issued by Foresters. No information about me or the proposed insured(s) will be considered to have been given to Foresters by me unless it is stated in this application. A material misrepresentation, or untrue declaration, or failure to disclose all material facts, may result in loss of coverage or cancellation of the insurance contract(s). No producer, medical examiner, or any other person, except Foresters Executive Secretary or successor position, has power on behalf of Foresters to make, modify, or discharge an insurance contract. No person is authorized to advise me that any untrue or incomplete answer or information is acceptable. Foresters will have no liability under an insurance contract issued, if any, as a result of this application until the date that insurance contract comes into effect, according to its terms, the first premium due is provided in full on or before the delivery date of that insurance contract, and provided that there has been no change in either an answer to an application question or the proposed insured's health or habits between the date this application was signed and the issue date of that insurance contract. Changes or corrections made to this application by Foresters, if any, are ratified by the owner if the insurance contract delivered, if any, is not returned during the cancellation period. This application, Foresters Instruments of Incorporation and its Constitution now in force or subsequently enacted, shall form part of the entire contract with Foresters. This application and related documents may be sent by electronic means. Foresters may contact or send messages to me, including pre-recorded and text messages and calls or messages by use of an automatic telephone dialing system, using the phone number(s), including wireless number(s), either provided in this application or number(s) that I later provide. If I have chosen to provide an email address in this application or choose to provide one in the future, Foresters may use that address to send messages or documents to me electronically. By providing an email address I confirm that I have access to the Internet for purposes of accepting electronic delivery of documents. I understand that I can contact Foresters, using the addresses and phone numbers listed in this application, to provide or update my email address. Foresters may review, transfer and otherwise use, information provided in this application to offer and issue (including post issue administration), other insurance products to me. Before issuing an insurance contract, Foresters may require and obtain information about me to validate my identification. I acknowledge that I am either a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of each of the proposed insured(s) named in this application. Foresters may share any and all information I provide on a Replacement of Life Insurance or Annuities form (the "Replacement Form") with any or all of the insurers stated on a Replacement Form. I have been provided, either in paper or electronically, with the Accelerated Death Benefit Rider Disclosure and the Notices. Any person who knowingly presents a false statement in an application for insurance may be guilty of a criminal offense and subject to penalties under state law.

## 11. Signature (For purposes of sections 1-10, including PAC Authorization. Review entire application before signing.)

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ signed in: \_\_\_\_\_ on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's signature State Date (mmm/dd/yyyy)

## 12. Producer Certification and Information

I certify the following: I am not aware of undisclosed information about the health, habits, or lifestyle of the proposed insured(s) that might affect insurability. I complied with applicable regulatory requirements including those relating to the solicitation and sale of life insurance to active duty members of the United States military. All questions, to which an answer is shown, were asked as written in this application. The answers given by the owner were recorded as shown and this application was reviewed with the owner before it was signed.

Will a certificate applied for be a replacement for or a change to existing life insurance or an annuity? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Was a copy of the Buyer's Guide provided to the owner at the time of sale? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Did you personally meet with the owner and review the document used to verify identity? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Did you review and leave the Acknowledgement of First Premium with the owner? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Are the commissions to be split with another producer? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

If "Yes", then \_\_\_\_\_, under producer number \_\_\_\_\_ should receive \_\_\_\_\_%.

Producer's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Producer's signature: **X** \_\_\_\_\_

Producer number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mmm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notices and Acknowledgement of First Total Premium(s)

*(This page must be given to the Owner.)*

### Notices

For purposes of this Notice the following words and phrases are defined: "Application" means the Application for Individual Whole Life Insurance to which this Notice relates; "Foresters", "we", "our", and "us" mean The Independent Order of Foresters; "Authorized persons" means reinsurers, insurance agents, agencies, and Foresters subsidiaries and those performing services in relation to an application for insurance, insurance product, benefit claim or supporting Foresters business analysis and operations; "Producer" means the licensed individual who signed the Application as the producer; "You" and "Your" mean the owner identified in the Application. If you have questions regarding your application, discuss them with your producer or contact us directly at 1-800-828-1540. If you have questions regarding privacy contact Foresters Chief Privacy Officer or regarding underwriting contact Foresters Chief Underwriter. You can write to either at 789 Don Mills Road Toronto, Canada M3C 1T9, or to our U.S. Mailing Address at P.O. Box 179 Buffalo, NY 14201-0179.

