



Application for Annuity

Issued by American National Insurance Company
One Moody Plaza, Galveston, TX 77550-7947



page 1 of 4 Overnight Address: 4500 Lockhill-Selma Road, San Antonio, TX 78249 Mailing Address: PO Box 696763, San Antonio, TX 78269 Phone Number: 1-800-252-9546

1. ANNUITANT

Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Gender M F | Yes No
 U.S. Citizen
 Date of birth _____ Age _____ SSN TIN _____ Daytime telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

2. OWNER (If other than Annuitant. If IRA or TSA, the Owner and Annuitant must be the same person.)

Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Gender M F | Yes No
 U.S. Citizen
 Date of birth _____ Age _____ SSN TIN EIN _____ Daytime telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Note: If a Trust, Corporation, or Charity is named as Owner, copy of Trust Agreement or Corporate Resolution must be provided.

3. JOINT OWNER (Not available with Qualified plans)

Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Relationship to Owner _____ Gender M F
 Date of birth _____ Age _____ SSN TIN EIN _____ U.S. Citizen _____ Daytime telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Note: If a Trust, Corporation, or Charity is named as Owner, copy of Trust Agreement or Corporate Resolution must be provided.

4. PRIMARY BENEFICIARY (A Date of Birth and SSN is required for each beneficiary. Complete Additional Beneficiary Page if additional space is needed.)

A. Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Percent Payable _____ Relationship _____ Gender M F
 Date of birth _____ Age _____ SSN TIN EIN _____ U.S. Citizen _____ Daytime telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Note: If a Trust is named as Beneficiary, provide date trust was created. Month | _____ Day | _____ Year | _____

B. Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Percent Payable _____ Relationship _____ Gender M F
 Date of birth _____ Age _____ SSN TIN EIN _____ U.S. Citizen _____ Daytime telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Note: If a Trust is named as Beneficiary, provide date trust was created. Month | _____ Day | _____ Year | _____

5. NAME OF ANNUITY PRODUCT APPLIED FOR (A signed copy of the product disclosure form given to owner must be submitted.)

6. APPLIED FOR ANNUITY TYPE

NON-QUALIFIED
 CASH WITH APPLICATION
 1035 Exchange

QUALIFIED
 ROLLOVER
 TRANSFER
 CASH WITH APPLICATION

If Qualified, check the type of plan.
 IRA SEP PENSION PLAN
 Roth IRA TSA-403b (Profit Sharing or Defined Benefit)
 Other _____

(ANICO does not offer SIMPLE IRA's)

Amount paid with application \$ _____ (Check must be payable to American National Insurance Company.)

If a 1035 Exchange, Rollover, or Transfer is occurring, the expected premium amount is \$ _____.



7. BILLING DATA FOR FLEXIBLE ANNUITY USE ONLY. (Minimum additional premium \$100 EFT)

MODE: Annual Semiannual Quarterly Monthly Amount \$ _____

METHOD: Direct EFT (attach voided check) Government Allotment Salary Deduction*

*Complete for salary deduction selection: Franchise Name | _____ Franchise Number | _____

8. RIDER SELECTION AND INITIAL PREMIUM ALLOCATION

**Only complete for applicable index annuity products when appropriate.
Not all products may be available in all states. Check product availability for your state.**

ANICO Strategy Indexed Annuity Riders may only be added at issue

Lifetime Income Rider Enhanced Death Benefit Rider

Initial Premium Allocation
 Declared Interest Option _____ %
 Indexed Interest Option _____ %
 Total 100 %

9. INCOME OPTIONS - FOR IMMEDIATE ANNUITIES ONLY Complete a W-4P for withholdings

Single Life Payout Options

- With Cost of Living Adjustment**
 - Life Only
 - Life with Certain Period _____ years (5 - 20)
 - Certain Period _____ years (5 - 30)
 - Fixed Amount for _____ years or \$ _____

Joint Life Payout Options

- With Cost of Living Adjustment**
 - Joint to Survivor
 - Joint to Spouse
 - Payments to be made for a Certain Period of _____ years (5 -20)
- Joint Annuitant Name: | _____
- SSN TIN | _____ Gender M F
- Date of Birth _____ U.S. Citizen Y N
- Payments will be _____ % upon death of 1st life

Single Life Payout Options - Cost of Living Adjustment not available:

- Life Cash Refund
- Life Installment Refund

If you have elected a Cost of Living Adjustment, please complete the following:

- Simple Interest at _____% (1-5) Compound Interest at _____% (1-5)

Frequency of Payments: Monthly Quarterly Semiannual Annual **Date Payments to Start** | _____

Method: EFT (Attach Voided Check)

10. TOTAL INSURANCE/ANNUITIES IN FORCE ON PROPOSED ANNUITANT

- Yes No Do you have existing life insurance or annuity coverage?
- Yes No Will the annuity applied for replace or use cash values of any existing life insurance or annuity issued by any company?

