

Individual Life and Annuity Life Pricing Exam

Fall 2017/Spring 2018

Important Exam Information:

Exam Registration	Candidates may register online or with an application.
Order Study Notes	Study notes are part of the required syllabus and are not available electronically but may be purchased through the online store.
Introductory Study Note	The Introductory Study Note has a complete listing of all study notes as well as errata and other important information.
Case Study	There is no case study for this exam.
Past Exams	Past Exams from 2000-present are available on SOA website.
Updates	Candidates should be sure to check the Updates page on the exam home page periodically for additional corrections or notices.

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1. Products and Markets
Learning Objectives
The candidate will understand various insurance products, markets, and regulatory regimes.
Learning Outcomes
The Candidate will be able to: a) Describe insurance product types, benefits, and features including reinsurance. b) Evaluate insurance markets, consumer needs, distribution channels, and regulatory regimes. c) Construct, evaluate and recommend product designs that are consistent with market needs, tax and regulatory requirements, and company business objectives. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the feasibility of proposed designs. Recommend designs.
Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Investment Guarantees</i>, Hardy, Ch. 1• <i>Life Insurance Products and Finance</i>, Atkinson & Dallas, Ch. 2• <i>Life Insurance and Modified Endowments Under Internal Revenue Code Sections 7702 and 7702A</i>, Second Edition, 2015, DesRochers, Ch. 1-3, 6 and 7 (pp.205-252 up to Appendix 7.1)• <i>The Art and Science of Life Insurance Distribution</i>, Bennett and Zultowski, Chapters 3-7• <i>Canadian Insurance Taxation</i>, Swales and Erinc, 4th Edition, 2015 Ch 10 & 11• LP-102-07: Equity Indexed Annuities: Product Design and Pricing Consideration• LP-105-07: Life and Annuity Products and Features• LP-121-13: Life Insurance and Annuity Non-forfeiture Practices• LP-122-13: NAIC Standard Non-forfeiture Law for Life Insurances: Sections 1-4, 5c, 6-9• LP-123-13: NAIC Standard Non-forfeiture Law for Individual Deferred Annuities• LP-126-13: Pricing Critical Illness Insurance in Canada, Mooney• LP-127-13: Product Design of Critical Illness Insurance in Canada• LP-131-15: Deconstructing Long-Term Care Insurance, Insights, Towers Watson, Nov 2012• LP-134-15: Digital Distribution in Insurance: A Quiet Revolution, Swiss Re, 2014• LP-138-16: International Association of Insurance Advisors Global Insurance Market Report, 2015, pp. 6 -27• LP-139-16: The Connection Between Military & Business Strategies• LP-140-16: Life Insurance Product Development Innovation and Optimization• LP-141-16: Introduction to Reinsurance, excluding appendices• LP-147-17: Life Insurance: Focusing on the Consumer• Regulatory Risk and North American Insurance Organizations, SOA Research, Aug 2014, Sections 1, 3 – 7

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2. Design and Pricing
Learning Objectives
The candidate will understand the relationship between product features, inherent risks, and the methods and measures to design and price products.
Learning Outcomes
<p>The Candidate will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify, assess, and develop appropriate assumptions to reflect factors such as product characteristics, risks, policyholder behavior, and company actions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe and apply the uses of predictive modeling. b) Assess and critique performance measures, risk measures, and modeling approaches. Recommend their uses in product management. c) Develop and evaluate a product's performance, capital requirements, tax and regulatory requirements, and risk profile.
Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Life Insurance Products and Finance</i>, Atkinson & Dallas, Ch. 10, 11, 13 • <i>Investment Guarantees</i>, Hardy, Ch. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 • <i>Stochastic Modeling: Theory and Reality from an Actuarial Perspective</i>, IAA, Intro, I – I.B.2, I.E, II.A.1 – II.A.3, III, IV.A – IV.A.9, IV.B.2-4, IV.B.6, IV.C.3 • LP-102-07: Equity Indexed Annuities: Product Design and Pricing Consideration • LP-107-07: Experience Assumptions for Individual Life Insurance and Annuities • LP-110-07: Policyholder Dividends • LP-113-09: Economics of Insurance: How Insurers Create Value for Shareholders • LP-114-09: CIA Research Paper, Life Insurance Costing and Risk Analysis, June 2008 • LP-116-10: Variable Annuities, Kalberer and Ravindran , Ch. 5, 9-11 • LP-130-14: Life Insurance Underwriting in the United States, Ch. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Klein • LP-132-15: Lapsed-Based Insurance, pp. 1 – 28 • LP-136-15: Marketing for Actuaries: Individual Life and Health Insurance, Laporte, 2000 Edition, Ch. 4, pp. 12–31 • LP-142-16: Malcolm Life Enhances Its Variable Annuities, 2010 • LP-143-16: Breaking the Ice – Using Transparency to Thaw the Securitization Market, Feb 2011 • The Use of Predictive Analytics in the Development of Experience Studies - The Actuary 2015 vol12-iss4 pp. 26-34 • Report on the Lapse and Mortality Experience of Post-Level Premium Period Term Plans, May 2014, pp. 3 – 98 • ASOP #2 Non-guaranteed Charges or Benefits for Life Insurance Policies and Annuity Contracts, May 2011

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- [What’s Backing Your Life Insurance Guarantee?](#), The Actuary Magazine, Feb 2005
- [Term Mortality and Lapses](#), Product Matters, Aug (62) 2005,
- SOA LIMRA Research 2013 – [Variable Annuity Guaranteed Living Benefits Utilization](#), Executive Summary only (pp. 19 – 32)
- [Proposed ASOP on Setting Assumptions](#), Dec 2016

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3. Product Management
Learning Objectives
The candidate will understand actuarial requirements of product governance, implementation, operations, and management.
Learning Outcomes
The Candidate will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Describe governance and implementation requirements, principles, and practices.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe and evaluate compliance with illustration regulations.• Describe operational requirements such as administration, marketing, reinsurance, and underwriting. Assess their impact on managing products.b) Apply practices related to product management.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe how to monitor and evaluate actual experience such as benefits, persistency, and utilization including the use of experience studies and supplementary data sources.• Describe and assess practices related to data quality.• Recommend changes to non-guaranteed elements such as credited rates and policyholder dividends.c) Design and evaluate product management strategies. Recommend the product strategy.
Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LP-107-07: Experience Assumptions for Individual Life Insurance and Annuities• LP-110-07: Policyholder Dividends• LP-124-13: Role of the Actuary in Product Roll-out• LP-125-13: NAIC Life Insurance Illustrations Model Regulation• LP-128-13: CLHIA - Guideline Illustrations• LP-133-16: Testing for Adverse Selection in Life Settlements: The Secondary Market for Life Insurance Policies• LP-135-15: Update on the Interstate Insurance Compact, 2014• LP-144-16: Capital, Cash, Shareholder Value and Active In-Force Management, Feb 2014• LP-145-16: Actuarial Guideline 49: A Closer Look• LP-146-16: Actuarial Guideline 49 Post Standards Update• Lapse Experience Under Lapse Supported Policies: Updated Studies from the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, Issue 71, June 2008• Expected Mortality: Fully Underwritten Canadian Individual Life Insurance Policies, CIA Education Note, July 2002 (excl. Appendices)• Experience Data Quality: How to Clean and Validate Your Data (Exclude Appendices) SOA/LIMRA Research Report

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