



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	30–50	Over 50
	Net worth	\$2.5 million and up	\$5 million and up
	Annual income	\$250,000 and up	
	Underwriter discretion to use an “either/or” test based on net worth or annual income		
	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No – See the following section: Premium finance guidelines for foreign national clients. 		
U.S. ownership required	Yes		
Interest payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, interest must be paid as incurred, annually or more frequently. An insured exhibiting net worth of \$10 million or greater may accrue, accumulate, or defer interest for up to 10 years. 		
Early cash value rider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following riders are available on certain products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Lincoln Enhanced Value</i>SM Rider (LEVR) – Surrender Value Enhancement Endorsement (SVEE) 		
Full recourse required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 LIBOR +3.5% or Prime +2.5%		
Use of MEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years – Shorter durations may be considered for an insured exhibiting new worth of \$10 million or greater. 		

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

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Premium finance guidelines for foreign national clients

Foreign nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium finance is available for foreign national clients, if all the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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.S.-based 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign national guidelines

Premium finance guidelines for MultiLife cases

Issue criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue ages 20 to 70 • Average age of eligible group should be 55 or younger
Maximum issue limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face amounts for the most highly insured individual must not be greater than three times the average face amount of the carveout group. Additionally, the maximum face amount must not be greater than five times the minimum face amount of the carveout group.
Guaranteed Issue limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available on 10 or more lives • Face amounts determined by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Set amount (title/position/percentage or ownership) or – Formula (salary multiple/defined premium or defined benefit)
Simplified Issue limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available on 5 or more lives • Face amounts determined by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Set amount (title/position/percentage or ownership) or – Formula (salary multiple/defined premium or defined benefit)
Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GI/SI underwriting program for business solutions advisor guide • Presale Questionnaire for MultiLife Business Solutions

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** 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.
- ✓ **Obtain a loan commitment, an offer letter or a term 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:

	Documentation required	Form for submission
General information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lender name and contact person • Answers to all questions and signatures of both insured and owner 	LFG Premium Financing Supplement form (LFF06369 or state variation)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lender name, contact information, signature and date 	LFG Premium Financing Lender Certification (LF06657)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan terms 	Lender proposal, offer letter or term sheet
Insured's information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax returns for two years. This is required even if a business will be the borrower or owner. 	IRS Form 4506T-EZ Authorizing Lincoln to obtain the insured's federal income tax returns for the two most recent years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional acknowledgments may be required on certain cases 	Disclosure and Acknowledgement Form
Policy owner information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Producer verification of errors and omissions (E&O) coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of E&O coverage that does not exclude premium financing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All producers named on any financed case with an annual premium of \$1 million or more, and – Aggregators or specialists that have placed business of more than \$1 million in the past 12 months 	LFG Producer Certification of Coverage – E&O on Premium Financed Policies (LF12275)

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.

Talk with your Lincoln representative about premium finance planning for your clients.

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