If "Yes", agent must provide and complete the appropriate replacement form.

FRAUD WARNING

Any person who knowingly intends to defraud or facilitates a fraud against an insurer by submitting an application or filing a false claim, or makes an incomplete or deceptive statement of a material fact, may be guilty of insurance fraud.

APPLICATION SIGNATURES

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements and answers in this application are true and complete.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that: 1.) The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), 2.) I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and 3.) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). You must cross out item 2 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding. The IRS does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, _____
 (State) (Day) (Month) (Year)

 Signature of Annuitant

 Signature of Joint Annuitant (For Immediate Annuities)

 Signature of Owner, if other than Annuitant

 Signature of Joint Owner, if other than Annuitant

 Signature of Agent



AGENT'S REPORT

THESE QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN EVERY CASE:

- Yes No Does the applicant have existing life insurance policies or annuity contracts?
- Yes No As Agent, do you have knowledge or reason to believe that replacement of existing Insurance/Annuities may be involved?
If "Yes", agent must provide and complete the appropriate replacement form.

Print Agent's Name	Agent's Signature	Agent PC Number, SSN, or TIN
Telephone Number	E-Mail Address	

List name and Personal Code of all agents, besides yourself, entitled to any commission with appropriate percentage.

Agent		Personal Code	%	
Agent		Personal Code	%	

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FORMS

- For Systematic Withdrawals, complete **Form 3575** - Annuity Service Request Form and submit with application.
- For Required Minimum Distribution Requests, complete **Form 4223** - IRA/TSA Required Minimum Distribution Election Request and submit with application.
- For Lifetime Income Rider withdrawals, complete **Form 4470** - Lifetime Income Rider Request Form and submit with application. (For ANICO Strategy Index Annuity only)
- For TSA-403(b) plans, an Information Sharing Agreement must be submitted with application.
- For additional beneficiary designations, complete **Form 10073** - Additional Beneficiary Page and submit with application.
- For Non-Qualified 1035 Exchanges, complete **Form 4394-NQ** - Non-Qualified 1035 Exchange Request and submit with application.
- For Qualified Transfers or Rollovers, complete **Form 4394-Q** - Qualified Transfer or Rollover Request and submit with application.



Premium Receipt
American National Insurance Company
One Moody Plaza, Galveston, Texas 77550-7947

Valid only for an annuity and for the premium amount shown in the application paid for an annuity.

Received from _____ this _____ day of _____ year _____

the sum of (\$ _____) in cash as premium on an annuity on the life of _____

for which an application has been made to this company, bearing the same number and date as this receipt.

Signature of soliciting agent _____

Print agent's name _____

The company accepts payment by check, draft, or money order subject to its being honored upon presentation. Checks, drafts, or money orders must be made payable to American National Insurance Company. Do not leave payee blank or make payable to agent.



Disclosure Statement for the Palladium® Multi-Year Guarantee Fixed Annuity

Thank you for applying for the Palladium® Multi-Year Guarantee Fixed Annuity. We want to make sure that you understand its features and benefits.

This annuity is a single premium fixed deferred annuity. This means you make a single premium payment at the time you apply for your annuity contract; no further premium payments are accepted. It is a tax-deferred annuity, which means you do not pay taxes on the interest earned until the money is paid to you. It is a fixed annuity, which means it earns a specified interest rate during the guaranteed period.

The annuity is intended for long-term accumulation needs, such as retirement planning. It is not meant to be used to meet short-term financial goals.

Please read the following information carefully, then sign and return the attached statement with your application.

If you have questions about this annuity, please contact your agent, broker or advisor, or contact a company representative at 1-800-252-9546.

THE ANNUITY CONTRACT

Select one of eight interest rate guarantee periods:

- Palladium® MYG 3 Palladium® MYG 4 Palladium® MYG 5 Palladium® MYG 6
 Palladium® MYG 7 Palladium® MYG 8 Palladium® MYG 9 Palladium® MYG 10

How will the value of my annuity grow?

Your annuity earns tax-deferred interest at a guaranteed minimum rate for a guaranteed period. You will receive a guaranteed interest rate of ____% in year 1, and ____% in years 2 through _____. Interest is credited to your annuity account daily.

Within 30 days after the end of the initial guarantee period, you may choose a new guarantee period or surrender (cancel and withdraw the money from) your annuity. If you do nothing, your annuity interest rate will renew for one year. The guaranteed rate depends on the current interest rates in the market. Interest is credited daily at the new rate in the new period. The interest rate is likely to change in the future and may be higher or lower than the rate shown above. However, the credited rate will never be less than the Minimum Guaranteed Interest Rate as specified in the contract.