**Privacy** - Personal information we obtain about you and the proposed insured(s) is confidential. As permitted by privacy laws, information may be disclosed, without further authorization, between and among Foresters and authorized persons, to consumer reporting agencies hired to prepare consumer reports or consumer investigative reports, to companies to which you have applied for insurance coverage or benefits, and to those conducting bona fide actuarial, marketing or scientific studies or audits and the respective employees, agents, contractors and consultants of each of the aforementioned. You can make a request to review personal information about you in our file. However, we will not disclose information to you that was prepared for an anticipated claim, civil or criminal proceeding. You may request correction of information which you believe to be inaccurate or irrelevant. Upon request, we will provide more information about these procedures.

**Medical and Personal Information** - The Underwriting process evaluates information about each of the proposed insured(s) to see if they each respectively qualify for the requested insurance. Answers in the Application are our principal source of information. No adverse underwriting decision will be made based upon an individual's implied or confirmed sexual orientation or an individual's concern about or consultation for AIDS information.

### Acknowledgement of First Total Premium(s)

It is acknowledged that a total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was provided or authorized to be collected, to be applied as the first premium payment for the certificate(s) issued, if any, in response to the Application for Individual Whole Life insurance (the "Application") on the life or lives of the proposed insured(s) listed in the Application, being:

Proposed Insured	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
#1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			
#6			

The amount(s) collected by us, if any, for any certificate(s) not issued will be refunded. The total amount may be adjusted based on whether all, some, or none of the certificates applied for are issued. There is no conditional or temporary insurance coverage on any proposed insured even though an amount was provided, or collected, as the first premium payment. Insurance will only come into effect on the issue date of the certificate(s) issued, if any, and subject to the terms of each certificate, provided a) that first premium payment for that particular certificate is honored when presented to the financial institution from which it is to be collected, and b) that there has been no change in either an answer to an Application question or the proposed insured's health or habits between the date the Application was signed and the issue date of that respective insurance contract.

Producer's signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date (mmm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Accelerated Death Benefit Rider (for Terminal Illness) Disclosure

(This disclosure must be given to the owner.)

The insurance contract you are applying for includes an Accelerated Death Benefit Rider (for Terminal Illness). This disclosure provides only a brief description of the accelerated death benefit rider ("rider") that is included in the insurance contract; it is not the rider and only the provisions of the rider, and the certificate that the rider is attached to, will control. A full description can be found within the certificate and rider issued, if any, therefore it is important that you read the certificate and rider carefully.

### Benefit Description

The rider provides the opportunity for the owner to accelerate a portion of the certificate's eligible death benefit ("acceleration amount"), during the lifetime of the insured, and receive an accelerated death benefit payment ("payment"). Under the conditions described in the rider the owner may elect to receive a payment if the insured is diagnosed, by a physician, with a terminal illness. Terminal illness means the insured has a non-correctable illness or physical condition which is reasonably expected to result in death within 12 months of diagnosis. The payment is paid to the owner and not to the beneficiary(ies). A claim made during the contestable period may result in cancellation of the insurance contract, with no benefit being paid. The rider is not, and is not intended to be, long-term care insurance.

There is no required premium for the rider. However, a payment may have deductions and other effects, as referred to in this disclosure.

### Amount of the Accelerated Death Benefit Payment

The accelerated death benefit payment may be less than the acceleration amount as we may deduct from the acceleration amount the sum of the unpaid total premium and a loan repayment amount, if there is an outstanding loan.

The acceleration amount must be at least \$2,000.00 and must be such that after acceleration a residual face amount of at least \$2,000.00 remains. The maximum amount that can be accelerated is the lesser of 95% of the eligible death benefit on the effective date of the payment and \$75,000.

