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### **ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR FORMS USED TO PROVIDE TAX QUALIFIED PLAN PROVISIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES CHECKLIST**

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**Scope:** These standards apply to provisions that are required in individual life insurance policies to comply with specified tax code requirements applicable to such policies when they are intended to be issued as tax qualified plans under such specified tax code.

The tax qualified plan provisions may be built into the life insurance policy or be added to such policy by rider, endorsement or amendment. The term “form” will be used in these standards to refer to the provisions that are either built into the policy or added by rider, endorsement or amendment, unless otherwise specified.

The references to “policy” do not preclude Fraternal Benefit Societies from substituting “certificate” in their forms.

**Mix and Match:** These standards are available to be used in combination with State Product Components as described in Section 111(b) of the Operating Procedure for the Filing and Approval of Product Filings ([https://insurancecompact.org/compact\\_rlmkng\\_record.htm](https://insurancecompact.org/compact_rlmkng_record.htm)). Please note that this applies to the entire state or Compact approved forms and NOT to particular provisions contained within such forms. Submit the following:

1. STATEMENT OF INTENT indicating the intent to use one or more State Product Components with a Commission Product Component. The Statement of Intent must identify the Compacting State(s) wherein the combined Product Components will be offered or sold, and sufficiently identify for each of such Compacting State(s) the State Component(s) that will be used with the Commission Component by listing the form numbers and Compacting State approval dates; and
2. CERTIFICATION stating that the combination of a Commission Component and a State Component does not contain inconsistent, ambiguous, unfair, inequitable or misleading clauses, or exceptions or conditions that unreasonably affect the risk purported to be assumed. The Certification must be signed by a company officer. This Certification shall not give rise to any presumption that the combination of Product Components, in fact, meets this standard for purposes of any action by the Commissioner of a Compacting State to prohibit the combined use of a Commission Product Component with a State Product Component. [https://insurancecompact.org/industry\\_resources.htm](https://insurancecompact.org/industry_resources.htm)

**Self-Certification:** These standards are not available to be filed using the Rule for the Self-Certification of Product Components Filed with the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission

Filing Information Notice (FIN) 2009-4 provides more guidance regarding the submission of filings using the “Mix and Match” process: <https://www.insurancecompact.org/fin.htm>

### **§ 1 ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**A. GENERAL**

**YES NA**

		(1) If the provision is added to the policy by rider, endorsement or amendment, the following shall be included:
		(a) Include all forms filed for approval with the filing. Highlight changes to a previously approved form
		(b) If the filing is being submitted on behalf of a company, include a letter or other document authorizing the firm to file on behalf of the company.
		(c) If the form contains variable items, include the Statement of Variability. The submission shall also include a certification that any change or modification to a variable item shall be administered in accordance with the requirements in the Variability of Information section, including any requirements for prior approval of a change or modification.
		(d) Include a listing by filing jurisdiction of the types of policies with which the tax qualified plan provision will be used, including the policy form numbers, the corresponding approval date for these policies and any filing identification number.
		(e) Include a statement whether the form will be made a part of the policy at issue or is intended for use after the date of issue of a policy, or both.
		(f) A statement as to whether the form is intended for use with new issues and/or in force business.

**B. VARIABILITY OF INFORMATION**

**YES NA**

		The company shall file tax qualified plan provisions on a specified basis, where each filing accommodates only the specified tax code. The company may identify items that will be considered variable. The item shall be bracketed or otherwise marked to denote variability. The submission shall include a Statement of Variability that will discuss the conditions under which each variable item may change. The tax qualified plan provision to be used shall be consistent with the Statement of Variability filed for such provisions and the Statement of Variability filed for the individual life insurance policy. Items such as officer titles and officer signatures may be denoted as variable and may be changed without notice or prior approval.
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**§ 2 BENEFIT PROVISIONS**

**A. REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX QUALIFIED PLAN PROVISIONS**

**YES NA**

		(1) If the provision is added to the policy by rider, endorsement or amendment, the following shall apply:
		(a) The full corporate name of the company shall appear on the form.
		(b) At least one signature of a company officer shall appear on the form if it is added after the date of issue of the policy.

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		(c) The form shall contain a statement that it is made a part of the policy, and that the form provisions apply in lieu of any policy provisions to the contrary.
		(d) A form identification number shall appear at the bottom of the form in the left hand corner. The form number shall be adequate to distinguish the form from all others used by the company. The form number shall include a prefix of ICCxx (where xx represents the year the form was submitted for filing.)
		(e) The form or policy specifications page shall include the following identification information: the policy number, the owner's name, the insured's name if other than the owner, and the effective date of the tax qualified plan provisions. Alternatively, if the company includes such identification information in a letter sent to an owner of an in-force policy when such letter accompanies the form, the company shall so state in the submission.
		(2) The form shall state that the tax qualified plan provisions are being added to the policy to comply with the requirements of the tax code.
		(3) The form shall specify the tax code and relevant sections requiring the tax qualified plan provisions.
		(4) The form shall identify the policy provisions that are affected by the intent to have the policy qualify under the tax code and state how the provisions are affected. For example:  "The Owner provision of the policy is changed effective January 1, 2008 so that the designated owner as of that date shall not be changed."  "The Loans provision of the policy is changed effective July 1, 2008 so that no loans shall be available under the policy as of such effective date."
		(5) The form shall state that the owner is responsible for compliance with the tax qualified plan provisions to prevent loss of the advantages of tax deferral and to prevent tax penalties.

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