The value in your annuity contract, known as the Annuity Value, is the sum of the net annuity premiums, less any partial surrenders and applicable surrender penalties, plus accumulated interest.

The account value of your annuity cannot go down.

BENEFITS

How do I get income (payouts) from my annuity?

Before the end of the guarantee period:

You may take systematic withdrawals from your contract, and these withdrawals may be started at issue or at some predetermined date in the future. The systematic withdrawals can be for a fixed amount or for interest that has accrued on your annuity value. In the first contract year withdrawals of all interest earned

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are free of surrender charges, Market Value Adjustment, or Excess Interest Deduction. Beginning in the second contract year and thereafter, up to 10% of the annuity value at the beginning of the contract year may be withdrawn free of surrender charges, Market Value Adjustment, or Excess Interest Deduction. For withdrawals in excess of the 10% of the annuity value, a partial surrender charge will apply and is calculated from the surrender charge schedule as defined below. Market Value Adjustment or Excess Interest Deduction may also be applied to the partial withdrawal (if applicable in the issue state).

After your guarantee period:

You may elect to receive the proceeds of your annuity in a lump sum or in a series of payments. We offer a variety of income payment options, including options that will pay you an income guaranteed for life. Your financial advisor can help you make the right choice for your needs at the time you elect to receive your annuity proceeds.

If you choose an income payment option you will no longer be able to take withdrawals or surrender your contract.

What happens after I die?

Upon the date proof of death of the owner is received by the company, the greater of the annuity value or the surrender value will be paid to the named beneficiary. Upon the date of proof of death of the annuitant who is not the owner is received by the company, the greater of the annuity value or the surrender value on the date of death will be paid to the named beneficiary. If you die after the income payments begin and there are any remaining guaranteed payments, they will be paid to the named beneficiary.

FEES, EXPENSES & OTHER CHARGES

If you surrender your annuity contract during the first ten years, a ten-year surrender charge schedule does apply to withdrawals in excess of the free withdrawal amount. However, within 30 days after the initial guarantee period, full surrender will be allowed without a surrender charge, Market Value Adjustment, or Excess Interest Deduction. After this 30-day period, the normal surrender charges according to the schedule below would apply. A Market Value Adjustment or Excess Interest Deduction may also be applied (if applicable in the issue state) during the 10-year surrender charge period.

Contract Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Surrender Charge	8	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

When insurance companies issue annuities, they assume several risks. One risk is the chance that contract owners will want to withdraw money from their annuities at a time when the market value of the investments backing their annuities is low. When an insurance company issues an annuity with a Market Value Adjustment (MVA) feature, the contract owner may share some of that risk through the MVA. This adjustment could increase or decrease the accumulation value of an annuity only if more than the penalty-free amount is withdrawn or the contract is surrendered during the surrender charge period. Because the insurance company and the contract owner share the risk with MVA annuities, a higher interest rate can usually be paid on MVA annuities than on similar annuities without MVAs.

The amount of the MVA is determined by a mathematical formula using an external index, which measures changes in the interest rate environment. In general, if external interest rates are lower at the time of withdrawal than at the time the premium was received, the surrender value will be increased. If external interest rates are higher at the time of withdrawal than at the time the premium was received, the surrender value will be reduced.

Guaranteed Minimum Cash Surrender Value

Your contract provides a minimum guarantee should you decide to surrender your contract. The Guaranteed Minimum Surrender Value is 90% of premium, accumulated at a minimum guaranteed interest rate as required by your state, minus any partial surrenders you may have taken from the contract, and premium taxes.

Do I pay any other fees or charges?

No. There aren't any other fees or charges on this annuity. Also, you pay only one premium for your annuity.

TAXES

How will payouts and withdrawals from my annuity be taxed?

Federal Income tax on annuity earnings is deferred until distributions are taken from the annuity. Distributions taken before age 59 ½ are subject to a 10% tax penalty unless an exception applies. If your state imposes a premium tax, it may be deducted from the money you receive. Income received under a settlement option is treated as part income (taxable) and part return of basis (not taxed). Additional rules apply to qualified annuities. Consult your tax advisor or tax attorney for your specific circumstances.

You can exchange one tax-deferred annuity for another without paying taxes on the earnings when you make the exchange. Before you do, compare the benefits, features, and costs of the two annuities. You may pay a surrender charge if you make the exchange during the first ten years you own the annuity. Also, you may pay a surrender charge if you make withdrawals from the new annuity during the first years you own it.

Does buying an annuity in a retirement plan provide extra tax benefits?

Buying an annuity within an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-deferred retirement plan does not give you any extra tax benefits. Choose your annuity based on its other features and benefits as well as its risks and costs, not its tax benefits.

OTHER INFORMATION

What else do I need to know?

