

Rate Lock Procedures For Fixed (Non-Indexed) Deferred Annuities

Issued by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company ("Lincoln/Company") issues fixed annuity contracts each business day¹ following Annuity New Business's receipt of all premium(s) and paperwork in good order. "Good order" means that all required forms are properly completed and signed and the agent is properly licensed and appointed. Paperwork not in good order ("NIGO") will result in delays.

Cash with Application ("CWA")

- To "lock-in" an interest rate before a rate change, the signed application must be received within 14 calendar days from the application signed date. These rates will be held for 14 calendar days from the application signed date. Applications received beyond 14 calendar days from the application signed date will receive the new rate.
- If the cash is received in Annuity New Business before the end of the 14-calendar day rate hold period and the paperwork is in good order, the contract's interest rate will be the greater of:
 - A. The interest rate assigned at the beginning of the 14-calendar day rate hold period, and
 - B. The then-current ("new money") interest rate.
- Business submitted electronically will have a 14-calendar day rate hold based on the submission date.
- If the 14-calendar day rate hold period has expired and the premium has not been received in Annuity New Business or the paperwork in not in good order, there is no rate hold and the contract's interest rate will be the then-current interest rate.

Transfer of Funds from Non-Insurance Accounts to Non-Qualified Annuities

- Transfer of non-qualified Non-Insurance funds are eligible for a 14-calendar day rate hold like Cash with Application.
- Transferred funds from non-qualified Non-Insurance funds include agent, client or Lincoln initiated transfers from accounts like Mutual Fund Shares; Certificates of Deposit; Brokerage Accounts; or any other financial institution funds, selected in section 2B of the ACORD transfer form (ACORD951).

1035 Exchange/Transfer

- A 60-day rate hold will apply to 1035 exchanges or qualified trustee-to-trustee transfers. Rates will be locked for 60 calendar
 days from the date the application is signed. The exchange or transfer must be initiated by Lincoln. A rate hold will not apply
 to a 60-day rollover.
- A 60-day rate hold will also apply to qualified employer funds (401(k); 403(b); defined benefit plans etc.) rolling over to an IRA
 regardless of whether Lincoln or the client initiates the transfer, as long as the funds are endorsed or made payable directly
 to Lincoln.
 - If the client initiates the transfer and the proceeds are not endorsed or made payable to Lincoln, the case will receive a 14-calendar day rate hold like Cash with Application.
- When the exchange or transfer is received electronically, the 60-day rate hold period begins on the submission date.
- To "lock-in" an interest rate before a rate change, the paperwork including the signed application, and the ACORD transfer form (ACORD951) must be received within 14 calendar days from the application signed date. Applications received beyond 14 calendar days from the application signed date will receive the new rate.
- If the transfer money is received in Annuity New Business before the end of the last business day¹ of the 60-day rate hold period, the contract's interest rate will be the greater of:
 - A. The interest rate assigned at the beginning of the 60-day rate hold period, or
 - B. The then-current "new money" interest rate.
- If the 60-day rate hold period has expired when the money is received in Annuity New Business, there is no rate hold and the contract's interest rate will be the then-current "new money" interest rate.

Rate Holds on the First Piece of Business

The Company does not hold rates while waiting for licensing and appointment approval. The first case submitted by a new agent will be issued on the date after the appointment completion date, provided that all new business paperwork is in good order and premium(s) has been received.

¹ Business day means a Lincoln Financial Group regularly scheduled work day.

Requests for Future Funding

Note: If special instructions are given in Section 3 of the ACORD951 form for liquidating an existing contract or account, the following provisions apply provided that 4 business days were allowed for review and all paperwork is in good order:

- The transfer request will be initiated <u>the business day prior to</u> the Maturity Date (Section 3 of the ACORD951), unless requested otherwise.
- The transfer request will be initiated the business day prior to the specific date (Section 3 of the ACORD951).
- The rate lock time periods are the same as outlined in the applicable Transfer sections, and will not be extended.

Lincoln is only able to hold applications for 30 days for future transfer requests. If Lincoln receives an application and the Maturity Date or specified date for liquidation (Section 3 of the ACORD951) is longer than 30 days from the date Lincoln receives the ACORD951 form, **the application will be returned**. Indicating a Maturity Date or specific date for liquidation on the ACORD951 form is considered requesting the transfer for that future date.

Verifying Business is in Good Order

Please allow the Company 2 business days for CWA or 4 business days for 1035 Exchanges/Transfers to review submitted business for completeness. Pending status information can be obtained on www.LFD.com or by phone at 1-800-950-2454.

Wire Transfers

Annuity New Business accepts premium payments by wire transfer. Please indicate on the application "payment via wire" and include the ABA routing number of the "from" originating bank account, the bank name and the dollar amount being wired. For complete wiring instructions please contact Annuity New Business.

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