### Effect of Payment on the Certificate

An accelerated death benefit payment will not end the certificate, however it will reduce the face amount and the amount, if any, of the paid-up additional insurance, cash value, and loan amount on a pro-rata basis, based upon the acceleration amount. That payment will reduce the death benefit payable, if any, to the beneficiary(ies). The reduction to the face amount may be more than the amount of the payment. Premiums due, and dividends credited, after the effective date of the payment, will be adjusted based upon the reduced face amount. The adjusted premiums, if any, will be as if the certificate had been issued at the reduced face amount.

### Effect of Payment on Taxation and Eligibility for Public Assistance

**Receipt of an accelerated death benefit payment under the rider is intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code. However, depending on individual circumstances or changes to that code, receipt of an accelerated death benefit payment may be a taxable event. You should consult with a qualified tax advisor in order to assess the tax impact of receiving an accelerated death benefit payment.**

**Receipt of an accelerated death benefit payment may affect your, your spouse's or your family's eligibility for public assistance such as Medicaid, supplemental social security income or other government benefits or entitlements. You should consult each applicable government agency before receiving an accelerated death benefit payment so that you can assess the impact on eligibility for such assistance.**

### Example of an Accelerated Death Benefit Payment

The following example is hypothetical and is intended only to demonstrate an accelerated death benefit payment and to show the relationship between certificate values before and after payment of an accelerated death benefit. This example is based upon a whole life insurance certificate, issued when the insured was age 10, with the maximum acceleration amount being accelerated. The amounts, including the accelerated death benefit payment, shown are based upon hypothetical certificate values at the time of acceleration and are not guaranteed. Actual amounts will vary and may be higher or lower.

#### Accelerated Death Benefit Payment Calculation

Acceleration Amount:	\$ 47,500.00
Payment Percentage:	100.00%
Gross Payment Amount:	\$ 47,500.00
minus Loan Repayment:	\$ 950.00
minus Overdue Premium(s):	\$ 0.00
Accelerated Death Benefit Payment:	\$ 46,550.00

#### Effect on Certificate Values

	Before Acceleration	After Acceleration
Face Amount:	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Amount of Paid-up Additional Insurance:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Eligible Death Benefit:	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Cash Value:	\$ 2,925.68	\$ 146.28
Cash Value of Paid-up Additional Insurance:	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
Loan Amount:	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00
Cash Surrender Value:	\$ 1,925.68	\$ 96.28
Annual Premium:	\$ 295.50	\$ 26.18

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# Life Insurance *Buyer's Guide*



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## *Before You Buy Life Insurance*

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### ***Understand What Life Insurance Is***

Life insurance pays a death benefit if you die while the policy is in effect, in exchange for premiums you pay before your death. You can use the death benefit to protect against financial hardships such as loss of your income, funeral expenses, medical or nursing care expenses, debt repayments, and child care costs after your death. You can get information from the NAIC InsureU Life Insurance website --

[www.insureuonline.org/insureu\\_type\\_life.htm](http://www.insureuonline.org/insureu_type_life.htm)

### ***If You Need Life Insurance, Decide How Much Coverage to Buy***

How much life insurance to buy depends on the financial needs that will continue after your death. Examples include supporting your family, paying for child(ren)'s education, and paying off a mortgage. Some questions you may want to ask about your own needs include:

- Does anyone depend on me financially?
- How much of the family income do I provide?
- How will my family pay my final expenses and repay debts after my death?
- Do I want to leave money to charity or family?
- If I have life insurance through my employer, is it enough to meet my financial obligations?

The answers to these questions can help you decide how much coverage you need. An insurance agent, financial advisor, or insurance company representative can help you evaluate your insurance needs and give you information about available policies.

### ***If You Already Have Life Insurance, Assess Your Current Life Insurance Policy***

It's important to compare your current policy with any new policy you might buy. Keep in mind that you may be able to change your current policy to get benefits you want. Also, know that any changes in your health may impact your ability to get a new policy or the premium you'll pay. Don't cancel your current policy until you get the new one.

Also, while you may have free or low-cost life insurance through your employer, the death benefit usually is less than you need. And if you leave the employer, you may not be able to take this coverage with you.



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## *Compare the Different Types of Insurance Policies*

There are many types of life insurance policies. You should choose a policy with features that fit your individual needs. Some things to consider are:

- **Term Insurance vs. Cash Value Insurance.** Term insurance is intended to provide lower-cost coverage for a specific period of time (“a term”). If you want coverage for a longer period of time, such as for your lifetime, cash value insurance may be more cost effective. Most term policies don’t build up cash values that you can use in the future.