- If you choose an income payment option you will no longer be able to take withdrawals or surrender your contract.
- We may change your annuity contract from time to time to follow federal or state laws and regulations. If we do, we'll tell you about the changes in writing.
- We pay the agent, broker, or firm for selling the annuity to you.
- Many states have laws that give you a set number of days to look at an annuity after you buy it. If you decide during that time that you don't want it, you can return the annuity and get all your money back. Read your contract to learn about your **free look** period.

What should I know about the insurance company?

Established in 1905, American National Insurance Company has been a consistent source of financial strength and long term planning which has earned the respect of its policy-owners. American National's financial strength and operating integrity have positioned it as a leader in the insurance industry. American National offers innovative insurance and related financial products, customer-focused service, and ranks among the larger life insurance companies in the United States.

For more information, please visit our website: www.anico.com

This Disclosure Statement is not intended to be a complete explanation of your contract. Please read your contract carefully for more complete details. The Palladium® Multi-Year Guarantee Fixed Annuity may not be available in all states. Contact your agent or American National Insurance Company with any questions.

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USA Patriot Act Notification and Customer Identification Verification

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1. **Client Name** _____ **Application or Policy Number** _____

Source of Funds W-2 Wages Investments Social Security or Pension Savings another insurance contract
 Other (please explain) _____

USA PATRIOT Act Notice – to be read by or to customer.

2. The USA PATRIOT Act requires that we establish an Anti-Money Laundering (“AML”) Program, notify customers that we must verify the identity of the owner(s) of our contracts, and collect documents and information sufficient to provide such verification. You should know that failure to provide the requested identification will result in delays in the issuance of the requested coverage and may result in a decision not to accept your business.

Customer Identification Verification In order to satisfy such obligations, we require our representative to review and verify a current government issued photo ID for each Owner/Trustee/Partner associated with a contract. Information on such identification must be recorded below. We may use third party sources to verify the information provided.

- a. **Identification Verified** (One for each Owner/Trustee/Partner. Use additional forms if necessary.)
- | | |
|---|---|
| <u>Owner/Trustee/Partner</u> | <u>Joint Owner/Trustee/Partner</u> |
| Check one form of ID: | Check one form of ID: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver’s license | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver’s license |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Alien ID (Green Card) | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Alien ID (Green Card) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Describe) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Describe) _____ |

The following information should be recorded exactly as it appears on the identification reviewed

_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Street Address (not PO Box)		_____ Street Address (not PO Box)	
_____ City, State, Zip		_____ City, State, Zip	
_____ Number on ID	_____ State or Country	_____ Number on ID	_____ State or Country
_____ Identification Expiration Date		_____ Identification Expiration Date	

b. **Entity Verification:** Check the appropriate entity as listed below and submit copies of documentation viewed to gain first-hand knowledge of the existence of a legitimate business. If the Owner is a minor or non-legal entity, review the identification of the individual who submits an application on behalf of the minor or non-legal entity.

- Corporation, LLC, professional association, or professional corporation:** Articles of Incorporation, Organization or Association or similar document filed in the state in which the entity is formed
- Limited Partnership:** Certificate of Limited Partnership or similar document filed in the state where the partnership is formed
- General Partnership or Joint Venture:** Agreement, Joint Venture Agreement or similar agreement governing the formation and operation of the partnership
- Trust and All Other Entities:** Document governing the formation and operation of the entity

3. I certify that I personally met with the proposed Owner(s)/Trustee(s)/Partners and reviewed the above identification document. To the best of my knowledge, it accurately reflects the identity of the proposed Owner(s)/Trustee(s)/Partners.
- I was unable to personally review the identification documents for the reason stated below. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided by the Owner(s)/Trustee(s)/Partners is true and accurate.

Reason for not reviewing documents _____

Note: Failure to personally review the identification documents will result in processing delays in order to verify customer identity and may result in a decision not to accept the business.

Representative Name _____ Personal Code _____

Representative Signature _____ Date _____



Suitability Acknowledgement

Issued by American National Insurance Company
P O Box 1763, Galveston, TX 77553-1763



This form must be completed for each Consumer who is purchasing a fixed annuity.
This form must be submitted to American National Insurance Company prior to the annuity being issued.

1 Owner/Applicant Information

Owner/Applicant Name (please print) Social Security Number Date of Birth

Joint Owner/Applicant Name (please print) Social Security Number Date of Birth

COMPLETE EITHER SECTION 2 OR 3

**If Section 2 and 3 are both signed the annuity will not be issued and a new form must be submitted.
Complete only one section.**

Provide the appropriate information and return the completed form to the insurer at the address shown above.

DO NOT COMPLETE IF SECTION 3 IS COMPLETED

2 Suitability Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement of Responsibility for Suitability Recommendation to Consumers

I have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation for this Consumer to purchase/exchange an annuity is suitable on the basis of the facts disclosed by the Consumer as to their investments and other insurance products and their financial situation and needs. I have made reasonable efforts to obtain information concerning the Consumer's financial status, tax status, investment objectives and such other information I considered reasonable in making the recommendation.

Also, I agree to maintain and make available upon request to the insurer or the insurance commissioner records of the information collected and other information used as the basis for this insurance recommendation for a minimum of 5 years in most states and up to 10 years in certain other states, after the insurer completes the recommended transaction. Any process that accurately reproduces the actual document may be used to maintain these records.

Agent Name (please print) Telephone #

Agent/Producer Signature Date

DO NOT COMPLETE IF SECTION 2 IS COMPLETED

3 Consumer's Acknowledgement of Responsibility

I elect not to provide information my agent has requested related to the purchase or exchange of an annuity and/or;
I have decided to enter into the purchase of a fixed annuity without a recommendation from my agent.

Owner/Applicant Signature (or Trustee if owner is Trust) Date Joint Owner Signature (if any) Date

Agent/Producer Signature Date



Fixed Annuity Suitability Analysis Form

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This form must be completed for persons that are purchasing a fixed annuity.

This form is designed to assist the agent and client in gathering information to determine whether the purchase of an annuity is suitable for the client.

This form or other documentation that contains substantially the same information that the agent used in evaluating suitability and making a recommendation must be maintained in the agent's client file for a minimum of 5 years in most states and up to 10 years in certain other states, after the insurer completes the recommended transaction.

Section 1

To be completed with your agent to determine if the proposed fixed annuity purchase meets your financial needs and objectives.

A - Personal Identification

Owner Full Name	SS#/Tax ID #	Date of Birth	Age
Joint Owner (if any) Full Name	SS#/Tax ID #	Date of Birth	Age
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single	Occupation	List Number of Dependents _____	Dependent ages _____

B - Financial Profile (For Joint Owners, information may be combined.)

1. Annual Gross Income

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - 29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - 49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50,000 - 74,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - 99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - 149,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - 249,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 - 399,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$400,000 - Over | |

2. Source of Income (Check all that apply)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salary (W 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Investments | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

3. What type of investments and insurance products do you own?

- | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Funds | <input type="checkbox"/> Stocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> CDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Annuities | | | |

4. What type of life insurance or other annuities do you own? _____

5. Estimated Net Worth (Exclude primary residence, furnishings, automobiles.)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - 74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - 149,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - 249,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 - 499,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - 999,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 - Over |

6. Liquid Net Worth (After purchasing this annuity - These are assets that can be easily converted to cash without incurring penalty charges.)

- | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - 25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 - 50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - 100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$100,000 |
|---|--|--|---|---|

7. Why are you purchasing this annuity? (Check all that apply):

- | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Income | <input type="checkbox"/> Stable Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Deferral | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety of Principal | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |



8. After the purchase of the annuity, will your income and liquid net worth be enough for living expenses and emergencies? Yes No
(Many financial planners recommend that a person maintain an amount of liquid net worth equal to 3 to 6 months of a person's monthly living expenses in case of emergencies.)
9. With the exception of any surrender charge free withdrawal, do you expect to withdraw any money from this annuity before the end of the surrender charge period? Yes No
 If "Yes", please explain. _____
10. What is your Federal Income Tax Bracket: 15% 28% 33% 38%
11. The agent has discussed with me whether an existing life insurance or annuity will be replaced in connection with the proposed sale of this annuity and whether surrender charges apply. Yes No
12. What source of funds will you use to buy this fixed annuity? _____

Note to Producer: You should maintain in your files any other information you used or considered, not listed above, in making your recommendation.

Section 2 - Representations and Signatures

Complete Either A or B

If Box A and B are both signed the annuity will not be issued and a new form must be submitted. Complete only one box.

Do Not Complete if You Completed Box "B"

A. I acknowledge that the fixed annuity product I am applying for is a long-term contract with substantial penalties for early withdrawal. I believe that this product meets my financial needs and objectives.

Owner/Applicant Signature (or Trustee if owner is Trust)

Date

Joint-Owner Signature (if any)

Date

Agent's Acknowledgement:

Based on information collected, I believe the purchase of this annuity is suitable.

Agent/Producer Signature

Date

Do Not Complete if You Completed Box "A"

B. I elect not to provide information in Section 1 B or answers to certain questions in Section 1 B and/or I have decided to purchase this fixed annuity without a recommendation from my agent or the Company. I understand that the annuity is a long-term contract with substantial penalties for early withdrawal. I believe that this product meets my financial needs and objectives.

Owner/Applicant Signature (or Trustee if owner is Trust)

Date

Joint-Owner Signature (if any)

Date

Agent's Acknowledgement:

The Owner(s) has not provided complete information and has decided to purchase this fixed annuity without my recommendation.