- **Renewable Term vs. Non-renewable Term.** Most term life insurance coverage can be continued (“renewed”) at the end of the term, even if your health has changed. If you renew a term policy, the new premiums are higher. Ask what the premiums will be before you renew the policy. Also ask if you’ll lose the right to renew the policy at a certain age. A Non-renewable term policy can’t be continued. You’ll have to apply for a new policy if you still want coverage.

- **Whole Life vs. Universal Life.** Whole life and universal life insurance are two types of cash value insurance. A key difference between the two is how you pay for the coverage. You typically pay premiums for whole life insurance according to a set schedule. In a universal life policy, you can choose a flexible premium payment pattern as long as you pay enough to keep your policy in force.

- **Variable Life vs. Non-variable Life.** The investments you will choose (such as stock and bond funds) in a variable life policy directly impact your cash value. These policies have the greatest potential to build cash value but also the greatest risk of losing cash value. Non-variable life policies often have guaranteed minimums for some features (interest or cash value, for example) but not all. Non-variable life policies also have less potential to build cash value than variable life policies.



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## ***Be Sure You Can Afford the Premium***

Before you buy a life insurance policy, be sure you can pay the premiums. Can you afford the initial premium? If the premium increases later, will you still be able to afford it? The premiums for many life insurance policies are sensitive to changes in the company's investment earnings, claims costs, and other expenses. If those are worse than expected, you may have to pay a much higher premium. Ask what might be the highest premium you'd have to pay to keep your coverage.

## ***Understand the Application Process***

You can apply for life insurance through life insurance agents, the mail, and online. In addition to basic information, such as your name, address, employer, job title, and date of birth, you'll be asked for more personal information. Depending on the type of policy, the insurer may require you to see a doctor, answer health-related questions, or have a medical professional come to your home or office to assess your health. Usually a policy that doesn't require detailed health information will cost more and provide less coverage than one that does.

It's important to tell the truth on the application. The insurance company will check your answers so review the application before you sign. If the insurance company discovers false statements on your application after it issues your policy, it could reduce or cancel your coverage.

## ***Choose a Beneficiary***

A beneficiary is the person(s) or organization(s) you name to receive your life insurance policy's death benefit. You'll need to know the Social Security or tax identification number for all beneficiaries. Experts advise you not to name a minor child as a beneficiary. Insurance companies won't pay a minor. Instead, consider leaving the money to your estate or trust.

## ***Evaluate the Future of Your Policy***

Does your policy have a cash value? In some cash value policies, the values are low in the early years but build later on. In other policies the values build up gradually over the years. Most term policies have no cash value. Ask your insurance agent, financial advisor, or an insurance company representative for an illustration showing future values and benefits.



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## *After You Buy Life Insurance*

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### *Read Your Policy Carefully*

After you carefully read your policy, you should be able to answer the following important questions:

- Is your personal information correct?
- Do premiums or policy values vary from year to year?
- What part of the premium or policy value isn't guaranteed?
- How will the timing of money paid and received affect any interest the policy might earn?

Your insurance agent, financial advisor, or an insurance company representative can help you understand anything that isn't clear.

If you're not satisfied with your new policy, you can return it for a full refund within a certain period, usually 10 days after you receive it. The review period usually is stated on the first page of the policy.

### *Review Your Life Insurance Program Every Few Years*

Review your policy with your insurance agent, financial advisor, or an insurance company representative every few years to keep up with changes in your policy and your needs.

- Have the premiums or benefits changed since your policy was issued?
- Do the death benefits still meet your needs?
- Do you need more or less coverage after life events, such as birth, adoption, marriage, job change, death, or divorce?

The insurance company can provide policy statements and illustrations to help with this review. As the policy owner, you can change beneficiaries at no cost. Be sure to review your beneficiaries every few years, especially after major life events that affect your life insurance needs.