Agent/Producer Signature

Date



Annuity Buyer's Guide

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It is important that you understand the differences among various annuities so you can choose the kind that best fits your needs. This guide focuses on *fixed deferred* annuity contracts. There is, however, a brief description of variable annuities. If you're thinking of buying an equity-indexed annuity, an appendix to this guide will give you specific information. This Guide isn't meant to offer legal, financial or tax advice. You may want to consult independent advisors. At the end of this Guide are questions you should ask your agent or the company. Make sure you're satisfied with the answers before you buy.



What is an Annuity?

An annuity is a contract in which an insurance company makes a series of income payments at regular intervals in return for a premium or premiums you have paid. Annuities are most often bought for future retirement income. Only an annuity can pay an income that can be guaranteed to last as long as you live.

An annuity is neither a life insurance nor a health insurance policy. It's not a savings account or a savings certificate. You shouldn't buy an annuity to reach short-term financial goals.

Your value in an annuity contract is the premiums you've paid, less any applicable charges, plus interest credited. The insurance company uses the value to figure the amount of most of the benefits that you can choose to receive from an annuity contract. This guide explains how interest is credited as well as some typical charges and benefits of annuity contracts.

A *deferred* annuity has two parts or *periods*. During the *accumulation period*, the money you put into the annuity, less any applicable charges, earns interest. The earnings grow tax-deferred as long as you leave them in the annuity. During the second period, called the *payout period*, the company pays income to you or to someone you choose.

What Are The Different Kinds of Annuities?

This guide explains major differences in different kinds of annuities to help you understand how each might meet your needs. But look at the specific terms of an individual contract you're considering and the disclosure document you receive. If your annuity is being used to fund or provide benefits under a pension plan, the benefits you get will depend on the terms of the plan. Contact your pension plan administrator for information.

This Buyer's Guide will focus on individual fixed deferred annuities.

Single Premium or Multiple Premium

You pay the insurance company only one payment for a *single premium* annuity. You make a series of payments for a *multiple premium* annuity. There are two kinds of multiple premium annuities. One kind is a *flexible premium* contract. Within set limits, you pay as much premium as you want, whenever you want. In the other kind, a *scheduled premium* annuity, the contract spells out your payments and how often you'll make them.

Immediate or Deferred

With an *immediate* annuity, income payments start no later than one year after you pay the premium. You usually pay for an immediate annuity with one payment.

The income payments from a *deferred* annuity often start many years later. Deferred annuities have an accumulation period, which is the time between when you start paying premiums and when income payments start.

Fixed or Variable

- **Fixed** - During the accumulation period of a *fixed deferred* annuity, your money (less any applicable charges) earns interest at rates set by the insurance company or in a way spelled out in the annuity contract. The company guarantees that it will pay no less than a minimum rate of interest. During the payout period, the amount of each income payment to you is generally set when the payments start and will not change.
- **Variable** - During the accumulation period of a *variable* annuity, the insurance company puts your premiums (less any applicable charges) into a separate account. You decide how the company will invest those premiums, depending on how much risk you want to take. You may put your premium into a stock, bond or other account, with no guarantees, or into a fixed account, with a minimum guaranteed interest. During the payout period of a variable annuity, the amount of each income payment to you may be fixed (set at the beginning) or variable (changing with the value of the investments in the separate account).

How are the Interest Rates Set for My Fixed Deferred Annuity?

During the accumulation period, your money (less any applicable charges) earns interest at rates that change from time to time. **Usually, what these rates will be is entirely up to the insurance company.**

Current Interest Rate

The current rate is the rate the company decides to credit to your contract at a particular time. The company will guarantee it will not change for some time period.

- The *initial rate* is an interest rate the insurance company may credit for a set period of time after you first buy your annuity. The initial rate in some contracts may be higher than it will be later. This is often called a bonus rate.
- The *renewal rate* is the rate credited by the company after the end of the set time period. The contract tells how the company will set the renewal rate, which may be tied to an external reference or index.



Minimum Guaranteed Rate

The *minimum guaranteed interest rate* is the lowest rate your annuity will earn. This rate is stated in the contract.

Multiple Interest Rates

Some annuity contracts apply different interest rates to each premium you pay or to premiums you pay during different time periods.

Other annuity contracts may have two or more accumulated values that fund different benefit options. These accumulated values may use different interest rates. **You get only one of the accumulated values depending on which benefit you choose.**

What Charges May Be Subtracted From My Fixed Deferred Annuity?

Most annuities have charges related to the cost of selling or servicing it. These charges may be subtracted directly from the contract value. Ask your agent or the company to describe the charges that apply to your annuity. Some examples of charges, fees and taxes are:

Surrender or Withdrawal Charges

If you need access to your money, you may be able to take all or part of the value out of your annuity at any time during the accumulation period. If you take out part of the value, you may pay a *withdrawal* charge. If you take out all of the value and surrender, or terminate, the annuity, you may pay a *surrender* charge. In either case, the company may figure the charge as a percentage of the value of the contract, of the premiums you've paid or of the amount you're withdrawing. The company may reduce or even eliminate the surrender charge after you've had the contract for a stated number of years. A company may waive the surrender charge when it pays a death benefit.

Some annuities have stated terms. When the term is up, the contract may automatically expire or renew. You're usually given a short period of time, called a *window*, to decide if you want to renew or surrender the annuity. If you surrender during the window, you won't have to pay surrender charges. If you renew, the surrender or withdrawal charges may start over.

In some annuities, there is no charge if you surrender your contract when the company's current interest rate falls below a certain level. This may be called a *bail-out* option.

In a multiple-premium annuity, the surrender charge may apply to each premium paid for a certain period of time. This may be called a *rolling* surrender or withdrawal charge.

Some annuity contracts have a *market value adjustment* feature. If interest rates are different when you surrender your annuity than when you bought it, a market value adjustment may make the cash surrender value higher or lower. Since you and the insurance company share this risk, an annuity with a MVA feature may credit a higher rate than an annuity without that feature.

Be sure to read the Tax Treatment section and ask your tax advisor for information about possible tax penalties on withdrawals.

Free Withdrawal

Your annuity may have a limited free withdrawal feature. That lets you make one or more withdrawals without a charge. The size of the free withdrawal is often limited to a set percentage of your contract value. If you make a larger withdrawal, you may pay withdrawal charges. You may lose any interest above the minimum guaranteed rate on the amount withdrawn. Some annuities waive withdrawal charges in certain situations, such as death, confinement in a nursing home or terminal illness.

Contract Fee

A contract fee is a flat dollar amount charged either once or annually.

Transaction Fee

A transaction fee is a charge per premium payment or other transaction.

Percentage of Premium Charge

A percentage of premium charge is a charge deducted from each premium paid. The percentage may be lower after the contract has been in force for a certain number of years or after total premiums paid have reached a certain amount.

Premium Tax

Some states charge a tax on annuities. The insurance company pays this tax to the state. The company may subtract the amount of the tax when you pay your premium, when you withdraw your contract value, when you start to receive income payments or when it pays a death benefit to your beneficiary.



What Are Some Fixed Deferred Annuity Contract Benefits?

Annuity Income Payments

One of the most important benefits of deferred annuities is your ability to use the value built up during the accumulation period to give you a lump sum payment or to make income payments during the payout period. Income payments are usually made monthly but you may choose to receive them less often. The size of income payments is based on the accumulated value in your annuity and the annuity's *benefit rate* in effect when income payments start. The benefit rate usually depends on your age and sex, and the annuity payment option you choose. For example, you might choose payments that continue as long as you live, as long as your spouse lives or for a set number of years.

There is a table of guaranteed benefit rates in each annuity contract. Most companies have *current* benefit rates as well. The company can change the current rates at any time, but the current rates can never be less than the guaranteed benefit rates. When income payments start, the insurance company generally uses the benefit rate in effect at that time to figure the amount of your income payment.

Companies may offer various income payment options. You (the owner) or another person that you name may choose the option. The options are described here as if the payments are made to you.

- **Life Only** - The company pays income for your lifetime. It doesn't make any payments to anyone after you die. This payment option usually pays the highest income possible. You might choose it if you have no dependents, if you have taken care of them through other means or if the dependents have enough income of their own.
- **Life Annuity with Period Certain** - The company pays income for as long as you live and guarantees to make payments for a set number of years even if you die. This *period certain* is usually 10 or 20 years. If you live longer than the period certain, you'll continue to receive payments until you die. If you die during the period certain, your beneficiary gets regular payments for the rest of that period. If you die after the period certain, your beneficiary doesn't receive any payments from your annuity. Because the "period certain" is an added benefit, each income payment will be smaller than in a life-only option.
- **Joint and Survivor** - The company pays income as long as either you or your beneficiary lives. You may choose to decrease the amount of the payments after the first death. You may also be able to choose to have payments continue for a set length of time. Because the *survivor* feature is an added benefit, each income payment is smaller than in a life-only option.

Death Benefit

In some annuity contracts, the company may pay a death benefit to your beneficiary if you die before the income payments start. The most common death benefit is the contract value or the premiums paid, whichever is more.

Can My Annuity's Value Be Different Depending on My Choice of Benefit?

While all deferred annuities offer a choice of benefits, some use different accumulated values to pay different benefits. For example, an annuity may use one value if annuity payments are for retirement benefits and a different value if the annuity is surrendered. As another example, an annuity may use one value for long-term care benefits and a different value if the annuity is surrendered. You can't receive more than one benefit at the same time.