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### ADDENDUM TO LIFE INSURANCE BUYER'S GUIDE

After you have decided which kind of life insurance fits your needs, look for a good buy. Your chances of finding a good buy are better if you use two types of index numbers that have been developed to aid in shopping for life insurance. One is called the "Surrender Cost Index" and the other is the "Net Payment Cost Index." It will be worth your time to try to understand how these indexes are used, but in any event, use them only for comparing the relative costs of similar policies. LOOK FOR POLICIES WITH LOW COST INDEX NUMBERS.

#### What is Cost?

"Cost" is the difference between what you pay and what you get back. If you pay a premium for life insurance and get nothing back, your cost for the death protection is the premium. If you pay a premium and get something back later on, such as a cash value, your cost is smaller than the premium.

The cost of some policies can also be reduced by dividends; these are called "participating" policies. Companies may tell you what their current dividends are, but the size of future dividends is unknown today and cannot be guaranteed. Dividends actually paid are set each year by the company.

Some policies do not pay dividends. These are called "guaranteed cost" or "nonparticipating" policies. Every feature of a guaranteed cost policy is fixed so that you know in advance what your future cost will be.

The premiums and cash values of a participating policy are guaranteed, but the dividends are not. Premiums for participating policies are typically higher than for guaranteed cost policies, but the cost to you may be higher or lower, depending on the dividends actually paid.

#### What are Cost Indexes?

In order to compare the cost of policies, you need to look at:

1. Premiums
2. Cash Values
3. Dividends

Cost Indexes use one or more of these factors to give you a convenient way to compare relative costs of similar policies. When you compare costs, an adjustment must be made to take into account that money is paid and received at different times. It is not enough to just add

up the premiums you will pay and to subtract the cash values and dividends you expect to get back. These indexes take care of the arithmetic for you. Instead of having to add, subtract and multiply and divide many numbers yourself, you just compare the index numbers which you can get from life insurance agents and companies.

1. **LIFE INSURANCE SURRENDER COST INDEX** - This index is useful if you consider the level of the cash values to be of primary importance to you. It helps you compare costs if at some future point in time, such as 10 or 20 years, you were to surrender the policy and take its cash value.
2. **LIFE INSURANCE NET PAYMENT COST INDEX** - This index is useful if your main concern is the benefits that are to be paid at your death and if the level of cash values is of secondary importance to you. It helps you compare costs at some future point in time, such as 10 or 20 years, if you continue paying premiums on your policy and do not take its cash value.

There is another number called the Equivalent Level Annual Dividend. It shows the part dividends play in determining the cost index of a participating policy. Adding a policy's Equivalent Level Annual Dividend to its cost index allows you to compare total costs of similar policies before deducting dividends. However, if you make any cost comparisons of a participating policy with a non-participating policy, remember that the total cost of the participating policy will be reduced by dividends, but the cost of the non-participating policy will not change.

### How Do I Use Cost Indexes?

The most important thing to remember when using cost indexes is that a policy with a small index number is generally a better buy than a comparable policy with a larger index number. The following rules are also important:

- (1) Cost comparisons should only be made between similar plans of life insurance. Similar plans are those which provide essentially the same basic benefits and require premium payments for approximately the same period of time. The closer policies are to being identical, the more reliable the cost comparison will be.
- (2) Compare index numbers only for the kind of policy, for your age and for the amount you intend to buy. Since no one company offers the lowest cost for all types of insurance at all ages and for all amounts of insurance, it is important that you get the indexes for the actual policy, age and amount which you intend to buy. Just because a Shopper's Guide tells you that one company's policy is a good buy for a particular age and amount, you should not assume that all of that company's policies are equally good buys.

- (3) Small differences in index numbers could be offset by other policy features, or differences in the quality of service you may expect from the company or its agent. Therefore, when you find small differences in cost indexes, your choice should be based on something other than cost.
- (4) In any event, you will need other information on which to base your purchase decision. Be sure you can afford the premiums, and that you understand its cash values, dividends and death benefits. You should also make a judgment on how well the life insurance company or agent will provide service in the future, to you as a policyholder.
- (5) These life insurance cost indexes apply to new policies and should not be used to determine whether you should drop a policy you have already owned for a while, in favor of a new one. If such a replacement is suggested, you should ask for information from the company which issued the old policy before you take action.

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