What About the Tax Treatment of Annuities?

Below is a general discussion about taxes and annuities. You should consult a professional tax advisor to discuss your individual tax situation.

Under current federal law, annuities receive special tax treatment. Income tax on annuities is deferred, which means you aren't taxed on the interest your money earns while it stays in the annuity. Tax-deferred accumulation isn't the same as tax-free accumulation. An advantage of tax deferral is that the tax bracket you're in when you receive annuity income payments may be lower than the one you're in during the accumulation period. You'll also be earning interest on the amount you would have paid in taxes during the accumulation period. Most states' tax laws on annuities follow the federal law.

Part of the payments you receive from an annuity will be considered as a return of the premium you've paid. You won't have to pay taxes on that part. Another part of the payments is considered interest you've earned. You must pay taxes on the part that is considered interest when you withdraw the money. You may also have to pay a 10% tax penalty if you withdraw the accumulation before age 59 1/2. The Internal Revenue Code also has rules about distributions after the death of a contract holder.

Annuities used to fund certain employee pension benefit plans (those under Internal Revenue Code Sections 401(a), 401(k), 403(b), 457 or 414) defer taxes on plan contributions as well as on interest or investment income. Within the limits set by the law, you can use pretax dollars to make payments to the annuity. When you take money out, it will be taxed.

You can also use annuities to fund traditional and Roth IRAs under Internal Revenue Code Section 408. If you buy an annuity to fund an IRA, you'll receive a disclosure statement describing the tax treatment.



What is a “Free Look” Provision?

Many states have laws which give you a set number of days to look at the annuity contract after you buy it. If you decide during that time that you don't want the annuity, you can return the contract and get all your money back. This is often referred to as a *free look* or *right to return* period. The free look period should be prominently stated in your contract. Be sure to read your contract carefully during the free look period.

How do I Know if a Fixed Deferred Annuity is Right for Me?

The questions listed below may help you decide which type of annuity, if any, meets your retirement planning and financial needs. You should think about what your goals are for the money you may put into the annuity. You need to think about how much risk you're willing to take with the money. Ask yourself:

- How much retirement income will I need in addition to what I will get from Social Security and my pension?
- Will I need that additional income only for myself or for myself and someone else?
- How long can I leave my money in the annuity?
- When will I need income payments?
- Does the annuity let me get money when I need it?
- Do I want a fixed annuity with a guaranteed interest rate and little or no risk of losing the principal?
- Do I want a variable annuity with the potential for higher earnings that aren't guaranteed and the possibility that I may risk losing principal?
- Or, am I somewhere in between and willing to take some risks with an equity-indexed annuity?

What Questions Should I Ask My Agent or the Company?

- Is this a single premium or multiple premium contract?
- Is this an equity-indexed annuity?
- What is the initial interest rate and how long is it guaranteed?
- Does the initial rate include a bonus rate and how much is the bonus?
- What is the guaranteed minimum interest rate?
- What renewal rate is the company crediting on annuity contracts of the same type that were issued last year?
- Are there withdrawal or surrender charges or penalties if I want to end my contract early and take out all of my money? How much are they?
- Can I get a partial withdrawal without paying surrender or other charges or losing interest?
- Does my annuity waive withdrawal charges for reasons such as death, confinement in a nursing home or terminal illness?
- Is there a market value adjustment (MVA) provision in my annuity?
- What other charges, if any, may be deducted from my premium or contract value?
- If I pick a shorter or longer payout period or surrender the annuity, will the accumulated value or the way interest is credited change?
- Is there a death benefit? How is it set? Can it change?
- What income payment options can I choose? Once I choose a payment option, can I change it?



Final Points to Consider

Before you decide to buy an annuity, you should review the contract. Terms and conditions of each annuity contract will vary.

Ask yourself if, depending on your needs or age, this annuity is right for you. Taking money out of an annuity may mean you must pay taxes. Also, while it's sometimes possible to transfer the value of an older annuity into a new annuity, the new annuity may have a new schedule of charges that could mean new expenses you must pay directly or indirectly.

You should understand the long-term nature of your purchase. Be sure you plan to keep an annuity long enough so that the charges don't take too much of the money you put in. Be sure you understand the effect of all charges.

If you're buying an annuity to fund an IRA or other tax-deferred retirement program, be sure that you're eligible. Also, ask if there are any restrictions connected with the program.

Remember that the quality of service that you can expect from the company and the agent is a very important factor in your decision.

When you receive your annuity contract, **READ IT CAREFULLY!!** Ask the agent and company for an explanation of anything you don't understand. Do this *before* any free look period ends.

Compare information for similar contracts from several companies. Comparing products may help you make a better decision.

If you have a specific question or can't get answers you need from the agent or company, contact your state insurance department.